LINDLEY OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB
Registered Charity No:1067540

GLEDHOLT METHODIST CHURCH, EDGERTON GROVE ROAD
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Annual General Meeting October 19th 2026
Chairperson's Report

The current staff teams consist of:

Business Staff:
- Elaine Nixon
- Emma Manby
- Helen Hall

Team Leaders:
- Ruth Ford
- Wendi Armstrong

Contracted Staff:
- Clare Hall
- Katie Steel
- Marta Trochim
- Naomi Issac
- Wahida Shahbaz
- Naheeda Parveen
- Niall Macblain

Bank:
- Yasmine Rehman
- Amelie Aisthorpe
- Flora Jones
- Steph Garner-Kershaw
- Kaitlyn Hanson
- Anamika Amin
- Imogen Lister
- Ellie Draper

Total 20

Contract Staff Leavers
Ben Whitehead left to begin a new career after stints working pre and post University

We have said goodbye to bank staff: Lucy Shallow, Yasmin Abbas

Training

- Ruth updated her Paediatric First Aid training in June 2026 .
- Safeguarding Training with Kirklees for ALL staff in January 2026 at Birchencliffe
- Niall Blain currently working towards Level 3 in Early Year's Educator.
- Staff Training & Team Building Day in August, focussing on Safeguarding / changes to Ofsted / Allergy updates and scenarios group discussion and team games.
- Staff have accessed a variety of Noodle now courses including; Safeguarding, Food Safety & Hygiene, Child on Child Abuse, Sexual Harassment in the Workplace, Professional Curiosity, Domestic Abuse.

Events since the last AGM

It was agreed by Trustees in May 26 for fees to be increased from September 2026 due to the anticipated financial loss for the year and continued costs increases, especially in the living wage, national insurance

and rent. Previously, as per Committee agreement, Reserves were used up to limit losses, but we now only hold minimum reserves required by our Policy. Playscheme costs were increased for the Summer for non-LOSC families prior to this planned increase, aiming to limit the financial loss for the year.

All children in Club were given a Christmas present in December 2025 in partnership with Nicola at the Children's bookshop. Christmas parties were held in both Clubs and Santa came to visit the Infants.

LOSC created a Scarecrow for the Lindley Scarecrow Festival in October and was well received by all who attended.

LOSC attended a Community Gala held at Lindley Methodist Church in May, offering glitter tattoos and games.

Kids Club continues to be a useful resource for bookings and invoices, enabling parents to make ad hoc bookings and registers to be instantly updated and available at Club and the office. Parents can see all their bookings in their calendar, notes can be added re late pick-ups and accident forms can be completed and signed electronically by parents.

Playscheme

Since Playscheme continues to be very busy we continue to give a few days priority booking to our existing customers, ahead of wider availability to non LOSC parents. Summer Playscheme 2026 was very successful, with many staff feeding back that the days ran smoothly. It helped we received a healthy amount of donations and toys sourced from charity shops which, along with planned activities, enabled children to keep busy and enjoy their time at Club.
Risk assessments were updated regarding trips and amendments made as required due to hot weather
Any surplus monies from Playschemes continue to be put back into new resources.

Out of School Club attendance:

As per business reports, attendance continues to be very healthy, especially at our Junior Clubs.
The flexibility of ad hoc bookings is being well used by parents for extra requirements and for shift worker parents too.
Late pick-up service from schools is well used.

Community Contribution:

LOSC donated towards the Christmas Street party Community fund.

The Committee:

Committee members Jill Dyson (Chair), Vicky Golding (Vice-Chair), Neil Staniforth (Treasurer) and Devan Ridgwick (Secretary)