



LANSDOWNE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear parents and carers,

And so we come to the end of another school year! This week's Summer Fair was a lovely end-of-year celebration, as illustrated by the photos shared here. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make it such a success.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to you all for your consistent support throughout the year. It really does make a positive difference and is much appreciated. I must also thank all our staff, whatever their role, who support the pupils so well and frequently go above and beyond to ensure that your children have a positive school experience. Their dedication, professionalism and care are what make Lansdowne the special and extraordinary school it is. It was so satisfying to see this recognised officially by Ofsted after our inspection earlier this year.

It has been an honour to be interim Head of School this year and to continue and build upon the legacy left after Jon Jukes retired. Looking back over the newsletters, I think it has been a very successful year with so many highlights that it is impossible to mention one without feeling guilty for omitting another. We are looking forward to welcoming our new Executive Headteacher and Head of School, Elena Gallardo, in September and to the start of an exciting new chapter in Lansdowne's story.



That leads to the bittersweet part of this end-of-year message. We are saying goodbye to our current Executive Headteacher, Linda Adams. Linda has led Lansdowne for the last fifteen years and been associated with the Lansdowne Turney Federation for over thirty years. Over this time, Linda has successfully led both schools through times of change, challenge and success. The many Ofsted inspections she has steered both schools through have consistently been graded good or outstanding. Ensuring the provision of high-quality education for all pupils, serving their best interests and, perhaps most importantly, ensuring a memorable and happy school experience have been the guiding principles underpinning Linda's leadership.

One of my favourite comments from our recent Ofsted report states: "Pupils feel that they belong. They make friends, look after each other and enjoy being part of a warm and inclusive community." I believe that encapsulates the wonderful legacy Linda leaves as she embarks on a very well-earned retirement. Thank you for everything you have done, Mrs Adams. You will be missed, but we wish you all the best for your retirement.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer break.

Best wishes,
Francis Downing
(Interim) Head of School

Dates for your Diary:

- ♦ Students in receipt of Free School Meals will receive Tesco vouchers via e-mail. Please contact School Office if you have not received these vouchers.
- ♦ Uniform will be available from 1st September between 8am-2pm.
- ♦ First day of our 2026/27 School Year is Monday, 7th September!
- ♦ Sign up for Breakfast Club via School Office which will resume on 14th September.





Summer Fair

South London Gallery Trips

For our latest Art trip, selected classes visited the South London Gallery to see the current exhibition "Encantados" (Enchanted), by the artist Paulo Nimer PJota. This artist works on the topics of magic, storytelling, nature, music and fantasy. These themes were present in large paintings and huge drawings drawn directly onto the high ceiling walls of the gallery.

This site specific installation engages with our imagination and invites visitors to be storytellers. In order to work on their visual literacy skills and attention to detail, students were given the challenge of finding small details of the paintings throughout the room. The show is free and open until the 23rd August, feel free to visit!

— Ms Mendonça



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