



# Linchfield Academy Newsletter

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026



## The Deepings Art Competition

"What incredibly talented children you have in your school!" was the statement made by Steve Holt, one of the organisers of The Rotary Club of The Deepings Art Competition. And how right he is. Linchfield was invited to enter a group of our Y6 children into the Rotary Art Competition, with the work being displayed in the Deeping's Tesco store for the local people to enjoy. The artwork was then judged, alongside the work from other Y6 children from the other local primary schools. All the work was of the highest quality and all the children entered should be incredibly proud of themselves. However, as always, there could be only one overall winner and Lacey, from our school was the artist who achieved that accolade. Her stunning self-portrait, inspired by the work of Julian Opie and Andy Warhol, was chosen to receive the First Prize award of £50 (with an equal cash prize being donated to the school) and Enya was also chosen as a winner of a cash prize for her own superb self-portrait. Alongside these talented artists, 3 other Y6 children: Rosie, Evelyn and Joshua were worthy recipients of a chocolate easter egg for their entries, which had also been chosen for the talent demonstrated in their work. Well done to all!!!

The Deepings  
**Rotary**  
Club



## Linchfield Book Club

Recently, the Book Club met to discuss the author, Piers Torday. Piers Torday is an award-winning author and best-selling children's author. Many of his books are longer chapter books, featuring strong characters on a gripping adventure with a great many cliff hangers making you want to continue reading. More recently, he has written a lyrical tale called 'According to Owl and Dog' (due to be released in October in 2026) where Girl and her loyal companion Dog take a magical journey to discover books and the joys of reading!

Linchfield Book Club recommends these books to boys and girls in Year 6 and confident readers in Year 5. These books would be a great read for those that love adventure stories, especially those that take place in other worlds. Please ask Mrs Bates if you have any questions. Happy reading!



## PTA Easter Raffle

A big thank you to the PTA for organising such a lovely Easter raffle, and to everyone who took part. Tyler was absolutely delighted to win a basket of Easter treats!



### School Information

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## Apprenticeship Levy Funds

Help Strengthen Local Schools by Donating Unused Apprenticeship Levy Funds

CIT is seeking support from businesses that pay into the Apprenticeship Levy but don't use all their funds. By transferring unspent Levy contributions, organisations can directly help develop skilled, motivated apprentices who play essential roles in our schools - from supporting teaching and SEND provision to administration and vital operational services.

Apprentices at CIT receive high quality training, structured mentoring, and a clear development pathway, giving them the confidence and experience to build meaningful long-term careers in education. Levy funds can help us grow a dedicated workforce that shares our commitment to inclusion and excellence.

We're looking for organisations that:

- Have a payroll over £3 million (Levy-paying employers).
- Don't fully use their Apprenticeship Levy funds.
- Are willing to transfer their unused funds to support apprenticeships within CIT.

By partnering with us, businesses can make a real impact on young people, schools, and communities across the region.

Interested in supporting CIT?

Contact: [Lauren.Bedford@citacademies.co.uk](mailto:Lauren.Bedford@citacademies.co.uk)

## Picture News Information for Parents/Carers

Picture News is a weekly educational resource used in many primary schools. It helps children understand what is happening in the world by exploring real news stories in a way that is suitable for young learners. Each week, children are introduced to a current news event through images, simple explanations, and discussion questions. Teachers use it to encourage curiosity, critical thinking, and respectful discussion. Picture News introduces real events in a child-friendly way so children can learn about what is happening locally and globally. Children are asked thoughtful questions about the news story, helping them learn how to share ideas, listen to others, and respect different viewpoints. By discussing news stories, children begin to think about fairness, choices, and consequences. This supports their problem-solving and reasoning skills. Talking about news stories in class helps children develop confidence when expressing their thoughts. Picture News often connects with topics such as kindness, responsibility, diversity, and community. It also supports areas of learning such as PSHE, citizenship, and British values.

## Diary Dates

Thursday 30 April  
 Mon 11 - Thurs 14 May  
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 Tuesday 19 May  
 Friday 22 May  
 Tuesday 2 June  
 Tues 2 - Fri 12 June  
 Friday 12 June  
 Tuesday 16 June  
 Wednesday 24 June  
 Thurs 25 - Fri 26 June  
 Friday 3 July  
 Wed 8 - Fri 10  
 Friday 17 July  
 Wednesday 22 July

Year 4 Residential Parent Meeting - 3.30pm  
 Year 6 SATs  
 Year 5 Bikeability  
 Year 6 Residential Parent Meeting - 3.30pm  
 End of Term 5  
 PTA Sponsored Rainbow Run  
 Term 6 Begins  
 Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check  
 Summer Picnic & Dance - 12.00pm  
 Bag2School Collection  
 Year 6 Pop Up Restaurant  
 Year 4 Residential  
 Crazy for Music Concert - 9.30am  
 Year 6 Residential - PGL  
 Year 6 Fun Day  
 End of Term 6