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School News Friday 20th December 2024
Together we learn, together we thrive

W/c 23rd December – Christmas holiday

W/c 6th January 2025

Mon 6th – School closed – staff training

Tues 7th – First day of spring term for pupils

Thurs 9th – Choir – Young Voices Meeting 5pm

Goodbye to Linton Heights

It is with a very saddened heart that I am writing to say a final farewell to you all pending my departure to take on the headship of The Bellbird Primary School. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Headteacher at Linton Heights. It is very special for me to reminisce on pupils past and present and to hope, in perhaps some small way, that both the Linton Heights team and I have made a difference in their lives. I know that under the helm of Mrs Webb and Mrs Chapman, Linton Heights will flourish to even greater successes, and I wish you and your children all the very best for a bright and prosperous future. Wonderful Linton Heights memories will stay with me forever.

Christmas Holiday and January Inset

This year's Christmas holiday starts from Mon 23rd Dec until Fri 3rd Jan 2025 inclusive. Mon 6th Jan is a teacher training day which means the school will be closed to pupils and no childcare will be provided.

Christmas Fair

Many thanks to all who supported and attended the Christmas Fair and for the efforts of the fundraising committee and staff. An amazing £1,180 was raised and will be used to renew the school's IT provision.

Oh Yes, they did!

On Wednesday the whole school travelled to Bishops Stortford to watch Robin Hood. A fabulous morning was had by all... Oh yes it was! There was great excitement amongst the children when a special mention was made about Mr Puxley leaving us and he was squirted in the face with water! A special thank you to Mrs Webb and Mrs Bowie for organising this fabulous event that has now become an annual Christmas tradition.



Ceilidh Award Winners today!

Ceilidh Praise Winners!

Amelia (Class 1): Resilience
Palamei (Class 2): Working hard
Guy (Class 3): Y4 Performance
Jack (Class 4): TTRS effort
Kimmi-Rose (Class 5): Resilience
Freddie (Class 6): Wonderful classmate
Felix (Class 7): Being awesome
Josh (Class 8): Excellent attitude

Ceilidh Cup Winners!

Handwriting cup: **Zoe (Class 1)**
Values cup: **Emily (Class 3)**
Arts cup: **Harriet (Class 4)**
Writer's cup: **Imogen (Class 5)**
Sports cup: **Ashton (Class 6)**
Maths cup: **Millie (Class 7)**

End of Term Award Winners!

Trieste Medal: Joshua - Class 3
For working with spirit and fortitude
Progress cup: Kaidan - Class 5
For excellent progress

Ceilidh

Friday 10th January - Lower school 8:55am

Friday 17th January - Whole school 8:55am

Forest School sessions

Friday 10th January - Class 1

Friday 17th January - Class 1

Christmas Church Services

On Monday and Tuesday, we held Church Services for Chilford/Simmons and Granta/Rivey house groups at St Mary's Church, Linton. For a change this year, we moved our services to the daytime to include all our pupils, and it was great to see the church so full on both days. Year 6 took a leading role in retelling the enchanting Charlie Mackesy story 'The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse' with song performances from Years 3-5.

We very much enjoyed the opportunity both days provided to quietly reflect on the story of the Nativity and the themes of fear, friendship, love and kindness. Thank you to Reverend Paul, Nanette and all of St Mary's for the warm welcome. For more details of community church events over the festive period, visit:

[https://www.stmaryslinton.org.uk/Groups/422563/W/hats On.aspx](https://www.stmaryslinton.org.uk/Groups/422563/W/hats%20On.aspx)

and

[https://www.lintonfreechurch.org.uk/Articles/703323/Christmas Events and.aspx](https://www.lintonfreechurch.org.uk/Articles/703323/Christmas%20Events%20and.aspx)



Young Voices Meeting for Parents

We will be holding a brief information meeting about our upcoming Young Voices trip on Thursday 9th January at 5pm, for current Choir parents. The meeting will be in a classroom - please do join us if you can.

Recording child absence link

Just a reminder for all parents and carers that any absence for your child must be recorded via our online form. If you have recorded via the link, you do not need to phone or email as well as we will check the online form at morning registration every day. Please ensure you complete the absence log by 9am on each day of your child's absence. Please see the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/gdN0pAh1Ts>

Reminders

School Lunches

Please ensure that you pre order your child's school lunches for the forthcoming school week by midnight on Saturday, at the latest.

To register for meals - www.ifg-psm.co.uk.

For any queries or to make any meal changes email - primary@impactfood.co.uk or call 0204 542 7211.

Innovate will not be able to supply school lunches if you have not pre ordered your child's meals.

Year 6 Residential Trip to Aylmerton – June 2025

The second instalment for the Year 6 residential trip was due Friday, 13th December. The third is due on 14th February. Please make your payments using MCAS.

Whole School Trip to the Pantomime

The whole school attended the pantomime in Bishops Stortford on Wednesday 18th December and we would like to ask for a voluntary contribution of £17. Please make your payment using MCAS.

Year 5 Trip to Leicester Space Centre

We will be taking Year 5 to the Leicester Space Centre on Tuesday 28th January. The first instalment of £18 was due on 1st November and the second instalment of £18 was due on Friday 6th December. Please make your payment using MCAS.

Year 4 Trip to the Cambridge Mosque

We will be taking Year 4 to the Cambridge Mosque and the C3 Church on Monday 27th January, and would like to ask for a contribution of £10 per child to cover the cost of the coach. Please make payment using MCAS.

GDPR Policies

Do you have a data query? If so, please see the Anglian Learning GDPR policies:

<https://anglianlearning.org/gdpr-policies/>

Term Dates:

2025 Spring Term Dates:

Monday 6th January – Friday 4th April

Inset day: Mon 6th January (non-pupil day)

Half Term: Mon 17th – Fri 21st February

Spring term ends Friday 4th April

The term dates for 2024/25 academic year are on our website under News and Events, Term Dates

Merry Christmas

Anglian Learning – Key highlights

As CEO of Anglian Learning, the multi-academy Trust which supports your child/ren's school, I would like to share some key highlights of the work Anglian Learning has undertaken in the last few months. These activities have benefitted our pupils, workforce and communities of our Trust. As a large school trust, we received £1.8 million in government funding to enhance the condition of our schools. While this does not meet all our needs, it has allowed us to prioritise health and safety improvements, essential repairs and the energy efficiency of our buildings. A major piece of work was the [installation of solar panels](#) across all our schools, reducing energy costs and our carbon footprint. The money saved can be allocated to other areas for the education of our young people.

Other important areas we have focused on include:

- Strengthening our IT infrastructure to protect against cyber attacks
- Reviewing safeguarding in all schools
- Introducing a Teaching and Learning Framework that sets out the principles of excellent classroom teaching to be adopted by each school
- Hosting leadership conferences for headteachers and deputy headteachers on creating strong teams, supporting positive relationships with pupils and much more
- Starting our 'Belonging by Design' strategy to improve pupil attendance, SEND support and mental health, supported by the funding we have received from Cambridgeshire and Suffolk Local Authorities.

Finally, in November, we celebrated our secondary school pupils' creativity with the [Platform 24](#) art exhibition at The Michaelhouse Café. The exhibition featured inspiring work from our talented KS3, KS4 pupils and A Level students.

I wish all families a restful break and thank you for your continued support as we work to transform education together. For more information on our Trust's activities, please visit our website www.anglianlearning.org, or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

Jonathan Culpin, CEO



Jonathan Culpin, CEO and Duncan Cooper, Director of Secondary Education with pupils at the Platform 24 exhibition.