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Introduction

Dear all,

It is a cliché to talk about term accelerating towards the end or running out of road, but both have been on my lips this week. No matter how well we plan the tempo seems to speed up just when we are feeling our tired legs! For me this week so far has had everything; from complex HR matters to sublime moments of reflection with our Research Community. Chris Hildrew at Churchill is clearly having a similar week and in our termly review yesterday he mentioned a moment when he was reminded why it is all worth it— it involved a very large biscuit and a delightful surprise. Chris explains it in his [LinkedIn post](#). I sincerely hope that your week also has some moments when the importance and impact of our work in school leadership and governance strikes home. We might think of these as our cookie moments!

Moving from one cliché to another, I love beginnings but dread endings. One such ending is coming in fast on me and that is the departure of Jon Nunes from Backwell School. Jon's whole career has been at Backwell and he is a remarkable example of someone who has enjoyed a highly successful career while giving his loyalty to one school and community. Jon is Backwell through and through; his wife Rosie is also a colleague at the school and his daughters have been/still are pupils there. Jon's wisdom and good judgement have been invaluable as we have evolved as a Trust. He is assertive and pro-active but completely lacking in ego, which is perhaps not a characteristic that headship is always characterised by! Jon has decided to take early retirement and, although we shall really miss him, I know that you will all join me in wishing him and his family all the very best. Godspeed!

Amy Townsend Executive Headteacher at Wraxall and St Mary's also approaches both an end and a beginning. Amy secured the appointment of Executive Headteacher at Yatton Schools last Friday. She was against a very capable field but impressed with her good eye for standards, personal experience and ability to build relationships. She will be a very worthy successor to Jo Keeble, when she starts in January 2026. I'll now be working with Cath Campbell and colleagues in governance at St Mary's and Wraxall to plan succession there.

At the end of a busy term and very significant year in our development can I thank you for your work and contribution. I also want to say thank you to Pauline Davis and Christine Dyer who are stepping down from their Chair of Governors roles at the end of term.

Our Trust is maturing well and as a big ship is able to cope with some very stormy seas in times of funding and educational challenges. Our systems are strong but our culture is even more important and I think that we are able to learn from mistakes in LSP. Thank you for all that you contribute to our way of working together.

Have a lovely summer!

With best wishes,

Gary Lewis, Chief Executive

Safeguarding Update

We are pleased to announce that Lorraine McKay has been appointed Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) for LSP on a one day a week secondment for the next academic year. Lorraine, from Churchill Academy & Sixth Form, has a wealth of safeguarding experience across both primary and secondary settings as we are looking forward to her working in our schools and supporting DSLs. We will share more information in September, including contact details, when Lorraine takes up her secondment.

Following information last week the Department for Education have (again!) unexpectedly released the updated [Relationships and Sex Education \(RSE\) and Health Education guidance](#) on Tuesday 15 July (after saying it would not be released until September). We are therefore updating our Safeguarding Policy to reflect this. Our aim is to share the updated policy with you before the end of term (22 July) after it has been approved by Trustees. We will email this directly to Heads and DSLs.

As you know there are limited updates and we finalising the update training and also hope that this will be available before the end of term. To support your INSET planning, we are expecting this update to last around half an hour. In the meantime, Safeguarding Network have produced [this short film detailing the updates](#).

Upcoming Communications

We wanted to make you aware of a few others communications which will be following over the next few days, as this is the last bulletin of the academic year.

- There will be a special edition of the bulletin, covering a few key budget related messages for Heads and SBM/OMs sent out before the end of the week following the Trustees' Meeting tonight.
- We will also be emailing Headteachers the link to the Parents Edition of The Beacon so this can be included in your final newsletter/emails home. (The staff edition of The Beacon has already been circulated, directly to staff, earlier this week).
- Trustees will also be ratifying a number of policies, for September, at their meeting this week. Once these have been published we will email school leaders.

Preparation for September 2025 Special Editions

Last week we circulated special editions of the bulletin for outlining key tasks and deadlines for September 2025.

[Click here to view the special bulletin for leaders](#)

[Click here to view the special bulletin for governance](#)

We hope you will find them useful.

LSP Primary Curriculum SharePoint - access for new starters

Please email lighthouselearning@lsp.org.uk with the names and emails of new teaching colleagues who will need to be given access to the LSP Primary Curriculum SharePoint.

This will be actioned in September, and individuals will be emailed directly to confirm when the access had been given.

Operational Away Day - July 2025

Thank you to all those who attended the Operational Away day on Tuesday 8 July.

We really felt the value of spending the day together, as colleagues, in person and do hope you found the day informative and helpful.

[Click here to view the slides](#) from the different sessions.

Here are a few more pictures from the day:



2025-26 3-Year Budget

Thank you to School Business Managers, and any other staff involved, for all your hard work in producing your 2025-26 3-year budgets. The Central Team have reviewed your budget plans, and the collated information will be reported to the Board of Trustees on Wednesday 16 July.



Compliance Contracts September 2025

As mentioned in a [previous bulletin](#), the following contracts have been tendered and awarded for 3 years (except for Celtic kilns and Allianz which are 1 year) and will start in September 2025. These contracts are all paid as part of the Core service charge and so schools **should not be paying invoices to these companies for servicing**, only remedials or quoted work.

The main change to note is that Waterhouse will no longer be carrying out servicing for any schools but they will still be invited to quote for any project work and will remain on our preferred supplier list. If a call out is required please always contact the contractor who services the asset in the first instance. If you are ever in doubt about which contractor to use please contact your hub estates lead.

All service reports will continue to be uploaded centrally, please refrain from closing down any central compliance contract tasks, even if you know they have carried out the visit, as we then have no way of monitoring which reports are outstanding.

Please find a quick reference guide for schools that lists the [contact details of all of our compliance contractors here](#).

In the meantime, if you have any questions about any of these contracts please contact trust-services@lsp.org.uk

SERVICE	COMPANY	COMMENTS
Air Conditioning	Ian Hobbs Technical Services	*New
Automatic Doors	Avon Armour	
Fall Protection Equipment	A2M Safety Ltd	
Fixed Wire Testing	Source Electrical	*New
Fume Cupboards	GP Fume	
Heating	Lipari	*New
Heavy Catering Equipment	Saunders	
Kilns	Celtic Kilncare Ltd	
Lifts	Hoistway	*New
LOLER inspections	Allianz	
Lightning Protection	Dawson Steeplejacks Ltd	
PAT	JR PAT Testing Ltd	
Patient Lifting	Beaucare	
Roller Shutters	Door Services Bristol	
Stage Lighting	Solutions on Stage	
Workshop Machinery	Bowerhill Machinery Services Ltd	

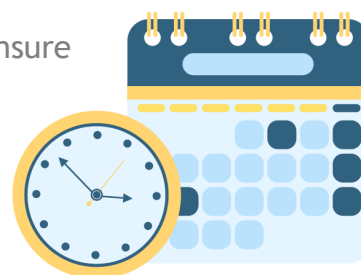
Reminder: Clerks' Network

Our final Clerks' Network for 2024-25 will be held **today (Wednesday 16 July)** at 1.00pm. Clerks have received a Team invitation from Sarah Cran.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

KEY DATES, DEADLINES & REMINDERS

These reminders do not replace the LSP Annual Planner so please ensure you are checking this regularly (link on next page).



Key Dates

DATE	INFORMATION	FAO
Thursday 31 July @ 5.00pm	Deadline for primary schools to have completed the DfE PE and Sport Premium digital reporting document.	Heads, SBMs & OMs



Unlocking Spelling

We are delighted to share that Unlocking Spelling is now available to LSP schools on the ULS website. A massive thank you to the ULS team (especially Emma Gomes) for their work on this. As we have said, this will initially only be available to LSP schools so please do not share more widely.

This coincides perfectly with the publication of the [Writing Framework](#) which emphasises the importance of transcriptional skills for our pupils. ULS now supports this with both fully re-sourced spelling and handwriting schemes.

You can see when you login, Unlocking Spelling sits on our ULS platform and includes the training session delivered last week, progression and resources including lesson slides. It is essential that all staff delivering the programme watch the CPD. Also a reminder that English Leads were given time at the last English Network to not only trial a lesson but also develop an implementation plan. Please discuss with them how you are going to implement this in your school.

Thank you!

We're so grateful for all your hard work and dedication this year. We wish you all a relaxing, well-deserved break this summer, and we look forward to working with you again in 2025-26!



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KEY LINKS

Please note the following links will only work for those who already have access to the relevant site or folder. If you feel you need to be given permission to access something please [let us know](#).

Annual Planner 2024/25

Click to view the Annual Planner
(Via Sharepoint)



Annual Planner 2025/26

Click to view the Annual Planner for
next academic year (Via Sharepoint)

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The Beacon

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the LSP Newsletter: The Beacon



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