



Lonsdale July Newsletter



Whole-School News

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another successful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support, encouragement and partnership. Your involvement plays a vital role in helping our school community thrive, and we are incredibly grateful for everything you do to support your children and our school.

This term has been filled with achievement, determination and countless reasons to celebrate. Our pupils have demonstrated resilience and commitment in all aspects of school life. Some have successfully completed their examinations, approaching them with maturity and perseverance. Others have challenged themselves through a range of sporting events and competitions, showing courage, teamwork and excellent sportsmanship.

We have also been especially proud of the kindness and support our pupils have shown one another throughout the term. Whether helping a friend, working collaboratively in class or contributing positively to the wider school community, our children have continued to embody the values that make our school such a special place. Their enthusiasm for learning and determination to always give their best has been evident every day.

There have been many highlights over the past few months. Our wonderful Reading Festival inspired a love of books and storytelling across the school, while Sports Week provided opportunities for challenge, achievement and fun. Pupils have enjoyed a range of educational visits, bringing learning to life beyond the classroom. We have also celebrated important milestones through our Primary Prom and Leavers' Prom, creating special memories that will last for years to come. These events, along with many others, have contributed to a truly outstanding term.

As we say goodbye to this academic year, our pupils have been busy preparing for the next stage of their journey and transitioning into their new classes. We know they will carry forward the confidence, skills and experiences they have gained this year, and we are excited to see them continue to flourish.

For now, it is time for everyone to enjoy a well-deserved rest. We hope the summer break offers opportunities to relax, recharge and spend quality time with family and friends.

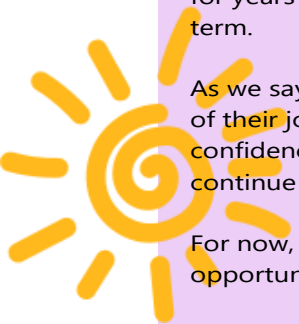
We look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school on Thursday 3rd September.

On behalf of all the staff, thank you once again for your support throughout the year. We wish you and your families a safe, happy and enjoyable summer break.

Best wishes,

Claudia Thiele

Headteacher, Lonsdale School





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From our Chair of Governors

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Members of our School Community,

As we reach the end of another successful academic year, on behalf of the Governing Board, I would like to thank everyone who contributes to making Lonsdale School such a special place to learn, work and grow.

This year has been one of achievement, resilience and continued development. Across the school, we have seen students make excellent progress, develop their confidence and independence, and achieve personal milestones. Their enthusiasm, determination and successes are a credit to themselves, their families and our dedicated staff team.

We are especially proud of how our students continue to demonstrate resilience, kindness and determination, supporting one another and embracing every opportunity to grow and succeed. These qualities reflect the values at the heart of Lonsdale and help make our school such a positive and inclusive community.

The Governing Board would like to express its sincere appreciation to all members of staff. Their commitment, professionalism and care for every student continue to make a significant difference to the lives of the young people and families we serve. We recognise that providing high-quality education and support requires dedication, and we are grateful for all they do.

We would also like to thank parents, carers and families for their ongoing partnership with the school. Your support, encouragement and involvement play a vital role in our students' success. By working together, we help ensure the best possible outcomes for every young person in our care. Throughout the year, governors have continued to support and challenge school leaders, helping to ensure that the school's vision, values and strategic priorities remain at the heart of decision-making. We are pleased with the progress that has been made across the school and remain confident about the future.

In July, the Governing Board was delighted to welcome Mrs Kshama Shah as our new Parent Governor. We are looking forward to benefiting from the skills, experience and perspectives she brings to the Board and to working with her in supporting the continued success of the school.

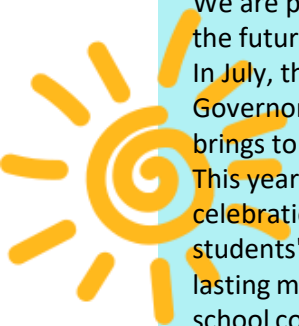
This year has brought many memorable moments, including educational visits, performances, celebrations of learning, Sports Day and community events. These experiences have enriched our students' education and provided opportunities to develop new skills, build friendships and create lasting memories. They have also showcased the talents, achievements and spirit that make our school community so strong.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to working alongside school leaders to ensure that every student receives the highest quality education, care and support, enabling them to achieve their full potential and prepare confidently for the future.

To those students who are leaving us this summer, we offer our warmest congratulations and best wishes for the next stage of your journey. We are proud of all that you have achieved and look forward to hearing about your future successes.

Finally, on behalf of the Governing Board, I wish all students, families and staff a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting and successful year.

Chandra Green, On behalf of the Governing Board





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Term Dates



Term Dates 2026-2027

Autumn Term 2026	
Inset Days	Tuesday 1 st September 2026 Wednesday 2 nd September 2026
Term begins for pupils	Thursday 3 rd September 2026
End of Half Term	Friday 23 rd October 2026 at 1.30pm
Half Term	Monday 26 th October - Friday 30 th October 2026
Occasional Day	Monday 30 th November 2026
End of Term	Friday 18 th December 2026 at 1.30pm
Spring Term 2027	
Inset Day	Monday 4 th January 2027
Term begins for pupils	Tuesday 5 th January 2027
End of Half Term	Friday 12 th February 2027 at 1.30pm
Half Term	Monday 15 th February - Friday 19 th February 2027
End of Term	Thursday 25 th March 2027 at 1.30pm
Summer Term 2027	
Term begins for pupils	Monday 12 th April 2027
Inset Day	Friday 30 th April 2027
Bank Holiday	Monday 3 rd May 2027
End of Half Term	Friday 28 th May 2027 at 1.30pm
Half Term	Monday 31 st May - Friday 4 th June 2027
Inset Day	Monday 7 th June 2027
End of Term	Thursday 22 nd July 2027 at 1.30pm

Family holidays must not be arranged during term time

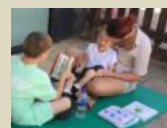
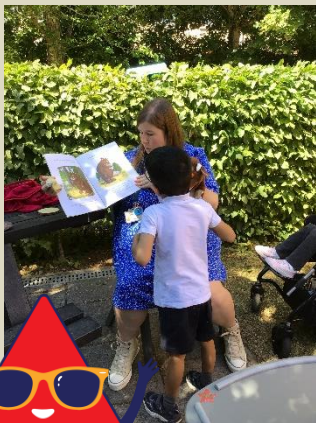




Lonsdale Reading Festival



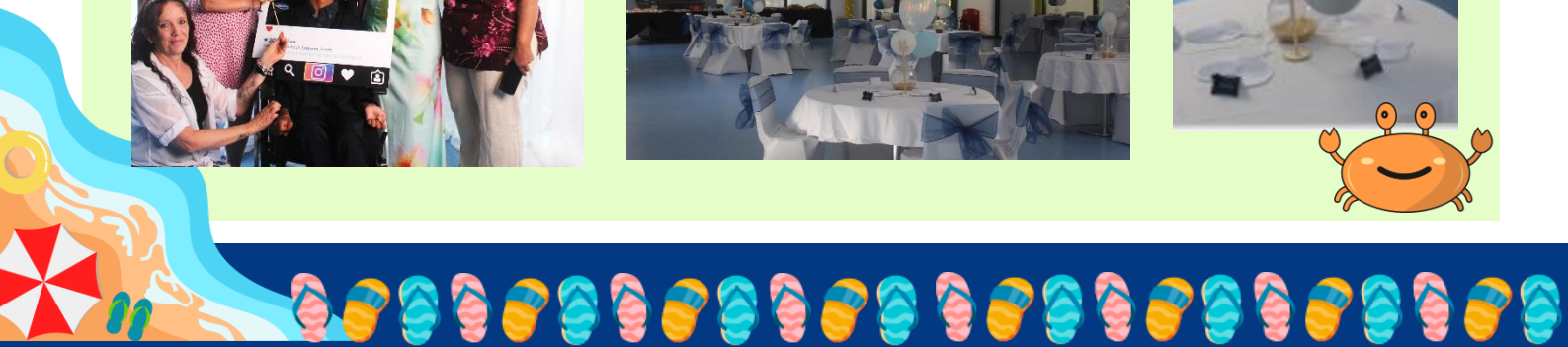
Afternoon 2nd July 2026





Lonsdale Leavers' Prom

16th July 2026





Lonsdale Primary Prom

17th July 2026



Lonsdale Awards

2025-2026

Lonsdale School Awards 2025-2026

And the winners are...

Max and Dihan – **PE Secondary Boys**

Leah – **PE Secondary Girl**

Alex – **PE Primary Boy**

Jennifer – **PE Primary Girl**

Primary Support Staff Award – Jennifer

Secondary Support Staff Award – Rose and Layla

Pride of Lonsdale Award – Harrison S

Student Communication Award – Jenson

Student Driving Award – Lukas R

Citizenship Award – Leah

Headteacher Award – Szymon

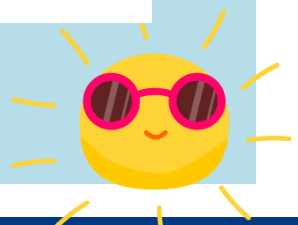
House Winners - RED HOUSE

Key to Lonsdale Award - Lois (SaLT)

Heart of Lonsdale Award – Siobhan



Congratulations to all winners!





Mexico and New Zealand Classes

...wish you all a very happy summer holiday!





Venezuela and Egypt Classes

Happy Summer Holidays!



Dear Parents and Carers,

Wishing you and your family a wonderful and relaxing holiday!
Thank you for your continued support, kindness, and partnership
throughout the year. It is truly appreciated, and we look forward to
seeing you again after the break.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

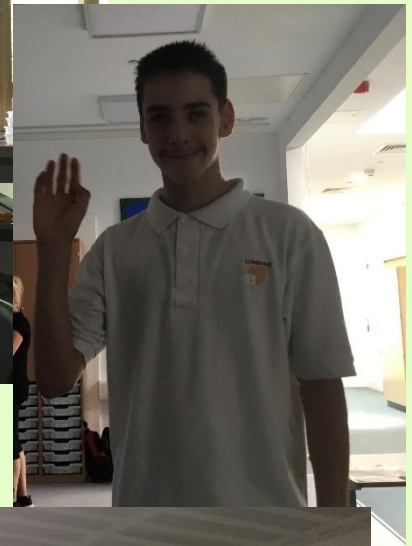
Egypt Team



Peru, Japan and Ireland Classes



Have a great holiday!



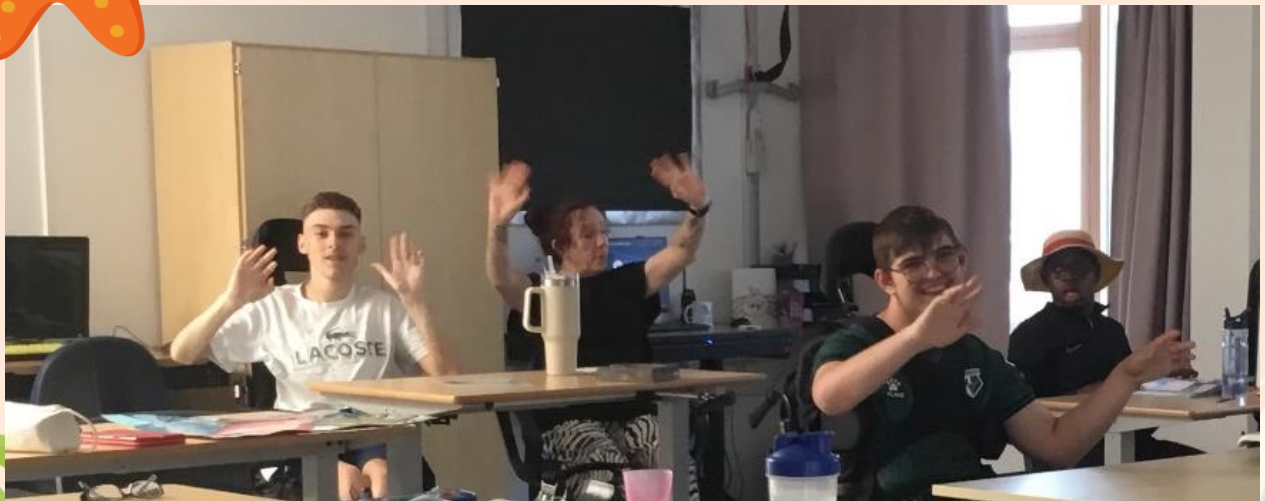
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Enjoy your summer!



Happy holidays from
Kenya, Australia,
Brazil, Wales, Scotland,
Fiji, Greece and Canada
Classes!





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HELP FILL THE STEVENAGE 2026 TIME CAPSULE

Back in 1986, the team from Confederation Life planted a time capsule beneath The Icon building on Lytton Way. When the building came down, it was rescued and donated by The Hill Group to the Stevenage Museum.

This autumn, the time capsule will be reburied at Nexus, the new neighbourhood on Lytton Way, with new memories of life in Stevenage today. The best submissions will be placed inside the capsule before it's sealed.

What should go inside?



A price tag



A photograph



A song



A headline



A letter to the future

What best captures life in Stevenage in 2026?
What matters most about living here? **There are no wrong answers.**

HAVE YOUR SAY

Scan the QR code to submit
your idea for the Stevenage
2026 time capsule!





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Camp highlights include:

- Singing, acting and dance workshops
- Performance and stagecraft training
- Confidence and teamwork building activities
 - Opportunities to make new friends
- Fun games, challenges and creative activities
- A supportive environment where every child belongs





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SARACENS FOUNDATION Feeding Futures+

 **How Wood School,
St Albans**



Join us this summer at Feeding Futures+, an inclusive and engaging holiday camp for young people aged 8-16 years. Our experienced SEND team provides a safe, supportive and welcoming environment where participants can make friends, build confidence, stay active and enjoy a variety of fun activities throughout the holidays.

What's Included

- Breakfast club from 10am
 - Lunch (Hot Meal)
 - All Activities and Resources
- All dietary requirements catered for

Activities

- Full range of Sports
- Dance
- Talent Show
- Meditation
- Arts and Crafts
- Nature Trails



Summer Dates

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
11 th Aug	18 th Aug	25 th Aug
12 th Aug	19 th Aug	26 th Aug
13 th Aug	20 th Aug	27 th Aug

Join Feeding Futures+ today!



Booking codes provided directly to anyone eligible for Free School Meals

For more information please contact
Emilyhartwell@saracens.net





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Children's Clothes Bank

The **Children's Clothes Bank** (for children aged 3 - 18) runs each month at **Grace Community Church, Hydean Way, SG2 9XJ** between 11am and 12.30pm.

They stock a good selection of second hand clothes, including school uniform, and some toiletries.

If you haven't previously been referred to the Clothes Bank and are in need of children's clothing, please email ssmall@lonsdale.herts.sch.uk giving your name, number of children and their ages and gender, and we can make a referral for you.



Second-Hand Uniform

Lonsdale School are eager to promote sustainability. If you have any good quality, preloved uniform you no longer need, you can drop it off at the school office in a bag clearly marked 'Second-Hand Uniform Donation'. Thank you!

Information about Free School Meals in Herts can be found here:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

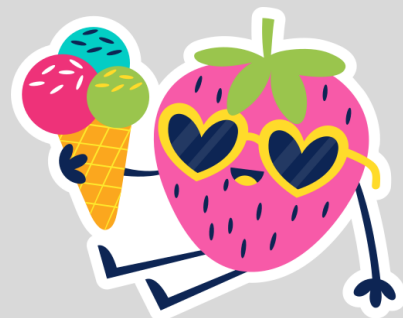




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School Website



Website Reminder

Please continue to check the school website regularly for curriculum information, photo galleries, term dates and more!

Each class has their own page in the secure 'Student Area', which is where you will find homework and learning activities for new classes from September. We have also saved summer-holidays activities in this area.

If you need any help with logging in, please contact your child's form tutor.

Thank you!

<https://www.lonsdale.herts.sch.uk/>

