



Linden Lodge School
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LLS News

22/10/2026



Dear families

As we finish for the half term break we are busy planning our Family Learning Weeks when you will have the opportunity to take part in learning activities with your child/young person. The schedule for these sessions is included in this newsletter.

Liko Hill-Rom/ Baxter will be in school to LOLER test all our students' slings during the week 2nd - 6th November. Please can you ensure to send students on slings from home that are used in school to be tested. (Should have a white tag). It is a legal requirement that all slings are LOLER tested every 6 months.



Have a lovely half term



Events and dates to remember

Autumn Term

Dates



Inset Day 3

Friday 23 October
2026

Half term

Monday 26 October
2026 to Friday 30
October 2026

**Last day for students
(students finish at
1.30pm)**

Thursday 17
December 2026

**Planning &
Preparation Day 1**
Friday 18 December
2026

Surveys

Nursing Team: Parent and Carer Feedback Survey

Please take a few minutes to give us feedback on our service via this QR code



Occupational Therapy: Parent Survey

Please will you take a few minutes to give us feedback on our service via this link <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/6RqAZXKXMi>

Thank you for your support.

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Enabling

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Family Learning Weeks

Family Learning Weeks will take place from 16th November until 27th November.

These sessions are a valuable opportunity for families to visit the school, meet other families, and visit the classrooms where appropriate. Families may also be invited to join in with learning activities. This time will also be used to share information or cover topics that may help families to support learning at home.

Date:	Time:	Location:	Department:	Classes:	Focus:
Tues 17 th Nov	09:30-11:00	Classrooms and Isobel Centre Training Room	Primary	Ukulele in PE Guitar in Art Harp in Maths	Learning in action with specialist teachers
Tues 17 th Nov	10.30-11.50	Isobel Centre Flex Space and music room	Minerva	Bassoon	Social communication
Wed 18 th Nov	2:30-3:30	SPACE	Secondary	Oboe Clarinet Kalimba Piano	Assembly
Wed 18 th Nov	9.30-11:00	IFC training room and classrooms	Alba Centre	Drum Tabla Gamelan	Communication - AAC and signing
Wed 18 th Nov	10:30-11:30	Isobel Centre Flex Space and art classroom	Minerva	Flute	Art
Tues 24 th Nov	9.00-11.30	Classrooms and Isobel Centre Flex Space	EYFS	Maracas Tambourine	Routines, meet the team and stay and play
Wed 25 th Nov	9:30-11:30	SPACE and Isobel Centre Training room	Minerva	Minerva 1, Minerva 2, Minerva 6th Form	Learning through access
Wed 25 th Nov	9.30-10.30	Music Room, East House	Sixth Form	Trombone	Music
Wed 25 th Nov	9.45-10.45	Independent Living Skills Room North House	Sixth Form	SF1	Personal Social Development - cooking session
Wed 25 th Nov	1.30-2.30	SF2 classroom	Sixth Form	SF2	Maths
Wed 25 th Nov	1.30-2.30	SF3 classroom	Sixth Form	SF3	Personal Social Development



Coffee morning

Friday 4th December, 10.00-12.00pm

Venue: Isobel Centre (Flex Space) or via a Teams link (to be shared nearer to the date)

Topic: We would like to invite you to our first transition coffee morning for this year! Considering your feedback from our last event, we are delighted to have two guest speakers, Dr. Peter Simcock and Dr. Claire Manford, experts in social care, education and deafblindness.

Simon Unger, Educational Psychologist, will also be joining us.

Questionnaire:

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=8fHzK-vjKEKbVcWdx_iH_andpwKRk21Lhtvs5RaUPg5UREIMTVRRUFpFTEExKUjNQTzRWUIA0TFNNUi4u

Please confirm your attendance at your earliest convenience.

Please, contact Lina, one of our Sixth Form teachers, with any questions:

Itsianaka@lindenlodge.org.uk



We are delighted to celebrate the fantastic achievement of the following current students and 2026 leavers, who have completed their Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award:



**Abdullah
Asad
Harry**

**Amarah
Drew
James**

**Andrew
Harleigh
Savannah**



Throughout their DoE journey, our students have demonstrated teamwork, resilience, determination and a willingness to challenge themselves. Over the course of last academic year, the students worked towards their individual goals, developed new skills, did volunteering work and completed their expedition sections during the Woodlarks residential trip.

The DofE programme provides valuable opportunities for students to develop their independence, build confidence and create lasting memories along the way. This achievement reflects not only their individual efforts but also the support and encouragement of the staff who have guided them throughout the programme.

A huge congratulations to all nine students on completing their Bronze Award!

Marina San Teodoro, DofE Manager

Food Technology News!

It has been a busy start of the school year in food technology. Students were refining their sandwich making skills, learning the rub-in method when making savoury crumbles, making different breads and fresh pasta, studying the Eat Well guide and food labels.



Minerva students worked collaboratively to create a Wheatsheaf Loaf. They learnt about how the loaf was used to celebrate the Harvest Festival and communicated with each other to assign roles to make the bread. The end result speaks for itself and reflects students' incredible effort. This bread will be entered into a competition run by The School Food people. Well done and Good luck!



Learning at Linden: A Sixth Form 1 Story

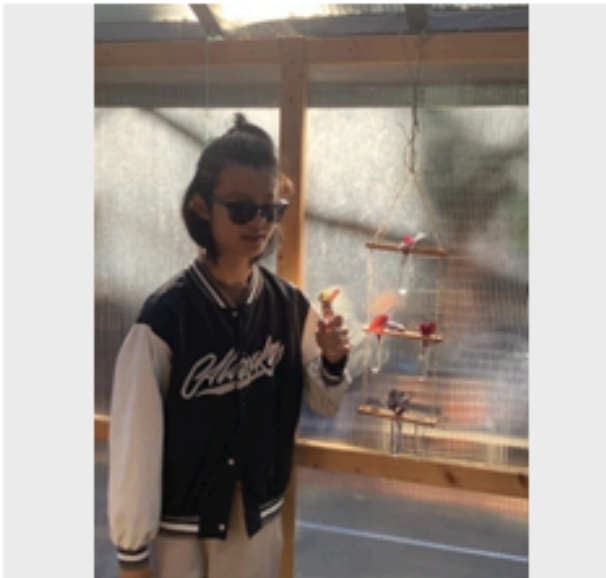
The students in SF1 have had a very busy start of the academic year. They have been taking part in many exciting trips to the community, and they have been working on their independence across all areas of learning.



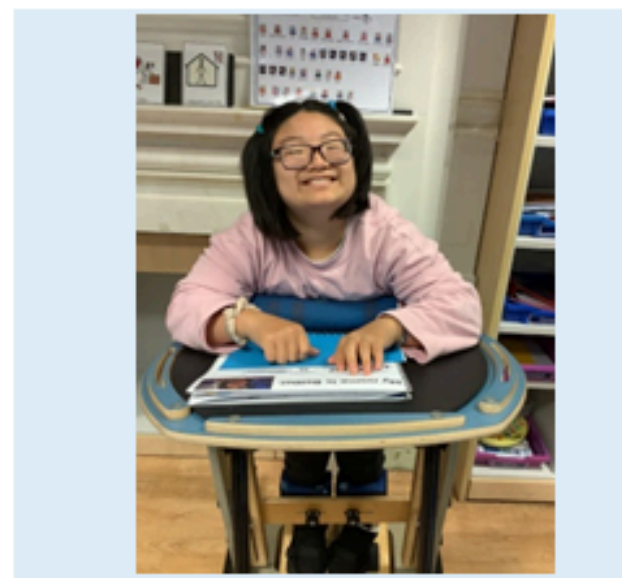
I love my physio sessions on Fridays. I pass the ball to my friends and work on my arm strength using different equipment.



I am working on my independence at the School Café. I enjoy taking payments, interacting with customers and organising the fridge.



We have been working on a gardening project. At the moment, we are checking weekly on our houseplant cuttings, which are growing roots!



I am working on my reading. I am getting stronger by using my standing frame!

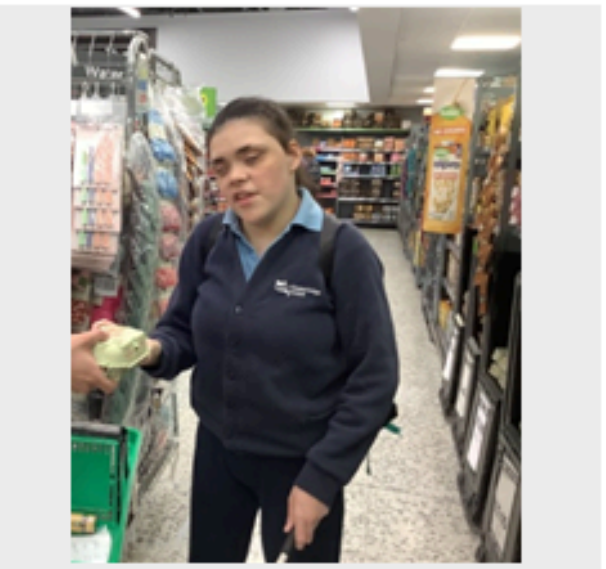
A Sixth Form 1 Story



I am doing lots of sports. I am especially enjoying cycling during P.E., dancing and Lunch Sports Club.



We have been going on many exciting trips. My favourite one was when we went to a Café and I had a millionaire shortbread!



We have been going to Asda, where I have been practising using my cane in the community.



During our trips to the supermarket we have been buying ingredients for baking in the Independent Living Skills Room. We enjoy working as a team!



**Sight Village:
Where Inclusion Meets Innovation**

Sight Village London

Tuesday 27th
9.30am - 3.30pm
& Wednesday 28th
9.00am - 3.00pm
October 2026

VENUE
ILEC Conference Centre,
47 Lillie Rd,
London
SW6 1UD



Sight Village is the UK's leading exhibition for blind and low-vision communities, showcasing the latest technology, products, services and support.

More than an exhibition, Sight Village is a sensory experience, giving visitors the opportunity to see, touch, try and explore innovative solutions first-hand, while connecting with experts and organisations.

Following the success of Sight Village London 2025, which welcomed over 1,500 visitors across two days, we are excited to build on this momentum with our upcoming events. We were delighted to welcome Rt Hon Stephen Timms and Dave Heeley and received outstanding feedback from visitors and exhibitors.

The exhibition area is on the ground floor, offering a pillar-free layout and high ceilings.

ADMISSION FREE

Great for end users • employers • professionals • public sector



A truly inclusive and sensory-rich experience

Sight Village accessibility showcases are organised by Queen Alexandra Charity Birmingham, a registered charity supporting young adults with learning difficulties and disabilities through education, supported living, and community services.



Getting to ILEC Conference Centre

VISITING BY CAR/PARKING

London Suite is a quarter of a mile (400m) from the A4, providing easy access to the M4, M5 and M40.

VISITING BY UNDERGROUND

Sitting at the edge of zone 1, West Brompton and Earls Court stations are both within walking distance giving easy access to all central districts of London and Heathrow Airport. Transport for London tube map.

VISITING BY BUS

Bus Routes: 9, 10, 27, 28, 49, 52, 70.

AIRPORT TRANSFER

Heathrow (LHR): 21 km

You can also reach the airport directly by London Underground, on the Piccadilly line.

Gatwick (LGW): 45 km

It is 40 minutes by train from West Brompton station via Clapham Junction.

Book Your Tickets Today!

Book online: www.qacsightvillage.org.uk

Call: 0121 803 5313

E-mail: sv@qac.ac.uk

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For further information, you can request a **Sight Village Media Pack** or the **2026 Sight Village Brochure**



YouTube



Become a Sight Village Sponsor

Connect. Inspire. Transform.

We warmly welcome organisations interested in supporting Sight Village through sponsorship.

By becoming a sponsor, organisations can:

- Raise their profile within the accessibility sector
- Demonstrate their commitment to accessibility and inclusion
- Connect directly with the low-vision community
- Support an event that provides valuable resources and information

Your support plays a vital role in helping ensure that Sight Village events remain free for all visitors.

Sight Village London



Real Voices Real Experiences

Real words from the people who came to exhibit!

"It was a great opportunity to raise awareness of our rare conditions charity and connect with so many professionals and members of the VI community. We were able to share our work, encourage referrals for additional support - which is priceless - and meet the people behind organisations offering so much in the way of technology and assistance. Meeting local charities has also helped us broaden the signposting we can offer our own members." Exhibitor

"The kindness and flexibility of the booking team, and the approachability of the Sight Village staff. We can talk to them without any worries!" Exhibitor

"We connected with new charities and made new contacts, while networking with existing connections and gaining ideas about how we can grow going forward." Exhibitor

"A good networking opportunity, with a strong number of blind and partially sighted people attending the event." Exhibitor

"Being able to meet a range of people with visual impairments, professionals and members of the public." Exhibitor

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and Community Commitment'**

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Noticeboard



LIBERTY KIDZ
LIGHTS in the COMMUNITY
a scare-free alternative to halloween

FREE
Children are welcome to wear sparkly outfits or non-spooky costumes.

Saturday 31 October 2026
6pm | Ages 4-12
Venue: The Liberty Church
Croydon
35B Brighton Road,
South Croydon, CR2 6EB

Games
Crafts
Sweets
Stories

Face painting and glow-in-the-dark crafts
A lively dance party
Story Corner with inspirational kids' stories
Games and raffles with prizes to be won!

Win a Family Trip to LEGOLAND WINDSOR!
For a family of 4.
T&Cs apply. Prize draw entry requires an event voucher to be entered at another TLC event.

Light Parents' Night
For parents and guardians
Food, games & parenting conversations
6.30-8.30pm | At the same venue

SCAN TO SIGN UP NOW

Noticeboard - offers for families

Calling all 12-18 year olds - Enjoy access to Audible Premium for free with VICTA Beyond the Book!

<https://victastudents.org.uk/victa-beyond-the-book/>

VICTA is offering to reimburse the cost of your VI child's ticket (up to 17 years) when you visit a Christmas experience as a family. You can choose an experience near you – this can include a Christmas light show, Christmas pantomime, theatre show or experience; the visit must take place between Thursday 1 October 2026 and Sunday 3 January 2027 . VICTA will reimburse up to a maximum of £25 per vision impaired child.

<https://www.victa.org.uk/victa-calendar/child-ticket-offer-christmas/>

VICTA's activities calendar

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