



2026 AT A GLANCE

Friday, February 13

Break up for half-term

Tuesday, February 17

Beginning of Lent, Ramadan

Monday, February 23

Back to school

Tuesday, February 24

Thinking Day - Scouts, Guides and Rangers to wear their uniform to school

Wednesday, March 25

Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday, March 31

Year 7 Parents' Evening

Thursday, April 2

Break up for Easter Holiday

Monday, April 20

Back to school

Tuesday, April 24

Bowling Reward Trip

Monday, May 4

Bank Holiday - no school

HALFWAY ALREADY!

From Miss Mcvicker, Head of Year 7

CAN you believe that we are halfway through the school year!?

Our Year 7 students seem settled and are engaging well in their lessons. One of my favourite parts of my roles is going into various lessons and watching the students enjoy and engage with their learning.

I was delighted to be able to celebrate with 197 children this week who had zero 'coasting' on their summary report! Congratulations to all of those students. They are making positive choices every day.

Have a safe and restful half-term break. We return to school on Monday, February 23.

BREAKFAST CLUB

OUR Breakfast Club is open every day from 7.30am. Students can come and enjoy tasty treats such as a range of cereals; toasted bagels; toast; tea; coffee; jam; chocolate/Biscoff spread, etc. This is FREE FOR EVERYONE and a super opportunity to come in out of the chilly/wet weather, socialise with friends and enjoy some tasty food and drinks.

CELEBRATION BREAKFAST

WE invited 133 Year 7 students to a celebration breakfast to recognise and reward them for their commitment to learning this term. This is an amazing achievement and one which involves the support from our families, whom we thank too!

It was a reward for these students to have a little time off timetable, some down time with their friends whilst enjoying a tasty breakfast.





RSPB BIG SCHOOLS BIRD WATCH

Mrs Parker

AS part of Lipson's Climate Action Plan and our ongoing commitment to sustainability, several Year 7 classes recently took part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch.

This nationwide event is the world's largest garden wildlife survey and is held annually to help track trends in UK bird populations.

During one weekend in January, hundreds of thousands of people across the country record the birds they see, providing valuable data that helps the RSPB understand which species are thriving and which are in decline.

This information plays a vital role in directing conservation efforts, understanding environmental changes, and monitoring the overall health of our ecosystems.

It is estimated that 38 million birds have been lost from UK skies over the past 60 years. With birds facing increasing challenges, activities such as the Big Garden Birdwatch are more important than ever.

We are proud to support the fantastic work of the RSPB and to help our students understand how they can play a part in protecting wildlife for the future.

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EVERY SCHOOLDAY COUNTS



LOST LEARNING



5 MINS EACH DAY = 3 DAYS LOST!
10 MINS LATE EACH DAY = 6.5 DAYS LOST!
15 MINS LATE EACH DAY = 10 DAYS LOST!
20 MINS LATE EACH DAY = 13 DAYS LOST!
30 MINS LATE EACH DAY = 19 DAYS LOST!

Figures calculated over one school year

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EXCELLENT attendance is pivotal to your child's success. Quite simply, if your child is not here, they cannot learn.

As a mum, I know it is really difficult to make that call sometimes. However, we ask, wherever possible, that your child makes their way into school.

A total of 125 Year 7 students have 100% attendance - well done!

If your child is too poorly to attend choose one of two ways to contact school:

Contact the absence link on 01752 671618, option 1 and option 1 again.

Email studentservices@lipson.plymouth.sch.uk

Please be aware that, if your child is not feeling 100% they can still come in and medication can be left at reception if a parent signs to permit we can administer it.

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UNIFORM REMINDER

Miss Mcvicker

COULD I please ask that you familiarise yourself with our uniform expectations? I have noticed a few students who are not adhering to our expectations. Many thanks. As a reminder, all false nails should be removed by our return to school; only one natural hair colour; only ear piercings permitted; and black polishable shoes permitted.

PE Kit is part of each student's equipment. To help you to support them, their PE days are Monday and Wednesday every week.

Full guidelines can be found in this Year's Families Handbook, pages 16-19, which can be accessed [here](https://heyzine.com/flip-book/1048511b82.html) (https://heyzine.com/flip-book/1048511b82.html).

School Uniform

uniform supplier is The Schoolwear Shop, 105 Mayflower Street, Plymouth, PL1 1SD.
Phone: 01752 252025. Email: shop@plymouthschoolwear.co.uk

They are open Monday-Saturday, 9am-5pm every week, and 11am-3pm on Sundays during the summer holidays.

can also order online, which gives plenty of time to buy uniform ready for September.

the following items should be bought from there only: blazer; tie; skirt; and PE top.

Whilst they also stock our other items (below), these can also be bought from any

Looking for items to purchase?	Where to purchase?
Leisure blazer	Plymouth Schoolwear only
Leisure tie	Plymouth Schoolwear only
Blue shirt (long or short sleeve)	Any department in Plymouth Schoolwear
Dark trousers	Any department in Plymouth Schoolwear
Boys' PE kit	Plymouth Schoolwear only
New girls' French jacket (optional)	Any department in Plymouth Schoolwear

JEWELLERY GUIDELINES

Piercings

Ears – studs only
No hoops, bars or stretchers

No other facial piercings - this includes nose piercings
No tongue piercings

No rings and no bracelets (excluding medical reasons)

Hair

One natural colour No extreme hair cuts

Nails

No false nails of any type

Make-up

Must be minimal

THINKING DAY CELEBRATION - SCOUT AND GIRL GUIDING MOVEMENTS

WE invite all young people involved in Scouting or Guiding (Scouts, Girl Guides and Rangers) to wear their uniform to school on Tuesday, February 24 and share their pride in the movement and their own accomplishments within them.

We would love to learn more about what you do!

WHEN?
Founders Day & Thinking Day are officially on Sunday 22nd February, but due to weekends and half terms, Plymouth are celebrating on **Tuesday 24th February 2026**

WHO?
All young people involved in Scouts or Guides. This includes, Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Volunteers, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers.

HOW?
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WHY?
We Celebrate Founders Day and Thinking Day to commemorate the foundations of Scouts and Girl Guiding.

FOUNDERS DAY 2026
24TH FEB 2026

SCOUTS & GUIDES ORIGIN STORIES

Girlguiding
Scouts Plymouth

CHOC AWAY - DESERVED TIME OUT

Miss Mcvicker

I HAD the pleasure of hosting 41 students who had showed their continued commitment to high standards of behaviour and making the right choices every day.

I really enjoyed their company and, to add to this, we had a treat of doughnuts and hot chocolate to enhance our time off timetable!





Miss Mcvicker

UNFORTUNATELY, much of my time recently has been taken up with poor use of social media and the issues that then spill into school.

Whilst we offer advice and talk about the correct use of social media through assemblies, SMSC and citizenship lessons, we cannot monitor use of social media outside of school. This is the responsibility of parents/carers.

Some parents/carers are already very skilled in monitoring their child's use, whilst some of us may not even realise what the children can do and how it can be disguised. Please use [this link](#) or go to www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/social-media/ to assist you in finding out how to monitor what your child is doing online.

Think about how you can support by: removing devices before bedtime; adding parental controls; and limiting time online. After all, most of us pay for these devices!

We appreciate your support in ensuring that our students are able to use their phones responsibly and with maturity and kindness.

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LIPSON'S
SPARX MATHS STARS
 YEAR 7 TERM 2A

Place	Tutor	XP
1	GMN	639
2	SJO	594
3	SWN	538
4	HNG	535
5	RAS	506

- 🏆 Samir the Shadow 7,950 XP
- 🏆 Edna the Clever 6,879 XP
- 🏆 Anderson the Honest 5,999 XP
- 4 Seth the Glory 5,902 XP
- 5 Hiruka the One and Only 5,813 XP



National
Theatre

CONNECTIONS
2026

Lipson Drama Academy presents

RIIDE OR DIE

by Florence
Espeut-Nickless

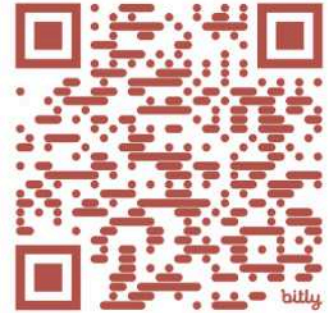
Muse Theatre

Thursday, April 2

Curtain up: 6.15pm

Tickets: £4*

Book at: bit.ly/lcarod



**Booking fee applies*



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GIRLS GO FORTH IN CUP

Mr Stubbs

THE combined Year 7 and 8 girls football team has been in scintillating form in the early rounds of the English Schools National Cup. After receiving a bye in the first round, the girls squared off against Torpoint in the second round and did not waste any time racing to a 3-0 lead inside the first five minutes.

Lipson controlled large portions of the game and were a constant threat on the attack. The front three of Minnie, Darcy and Sunni were constantly in on goal and the opposition defence could not contain them. Not only were Lipson a threat going forwards, they were solid at the back, not conceding a single goal. Well done to Lola for keeping a clean sheet!

Lipson were untroubled throughout the game and were eventual winners 8-0 with goals from Minnie (3); Darcy (3); and Sunni (2).

The girls did not have long until their next test, Newton Abbot College in the third round. With grass pitches out of action because of the weather, Lipson were the hosts on our smaller 3G pitch. In a similar story to the previous round, Lipson came out of blocks firing and a ten-minute hat-trick from Sunni to start the game from Sunni set the tone.

On a smaller pitch, Lipson were challenged to play football and keep the ball on the ground. Lipson were in control of the game throughout, and it was Lipson's defence that deserve all of the plaudits, keeping yet another clean sheet.

There was a change in role for Lola, who played outfield and even got in on the goals, scoring an excellent header. Lipson were excellent again and thoroughly deserved their second 8-0 win in a row. Goals from: Sunni (3); Minnie (2); Darcy (2) and Lola.



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GOLDEN TICKET

MANY of our Year 7 students were rewarded with golden tickets in the final week of the half-term for their commitment to our PERK values.

Students were invited to enjoy a brownie from Milas' Bakery for their efforts - yum!



LIPSON IN THE COMMUNITY



FareShare

South West

LIPSON LARDER

Serving the community for three years

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Assisting

30

families every week

10kg

to each family

46.8 TONNES

of food provided



More than

1500

people use our facilities every week, including: Drake FC; Wranglers; University of Plymouth Archery and Lacrosse teams



VOLUNTARY WORK

320+ hours devoted to partnering with multiple local primary schools, leading sports days and running sports festivals

We host the **CITY OF PLYMOUTH DANCE FESTIVAL**

annually

1,500 young Plymothians



30

MUSICAL YOUTH

Our young musicians performed at

30 community events last year



120

hours of performing and volunteering



70+ STUDENTS

played at events like:

- Lord Mayor's Choosing
- Armed Forces Day
- DfE Conferences
- Ted Wragg Awards
- Saltash Festival
- Many local schools and churches

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LENT

Lent is a 40-day time before Easter when Christians pray, give to others, and give things up.

Challenge yourself to give up some of the below acts each day during the 40 days of LENT.

TikTok scrolling	Doom-scrolling	Judging others	Using AI
Gossiping	Sugary snacks	Social media	Gaming
Fizzy drinks	Chocolate	Leaving lights on	Editing selfies or filters
Fast food	Negative self-talk	Using air pods	Screen time after 8pm

GLOW FOR IT

YEAR 7 students were lucky to be provided the opportunity to participate in a Glow in the Darrk Dodgeball Tournament organised by our fantastic Sixth Form students.

Skyla, Lacey and Lily came up with the idea of running this event to promote participation and physical activity amongst students at Lipson.

The event ran for an hour as four teams battled it out to be GLOW champions. There was facepaint, blow-up aliens and some questionable DJing. The event was a huge success and congratulations to Harper, Darcy, Amelie and Julia for coming out eventual winners!

Well done to all students who attended to make it a fantastic event!



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BOYS FOOTBALL

Mr Joint

Plymouth Cup

Our Year 7 football team produced an excellent performance in the second round of the Plymouth Cup, securing a convincing 5-0 victory against Sir John Hunt Academy.

The team showed great teamwork, confidence and determination throughout the match, with strong defending and clinical finishing leading to a well-deserved win and a clean sheet.

Well done to all involved as the team progress to the next round!

Devon Cup

Our Year 7 football team showed great courage and commitment in the second round of the Devon Cup, playing away against a strong side from Braunton Academy.

Despite a tough result, the team battled hard throughout the match and never gave up, demonstrating excellent effort, determination and team spirit on the pitch. Although the final score finished 6-0 in Braunton's favour, there were plenty of positive moments for Lipson - including some promising attacking play and committed defending against well-organised opponents.

We are proud of the team for their resilience and sportsmanship and look forward to seeing them continue to develop as the season progresses.

Keep going, Year 7!



OOH LA LA!

WE are delighted to offer an exciting opportunity for students currently in Year 7 to take part in a residential trip to Disneyland Paris during our Enrichment Week in July 2027.

We will be travelling by coach to Folkestone and on the Eurotunnel and to the accommodation in Paris for three nights (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) before returning through Thursday night, arriving back at Lipson on Friday morning, ensuring every hour is full of activity. As part of the trip we are planning to include:

A full day in Disneyland Paris for a day in the park. Over 40 attractions ranging from riverboat cruises to rollercoaster rides, this is a place which truly opens the imagination.

- A full day in Walt Disney Studios where you can go behind the scenes experiencing the magic of film, television and entertainment.
- A full day sightseeing in Paris, including a visit to Trocadero to see the Eiffel tower, Arc de Triomphe, Sacré-Cœur and Montmartre with an evening meal in a Paris Restaurant.
- A visit to the Disney Village
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More details will be emailed out to parents soon.



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SHOUT-OUTS

Miss Geraghty's 7x/PE1 Group

WOW!

I look forward to teaching this group every week, I am sooooo lucky to have them. So polite and hard working - always saying 'hello' to me when they see me around school!

We have been doing badminton this term and I have been super impressed with so many.

Shout-outs for:

- Vivian - she looks like she's been playing for years!
- Jess M - getting the most amount in a rally!
- Willow G - always on hand to help out
- Sherri - always seeing if I need anything doing - so helpful!
- Daisy B - educating me on a slick back brush!
- Sienna - PERK 100%!



CONTACTS

PLEASE remember, if you need to contact school, your first point of contact is your child's tutor. I am lucky enough to have an incredible team of tutors and I have listed their email addresses below. In addition, you can also contact our Progress Team, who will be pleased to help you:

studentservices@lipson.plymouth.sch.uk

- 7ABS** *anna.billings@lipson.plymouth.sch.uk* (Miss Billing)
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7SDN *simon.diskin@lipson.plymouth.sch.uk* (Mr Diskin)
7RAS *richard.abrams@lipson.plymouth.sch.uk* (Mr Abrams)
7GMN *gavin.martin@lipson.plymouth.sch.uk* (Mr Martin)
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PLEASE make contact if you would like to celebrate/query/ask a question or bring our attention to another matter.

Thank you, once again, for your continued support. Ramadan Mubarak to all of our Muslim families for February 17.

Miss Mcvicker *HOY 7*
Mrs Jones *Deputy Head,*
Mrs Usher *Year 7 Link*