



LINWOOD
TRAINING, SUPPORT & ADVICE

LINWOOD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

JULY 2026

OUR VALUES

- Respect
- Trust
- Responsibility
- Harmony
- Excellence
- Support
- Inclusivity
- Positivity





MESSAGE FROM GEMMA TALBOT, EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

As we complete another school year, I just want to thank you all for your support and collaboration after another positive and successful year. Our relationships with families is a really important aspect of ensuring our students achieve their best. Thank you for continuing to work with us positively.

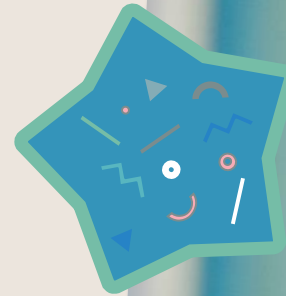
The Summer Festival was fabulous and it was great to see so many families there from other campuses too. The Leavers Prom was another roaring success, the students came dressed to impress! For the first time this year, we introduced Leavers Hoodies which were extremely popular and we hope to carry on and extend this tradition in years to come.

There have been lots of other highlights, this newsletter is packed with them. Please have a look through and see all of the wonderful things that have been happening across our campuses.

I hope that you all have a lovely summer break and we look forward to welcoming all the students back in September.

REMINDER – START OF TERM

Just a reminder that the students return on **Thursday 3rd September 2026** across all campuses.



LINWOOD CAMPUS – LEADERSHIP CHANGES

From September 2026, we will have a few changes to the leadership team at Linwood Campus. Jodie Pierce, Assistant Headteacher and Alma Phase Leader, has now gone on maternity leave.



Our current campus lead, **Alice Stow** (Deputy Headteacher), will be working on the development of our new Riverwood Campus. Alice will continue to lead on the Quality of Education (Teaching and Learning) for EYFS to Key stage 4, working closely with curriculum pathway leaders (Assistant Headteachers) at Linwood, Springwood, Woodford and Littlewood campuses.



Nicola Cannings (Deputy Headteacher) will be the campus lead for Linwood Campus from September. She will continue her existing role of Designated Safeguarding Lead for the school, with strategic oversight across all campuses, supported by the Deputy DSLs at each campus.

Assistant Headteachers at Linwood Campus will each lead the curriculum and safeguarding of the following classes:



Katie Hinchliffe
Owls, Kingfishers,
Seagulls, Eagles,
Kahlo Einstein



Andy Maher
Foxes, P16 Avenues,
Toucans, Thunberg,
Grandin



Adam Bousfield
Hawking, Bader,
Bocelli, Flamingos



Tiffany Lawrence
Badgers, Squirrels,
Hedgehogs, Rabbits,
Otters, Blackbirds,
Falcons



Sophie Sibley
Sophie will be assisting/handing over to the other Assistant Headteachers and will not be responsible for any classes as she will be going on maternity leave in November.

In the new school year, you will receive communications from the Assistant Head linked to your child's class.



SUMMERWOOD CAMPUS – 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY AND SUMMER TERM HIGHLIGHTS (cont'd overleaf)



On Thursday 9th July, Summerwood proudly celebrated its 10-year anniversary. In the lead-up to the event, students spent two weeks designing and creating decorations, compiling a playlist, and preparing a delicious selection of food and drinks for everyone to enjoy. It was wonderful to welcome back former students and staff, helping to create a warm and celebratory atmosphere throughout the day.

We were especially delighted to hear that several of our alumni are now progressing to university. Thank you to everyone who joined us to mark this special milestone, and a particular thank you to the Summerwood Team for organising such a fantastic event, which ran seamlessly and was filled with happiness, pride, and community spirit.



On Mon 22nd June, Summerwood had a lovely day out to experience the Christchurch market and the Quay. In the morning, students were given the chance to explore the traditional market and buy lunch. We walked up to the Priory and students were given the chance to see inside. Lunch and ice creams were enjoyed around the Quay, before feeding the ducks and walking back via the priory ruins. On what was a very hot day, students coped extremely well with the heat and had a fantastic time exploring their local area.



SUMMERWOOD CAMPUS SUMMER TERM HIGHLIGHTS cont'd...



STEM sessions in science:

After the summer GCSE exams, all the Summerwood science groups took part in a number of sessions that gave students an idea of what working as these technicians would be like.

We practised a suturing technique by sewing up bananas (being a veterinary nurse) and carving teeth (being a dental technician).

We also learnt how to increase the strength of concrete (being a concrete technician) and made a colourful UNBLOCK game (being a colour dye technician).

Duke of Edinburgh

We are delighted to celebrate the achievements of Tyler M, Mikey M and Dominic DS, who have successfully completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award, and Joshua F, who has achieved his Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Throughout the programme, the students demonstrated outstanding commitment, resilience and determination. They embraced new challenges, developed valuable life skills and showed excellent teamwork and perseverance. We are incredibly proud of their accomplishments and the positive example they set for others within our school community. Congratulations to all four students on this fantastic achievement.

Charity Days

On 29th and 30th June, George S, Gracie-Marie H and Samuel J organised two fantastic Charity Days to raise awareness and support for Save the Children and Greenpeace. Over two days students enjoyed a wide range of activities, including dodgeball, football, a writing competition, sculpture-making using recycled materials, sponge the teacher, litter picking, a cake sale and a shoebox appeal for people experiencing homelessness. Students also showed their support by wearing green or red, representing the chosen charities.

The event was filled with fun, enthusiasm and community spirit. Students demonstrated impressive creativity in the sculpture and writing competitions, while the dodgeball tournament brought plenty of friendly rivalry and excitement. Max C won the sculpture competition and Jessica M won the writing. Unsurprisingly, one of the most popular activities was sponge the teacher!

We are incredibly proud of George, Gracie-Marie and Samuel for their hard work, leadership and dedication in organising such a successful event, helping to raise awareness of important causes while bringing joy to the whole school community.



LINWOOD SCHOOL SUMMER FESTIVAL 2026

On Friday 3rd July 2026, we held our Summer Festival at Linwood Campus.

Thank you to each and every one of you that supported the event by donating items, attending the event or buying raffle tickets via ParentMail.

Please check out some of the music highlights on our Facebook page!

We raised **£1,674.64** in total, which is fantastic! This will be put towards the funds for the Springwood Swing. So far we have raised a total of £4,510.67 so we are half way there!



THE GREAT WAVE

Falcons class have looked at 'The Great Wave of Kanagawa' by artist Katsushika Hokusai. The students looked at the picture and the colours used and learnt about the artist. The students then worked collaboratively to create their own version of the painting, each had a numbered part which corresponded to a copy of the original painting. The students used watercolours and used the skills learnt about mixing colours to create their part before putting all the pieces together to create 'The Great Wave'.



FRUIT BOWL PROJECT

This term, Eagles Class combined Art and DT to create their own fruit bowls. During the design process, students chose whether to use traditional clay or make their own egg box clay.



Many enjoyed the sensory process of creating egg box clay by tearing up egg boxes, mixing them with water, flour and salt, blending the mixture, squeezing out the water, and kneading it into a dough. The egg box clay was pressed inside a cling film-lined bowl to create its shape, while students using traditional clay hand-built their bowls freehand.



Once dry, everyone followed their designs to decorate their creations. The students thoroughly enjoyed the project and produced some wonderful and unique fruit bowls.

ART EXHIBITION – NOW LIVE!

I am delighted to share that the **Royal Academy of Arts Young Artists' Summer Show Exhibition is now live!** You can view all of our students' artwork online at: <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/> Alternatively, if you are visiting London over the summer, you can visit the exhibition in person at the **Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly**. Entry is **free**, and the exhibition runs until **30 August**.

Opening times:

Tuesday to Thursday and Sunday: **10:00am – 6:00pm**

Friday and Saturday: **10:00am – 9:00pm**

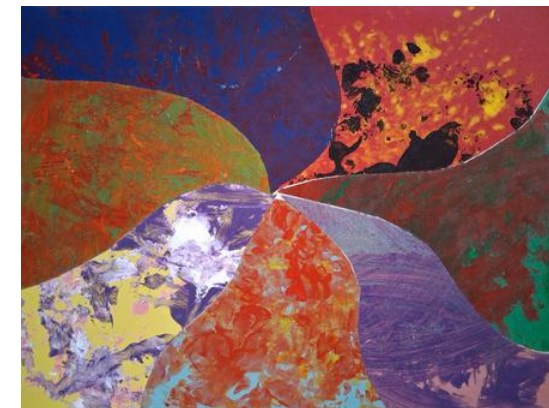
Although we have had digital entries featured in previous years, this is the **first year that we have a physical piece of artwork included in the exhibition**, which is incredibly exciting. It is a fantastic achievement for our students, and we are very proud of everyone involved.

An exciting addition this year is that the Royal Academy is awarding prizes to participating artists. There is also a **People's Choice Award**, giving everyone the opportunity to vote for their favourite artwork. Please take a few minutes to vote for one of our students' entries. The artworks can be searched for by title and then voted for online:



- **Sensory Exploration Explosion** (created by Squirrel Class [Young Artists' Summer Show | Royal Academy](#))
- **Sean Connery as James Bond** (created by Dylan, Bocelli Class [Young Artists' Summer Show | Royal Academy](#))
- **The Bus Enters Sketchland** (created by Kian, Thunberg Class [Young Artists' Summer Show | Royal Academy](#))

It would be wonderful for our students to receive recognition on such a prestigious platform and have their creativity celebrated within the wider art community. Please help us spread the word by sharing this with parents, friends and family. Every view, vote and share will be greatly appreciated.





SOUTH COAST MUSIC PARTNERSHIP LEAD SCHOOL



Welcome back to Linwood Radio! If you haven't already, please have a listen to episodes we have recorded this term.

In this episode, Will talks to Dylan about his recent trip to see the band, The Prodigy, playing live at the Bournemouth music venue the BIC.

We start to think about the fast approaching summer months and outside events, like music festivals and barbecues. With this in mind, we introduce a new song, being used in the Vita classes at Linwood and Woodford campuses, called Barbecue Blues. The librarian phones through, and Spencer's sore throat leads us to learn a new word of the week. We end the show with another song delivered by Will and Spencer's song dispenser.

[Dylan sees The prodigy and we look forward to the summer](#)

We return to the desert island, where we find Alfie Henwood stranded with only his five musical choices for company. Alfie is a T.A. at Linwood with a genuine passion for music. Alfie not only listens to music, but extends his love of music to playing in the Linwood school band, Linwood Skynyrd.



He shares with us his desire to immerse himself in music and discover new artists wherever and whenever possible. It was a real pleasure to have Alfie in the studio to share his song choices. Thank you Alfie.

[Desert Island Discs with Alfie Henwood](#)

In this episode of Linwood Radio, in case the men's football World Cup isn't exciting enough for you, we have some live commentary from the first of Linwood's Sports Days 2026 - the one that wasn't cancelled due to rain or heat! If that still isn't exciting enough, we have the return of Linwood Brainbox, in which, Emma Henman's general knowledge expertise is put, well and truly, to the test. I'm sure Cristina Marques will be cheering Portugal on as they face Croatia for a place in the final sixteen tomorrow night. Win or lose, she can relax afterwards listening to her favourite music from Portugal, a style known as Fado. We thank Cristina for introducing us to songs from Amalia Rodrigues and Mariza to close the show.

[Sports Day 2026](#)

In this episode Spencer talks to **The Summerwood Crew** (pictured performing at the Linwood Summer Festival) about the process involved in writing and recording their fantastic song, 'The Summerwood Crew'.



We also hear the genre defying tune 'Chimpanze' [sic] recorded by students from both Summerwood and CHI campuses, aided and abetted by music teacher, Simon Whitbread. This is followed by yet another genre-challenging song by Aiden, this time in collaboration with Ed Lee, our freelancing musical colleague. Amanda Hook from extended services gets the Brainbox treatment and we play out with another selection from Will and Spencer's Song Dispenser. Phew! What a scorcher. [The Summerwood Crew](#)

If you would like to contact the radio please email:
linwoodradio@linwood.Bournemouth.sch.uk

LINWOOD SCHOOL CHARITABLE TRUST

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A TRUSTEE?

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF A TRUSTEE?

The Trustees are dedicated to raising money for the school and ensuring funds are used effectively. We are parents, staff and friends of the school who want to further enhance the education and wellbeing of our children and young people, their families and the wider community. We support the school by providing resources, specialist equipment, support for extra-curricular activities and the development of the learning environment.

CAN I APPLY?

Yes! Anyone can apply to be a trustee.

You don't have to have specific knowledge or qualifications, only a keen interest in raising funds for the school and a willingness to help!

You may want to expand your experience in doing something new and challenging and have a willingness to learn and develop new skills.

WHAT WOULD MY ROLE BE AS A TRUSTEE?

Your role is to bring energy, passion and ideas to raise funds for the school. This could be as simple as an Easter raffle to helping organise events such as a bingo or quiz night. You would be expected to get involved in helping organise our school celebration events, one at Christmas and one in the summer term. This could involve contacting companies and shops and asking for prize donations, helping with the set up and management of the stalls and organising the Raffle, amongst other things! If you have any experience in applying for grants to help fund specific projects, this would also be helpful, but training will be given if you would like to get involved in this.

WHAT'S THE COMMITMENT?

All trustees are asked to fulfil the following:

Attendance at meetings - 4 meetings per year (usually during the school day, 10am—12 noon).

Follow the 6 main duties of a trustee:

- Ensure the charity is carrying out its purposes for the public benefit
- Comply with the charity's governing document and the law
- Act in the charity's best interest
- Ensure the charity is accountable
- Manage the charity's resources responsibly
- Act with reasonable care and skill

We recently funded sensory equipment for our Alma classes at Linwood Campus and we are currently raising funds for a chair swing at Springwood Campus.

If you would like further information or an application form, please email Donna Hollingworth, Trust Secretary:

donnahollingworth@linwood.Bournemouth.sch.uk



GOVERNORS UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful term, I'd like to thank you for your support of Linwood School and wish all our students, families and staff a happy and relaxing summer break.

Several governors have visited the Riverwood Campus this term. Although the building is currently empty and work has not yet started, it was exciting to see the space and hear more about the plans for its future. We're very much looking forward to seeing this important development progress and the opportunities it will bring to enhance provision for our students in the years ahead.

The Finance and Resources (FAR) Committee met this term, reviewing key areas including the school's budget, staffing and premises. Governors play an important role in ensuring that finances and resources are managed effectively and aligned with the school's priorities and the needs of our students.

The Full Governing Board (FGB) also met this term to review the school's progress, priorities and future plans. Governors work closely with the senior leadership team, providing oversight, support and constructive challenge to help ensure Linwood continues to provide high-quality specialist education, personalised support and opportunities for every student to develop, achieve and thrive.

I was delighted to attend the 10th anniversary celebrations at Summerwood Campus. It was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate a decade of achievements, meet former as well as current students, and enjoy some of the delicious cakes made by students as part of the celebrations.

We're also saying goodbye to one of our valued Parent Governors and are very grateful for their contribution to the Governing Board and the wider Linwood family. We're now looking for a new Parent Governor and details of how to apply have been sent to all parents and carers via email, but you can also click [here](#) which will take you to our Governors page on the website and the information and application form can be downloaded. I would encourage any parent or carer who would like to share their views and help shape the future of Linwood to consider applying. Parent Governors bring valuable insight and experience, helping governors understand the perspectives of families across the school.

On behalf of the Governing Board, thank you for being an important part of Linwood. We look forward to another exciting year ahead and to working with the senior leadership team, staff, families and the wider school community to support the ongoing success of our school.

Sue Lay
Chair of Governors





MESSAGE FROM DAME RACHEL DE SOUZA, CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to ask you if your child/children could complete my new survey, [The Big Future](#).

Under the Children Act 2004, it is my role to promote the views and interests of children in England, and I have done this so far by conducting the two largest ever children's surveys: The Big Ask and The Big Ambition.

Now, for the first time, hundreds of thousands of children will be eligible to vote in the next general election, the biggest change to the franchise in half a century. Yet just one in five children say politicians listen to them. That's why I'm launching my final survey, The Big Future.

I want to make sure that I hear from as many children as possible, aged 0-18, from all backgrounds, in all schools and colleges, and in every part of the country. To do that, I need your help.

I am asking children about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns, and their hopes for the future. More than anything, I want to know what they think a good childhood should look like today.

The deadline to take part is **Friday 23rd October 2026**.

I will be publishing my findings next year, and they will be used to advocate at the highest level for solutions that children want to see, to the problems that they tell me are most important to them.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Dame Rachel de Souza
Children's Commissioner

N.B. We have also been trying to help the students complete this form in school, so please check with your child if they have already completed it.

LITTLEWOOD CAMPUS NEWS

WATER SAFETY FUN

As we get closer to the summer holidays, the children have been having lots of fun while learning the important life skill of water safety!

Through our Attention Autism sessions, the children explored the key word "float" and discovered what it means through exciting, hands-on experiences. They enjoyed splashing in paddling pools, playing with water toys, chasing bubbles from the bubble machine, and cooling off with squirting toys during our outdoor water play sessions.

The learning continued through small world and messy play, where the children used boats, water, sand, and pretend people to act out different water safety scenarios and made their own floating people using life rings and exploring how things stay afloat in the water. The children developed their understanding of how to stay safe around water and what it means to float. We are so proud of how enthusiastically they joined in and shared their learning!



POPELL BARNS MOBILE FARM

Littlewood enjoyed a visit from Popell Barns mobile farm at the beginning of June. Despite the pouring rain, we were able to see guinea pigs, rabbits, chickens, sheep and a donkey. The children engaged well with the animals and continue to amaze us with their confidence, curiosity and gentle handling skills. It was a memorable visit that provided lots of opportunities for learning and fun, and we would like to thank Popell Barns for bringing the farm to us.



BOURNEMOUTH IN BLOOM



Littlewood entered the Bournemouth in Bloom competition this year for the first time. Unfortunately, we were unable to secure planters for our sensory garden, but that did not stop us! We successfully grew radishes, lettuce, courgettes, beans and tomatoes in our grow bags. The children visited them throughout the week, carefully watering them with our watering cans and eagerly observing their progress.

Although we did not win this year, we are already looking ahead and planning for next year's competition. We are grateful to Oakdale Juniors, who had some spare planters that they do not need. These are due to be built during the summer holidays and will provide us with an even better growing space for next year's entry. We are excited to see what we can achieve!



LEAVERS HOODIES

This year, for the first time, the students who are leaving Linwood have been able to purchase a Leavers' Hoodie in a colour of their choice.

This is a wonderful keepsake and memory for them to take away from their time at Linwood School. The Charitable Trust very kindly donated some money towards these hoodies so that all students who wanted one were able to receive one.

The Year 11s and Year 14s were very excited for their arrival this week and couldn't wait to try them on!



LEAVERS PROM 2026!

After a false start, we eventually made the Prom happen! It should've taken place on Thursday 25th June, but we had to close the school that day due to the heatwave! It was rescheduled for Wednesday 8th July and it was worth waiting for! The students (and staff!) had a fabulous time! Our catering team did a wonderful buffet and everyone danced the night away with our very own DJ Emerald Stardust!



We were lucky enough to have a Daily Echo photographer present to capture the night! If you would like to see the rest of the photos, please click [here](#).
(Photographs credited to Richard Crease)

DUKE OF EDINBURGH EXPERIENCE

Alfie S, a student at CHI, has written about his recent experience on the DofE expedition and some of things they got up to!

- We went to the New Forest for a long walk to get our award (it's good for your CV). We walked for 6 or 7 hours.
- I went with EB, Musa, Will, Kristian and Sam.
- I slept in a tent with EB and Musa. In the night time me and EB cooked our food for everyone. It was spaghetti bolognese, but it wasn't that good. In the night time we made a fire and we made S'mores but they were sticky.
- We did the hot pickles challenge thing. It was good. I do recommend having it. Then we watched the England vs Croatia game, it was 4-1 to England. It was good game.
- I have learnt some outdoor skills from doing this like setting up a tent, socialising and reading a map.
- I recommend going because it's good for a job when you get older and your CV too. But overall it's a good day out with your mates.



CHARITY DONATION

Once again, the **Ferndown Golf Club Charity** has very kindly funded some essential equipment at Linwood Campus.

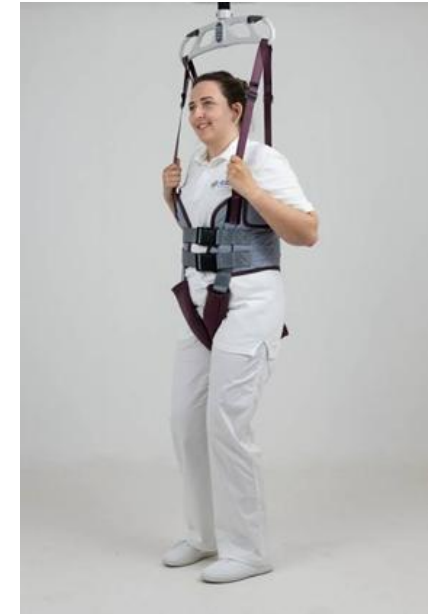
They have agreed to fund a Rachel Harness at a cost of £325.80.

Three students aged 13-16 will benefit from the harness. It supports students with PMLD to access walking safely, promoting weight-bearing and physical activity while reducing the risk of falls and injury.

It also enables greater participation, independence, and engagement in their environment, supporting both physical development and overall wellbeing.

Thank you to everyone at Ferndown Golf Club Charity and please take a look at their website to see all the wonderful things they have funded.

https://www.ferndowngolfclub.co.uk/alliss_charity



SCHOOL INFORMATION

FREE SCHOOL MEAL HOLIDAY VOUCHERS

The UK government's Household Support Fund is continuing to fund food vouchers for families to purchase food during the summer holidays and you could receive up to £60 per child for those that are eligible.

The vouchers are provided as supermarket vouchers and a link will be sent via email/text to those that are eligible. If you believe you are eligible for the voucher and do not receive a link, please email: finance@linwood.Bournemouth.sch.uk

For other community food support such as food banks, community fridges and social supermarkets, please click on the link: [BCP Access to Food Map](#)

IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR 2026/27

Summer 2026 holiday voucher scheme will be the final round of support delivered through this programme. While funding remains in place for the summer holiday period, the scheme will not continue into the 2026/27 academic year.

Under the Government's new Crisis & Resilience Fund, the focus will shift from a broad based holiday voucher scheme for all children eligible for free school meals to targeted support for low-income households and families facing financial hardship or crisis. This will enable available funding to be directed towards those with the greatest need.

SEEKING WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

Linwood Campuses are looking for host businesses who are able to offer short or long term work experiences. If you or someone you know could support a young person (age 14-19) in gaining valuable workplace skills, please get in touch.

To get in touch, please email:
placementcoordinators@linwood.bournemouth.sch.uk

Thank you for your support!



Who are we?

Local Vocals is a mixture of Linwood School students, parents, grandparents and siblings coming together with people from the local Church and other SEN families.

We are a community family that joins as one to sing whilst incorporating some Signalong.

When is Local Vocals?

Day: Thursdays

Time: 3.30pm – 4pm refreshments
4pm – 4.45pm singing

Location: St Luke's Church, St Luke's Road
Winton, Bournemouth, BH3 7LR

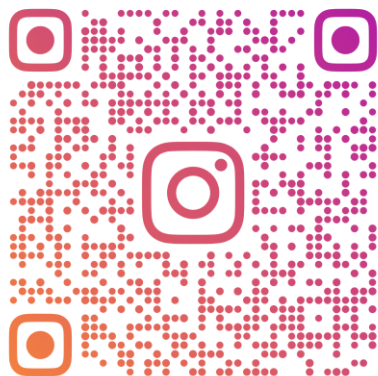
If you would like to find out more, please click on the link and take a look at our video: [Local Vocals](#) or please just turn up and join us!

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SKILLS CENTRE INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT

Linwood Skills Centre Instagram account is a platform for students, in Linwood Media Group - a digital business at The Skills Centre, to publish the content they have created.

QR code on the right for a link to it! Please give us a follow and support our students.



LINWOODSKILLSCENTRE



FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS!

We have now reached over 1.4k followers on Facebook, which is amazing! Thank you to all the parents, carers and friends of Linwood School that follow us.

We include lots of information on there about the school and events that are happening, so please consider giving us a follow if you can! Thank you for your support. [Linwood School Facebook Page](#)



REMINDER - LUNCH ORDERING

Those campuses that have in-house catering, Linwood, Springwood and The Skills Centre – please ensure that you order your lunches **by midnight on Thursday** for the following week.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS – PLEASE REAPPLY

Further to recent communications, please remember to reapply if you think you are entitled to free school meals. The Government have now expanded the criteria and anyone who receives Universal Credit is now eligible to apply. There are now two categories:

- **Eligible Targeted:** Households in receipt of Universal Credit with household earnings less than £7,400. These children will attract **Pupil Premium** and other disadvantage funding for their schools and you may be entitled to a uniform grant, so even if your child doesn't require a meal provided by the school, please still apply so that the school can receive the funding.
- **Eligible Expanded:** Households receiving Universal Credit with household earnings exceeding £7,400. These children will be entitled to Free School Meals only.

The easiest way to apply is online via the BCP website: [Apply for FSM](#)

We also have a copy of the application form on the website that you can download if you prefer a paper copy. [FSM Application Form 2026-27](#)

SCHOOL INFORMATION

REMINDER – REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES

Please remember that all student absences should be reported **before 8:00am** wherever possible. You can phone your campus anytime and leave a message, but please give a reason, such as vomiting or high temperature, not just 'ill or unwell'. This helps support our staffing and enables us to see a pattern if there are any bugs or common childhood illnesses doing the rounds.

CONTACTING CLASS STAFF DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

We would also like to remind parents and carers that our staff are teaching throughout the school day and are therefore unable to take unscheduled phone calls.

If you need to contact a member of class staff, our Reception team will be happy to take a message and ensure it is passed on at an appropriate time. Alternatively, you may wish to email the class teacher directly.

We have recently seen an increase in requests to speak with class staff during teaching time, and we appreciate your understanding in helping us minimise interruptions so that staff can focus on supporting and teaching our students.

TERM/INSET DATES 2026/2027

Our term dates can be found on our website. Please check the term dates and inset days for next year to ensure that you are aware of them and can plan accordingly.

<https://linwood.bournemouth.sch.uk/term-dates/>

PARKING – LINWOOD CAMPUS

Please can we remind parents and carers to park mindfully when dropping off and collecting their child. We recently had a complaint from one of the neighbours that a parent had parked over their drive and refused to move it when asked to do so. Over the years, we've had good relations with the neighbours and local community and wish to continue this. Thank you for your support.



If you have any concerns regarding child exploitation, please take a look at the [Escapeline](#) website.

It has lots of information on what it is, how it happens and what to do if you suspect your child may be involved. They have also recently opened a helpline if you need advice. It is currently available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10am – 1pm, with plans to expand in the future. For further information, click on the link above.

SIGNALONG COMMUNICATION UPDATE

We have uploaded some Signalong videos on the school website under the Communication page. There are two videos, one is for some basic signs and the other is signs to support mathematical concepts. If you would like to learn these signs or refresh your knowledge, please click on the link:

<https://linwood.bournemouth.sch.uk/communication/>

FAMILY SUPPORT – DIARY DATES

STAY AND PLAY

At Littlewood Campus, 10am – 12pm on the following dates:

Mondays – 27th July and 3rd, 10th, 17th August

Wednesdays – 29th July and 5th, 12th, 19th August

No need to book, parking available in the school car park, then walk down to the Littlewood entrance.

WELLNESS GROUP Starting 7th September, every Monday 9:30am - 11:30am, Linwood Campus. Slight change to this group and is no longer parent led, it's now going to be run by Family Support. An opportunity for parents/carers to take the time for their own wellbeing, receive emotional support and build friendships.

NEW PARENTS/CARERS COFFEE MORNING Thursday 17th September, 10am – 12pm, Linwood Campus. An opportunity to meet the Family Support Team and find out about the help we can offer, ask any questions they have and meet other new parent/carers. This is open to everyone new to any of our campuses.

TALKING DADS Friday 25th September and 23rd October, 10am - 11:30am, Linwood Campus. An opportunity to meet other male parents/carers, build friendships, share advice. This is available to all male parents/carers/family members.

SPRINGWOOD COFFEE MORNING Thursday 1st October, 9:30am – 11am, Springwood Campus. To meet the Family Support Team, other parents, gain support and share advice.

MY CHILD Wednesday 7th October, 10am – 12pm, Linwood Campus. Our monthly regulation and engagement coffee morning. Share experiences and get support with experiences of regulation and engagement.

WOODFORD COFFEE MORNING Tuesday 13th October, 9:30am – 11am, Woodford Campus. To meet the Family Support Team, other parents, gain support and share advice.

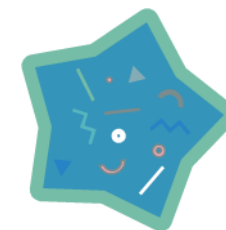
LINWOOD LEAVERS

For families of Linwood Leavers: You should now have the final EHCP's for students moving on from Linwood campuses. This will indicate where your young person is moving onto in September 2026. If you haven't received this information, please contact your LEA ASAP.

Once you have your final setting named on the EHCP, you can now apply for supported transport, if required. Please ensure you read information about applying for this transport as there can be a financial contribution required. Supported transport is applied for and not guaranteed. We did send out a letter to families in April with the information. If you would like to read it, there is a copy on the Preparation for Adulthood and Careers at Linwood page on the website. Please click on the link:

[Transport to Education Placement letter](#)

If you have any questions, please contact the IAG Team on 01202 525107.



THINGS TO DO/EXTERNAL INFORMATION



ACTIVITIES FOR ALL THE FAMILY

The Parks Foundation are an independent charity devoted to enhancing BCPs parks and green spaces for everyone to enjoy.

There are lots of activities planned for the February half term holiday. For further information, click on the link below which will take you to their events page: <https://parksfoundation.org.uk/events/>



RARING2GO!

Please take a look at the Raring2Go! Magazine. There are lots of things to do and places to go. Please click on the link and take a look:

<https://raring2go.co.uk/area/bournemouth/>

THE CHATTERBOX PROJECT

The Chatterboxes is a youth action project run by young people with disabilities aged 11-25 years old from Bournemouth, Poole and other parts of Dorset. Take a look at their most recent magazine:

[The Chatterbox Project](#)



COST OF LIVING HELP

If you are struggling with the cost of living or feel that you need some help, BCP have a dedicated page with information that could help you. If you would like to know more, please click on the link: [Cost of Living Help](#)

BCP COUNCIL INFORMATION DIRECTORY

The information directory has lots of activities, including SEND appropriate activities that families can access over the half term holiday.

Please click on the link for further information:

[BCP Family Information Directory](#)



THINGS TO DO/EXTERNAL INFORMATION



Discovery Village is an immersive indoor role play centre for children aged 1 – 8 years.

We are very fortunate that they have offered our Linwood families a discount on their new SEND friendly sessions which run on the third Wednesday of each month. The discount will get you 20% off children's tickets for these sessions, the code is

LOVELINWOOD.

<https://discoveryvillage.co.uk/send-friendly-play/>

If you would like further general information and where to find them, please click on the link: <https://discoveryvillage.co.uk/>

We are also very grateful for their support in providing us with 2 vouchers for the Summer Festival Raffle and they also very kindly donated £100 towards the Springwood Swing project. Thank you Discovery Village!



The NHS are offering Annual Health Checks for children and young people with a learning disability, aged between 14 – 25. Please give your GP practice a call and they will be able to help you.



Some of our students in our Alma and Vita classes took part in workshops for the Dorset SEN Dance Festival. They have put together a lovely film of the event – please take a look!

[Dorset SEN Dance Festival 2026: Beyond The Book](#)



NATIONAL COLLEGE TRAINING – ONLINE SAFETY

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Linwood School has signed up for training via The National College that enables staff to train online as well as having our usual face-to-face sessions. The good news is that we can also enrol parents and carers onto the platform to enable you to undertake training that would be specific for parents, such as Online Safety.

We would encourage you to download the National Online Safety App, this way you can view the content just for parents/carers, without having to filter through National College content on the website.

If you would like to enrol, please click on the link: [National College Enrolment](#)

You will need to ensure that you select **Parent/Carer** from the drop down menu when registering.

There is more information on social media apps and sites if you click on the link: [National College - Social Media Apps](#)

- We post weekly updates on our Facebook page, including online safety guides – please give us a follow if you haven't already!
- The NSPCC website is also a great resource for families and their content is for all ages: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
- They also have specific content for SEND pupils, specifically [Online safety for families and children with SEND](#) and [Supporting children with SEND to talk to people online](#)

We do hope that you will take advantage of these wonderful resources to help you as parents/carers to discuss social media and online safety with your child/children in order to keep them safe.

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Thank you to those of you that have registered with easyfundraising. So far, you have raised over **£1,400** for Linwood School which is amazing!

We now have 46 supporters, but we could do with more! With summer round the corner, some of you might be thinking about booking a holiday abroad or even a staycation! TUI, Booking.com and various hotels are all part of easyfundraising. Please think about signing up and help to raise funds for the school.

Registering with them means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

Please click on the link below which will take you to our donation page and where you can sign up: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/linwood-school>

Alternatively, you can download their app to your phone. Once you have registered, you use the site to find a retailer, click on them and they will redirect you to the retailer's website.

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