



# Lydden Primary School

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**TEAMWORK**  
**HEALTH**  
**RESPONSIBILITY**  
**INTEGRITY**  
**VALUE EVERYONE**  
**EMPATHY**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **The year so far.....:**

This term Olympus class have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages in History this term. Travelling back in time, they have learned about early animals and humanity and how they adapted and thrived in their ever-changing environments. They are looking forward to consolidating their learning next term when they visit a professional silver smith and see some of the metal work techniques that they have been learning about in action!

Everest class have been exploring the ancient Greeks in humanities and in science they have looked into matter, materials and their properties. In art, they have experimented with abstract form in their landscape paintings, inspired by the artist Friedensreich Hundertwasser, whilst in DT their culinary skills - and palates – have enjoyed the delights of mezze bowls, smorrebrod and flat breads.

Fuji class we have been learning how to write a setting description including expanded noun phrases such as the “crimson crunchy leaves”. In geography they have been learning about the seven continents, the five oceans and the UK, the children have loved learning the continent song! In history they have been exploring how our community has changed within living memory and the children have enjoyed comparing our school now to photographs from the 1990s.

Sugarloaf class have spent the term settling in, making new friends, and getting to know the routines of school. We are so proud of them, they are now part well and truly part of the Lydden family. It has been a joy to see Sugarloaf class grow in confidence and flourish in the school environment. This term we have been learning about each other, how to share, be kind and all about Autumn.

**Sporting Success:** Congratulations to our football team who put up a brave fight against Whitfield Primary School in their match this week. We had a lot of supporters, which was great to see. Our team had a lot of the possession but the ball just wouldn't hit the back of the net so the final score was 4-1 to Whitfield. Well done to all who took part, they were a credit to our Lydden family.

**Family Session:** It was lovely to see so many families attend our 'Come and see what we are about' session.

Families of Sugarloaf class shared in a phonics lesson with the children whilst Fuji class worked together with their families making and designing levers in DT. Children in Everest and Olympus classes challenged their parents and carers to a maths challenge and were pleased to be victorious. Thank you to all our families who visited us, it was great to welcome you all!

**Disco:** Don't forget to book tickets for our upcoming Halloween disco on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October 4.15-5.15pm. Children are invited to dress up if they wish. The price of a ticket will include a drink, a snack, and a lucky dip and are available to purchase on [eduspot](https://www.eduspot.com).

**Parent Consultations:** Don't forget to book an appointment for our upcoming parent consultation evenings being held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Sign-up sheets are available at the school office. Attending parent-teacher meeting helps you stay informed about your child's academic progress, behaviour, and social development at school. These meetings provide an opportunity for open communication between parents and teachers, allowing them to work together to support your child's learning, address any challenges early on and to share how learning can be supported at home. They are also a great opportunity to have a look at your child's wonderful learning in their books. We look forward to welcoming you on the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> of November.

**TT Rockstars:** Knowing their times tables is an essential skill for children because it forms the foundation for many areas of maths. When children can recall multiplication facts quickly and accurately, it helps them solve problems with confidence and frees up their thinking for more complex work. Times tables are used in division, fractions, percentages, and even algebra later on, so a strong grasp makes future learning much easier. Regular practice also helps build number sense and mental maths skills, which are useful both in school and everyday life. Children in Key Stage 1 have access to 'Numbots' which builds the foundations to learning multiplication facts and Key Stage 2 have access to 'TT Rockstars'. These are both online platforms and the children have log ins for these, which can be found in either their Reading Records or Homework books. Please support your child in learning their times tables alongside regular reading at home. Thank you for your support.

**Secondary School Applications:** If your child is currently in Year 6, please use the link below to access details of how to apply for a secondary school place. The window for applications closes on 31<sup>st</sup> October

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places#tab-1>

**Important dates:**

30 October	School Disco
5/6 November	Parent Consultation Evenings
11 Dec	Christmas Movie Night
16 December	Nativity Performance
17 December	Christmas Dinner/Carols around the tree
18 December	Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Parties.

The Lydden staff team wish all our families a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing the children on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October.

Best wishes

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**Term Dates 2024-2025**

Term 1	2.9.24- 17.10.25
Term 2	27.10.25- 18.12.24 (SDD 19.12.25)
Term 3	5.1.26- 13.2.26
Term 4	23.2.26- 2.4.26
Term 5	20.4.26- 22.5.26
Term 6	2.6.26- 11.7.25