



# Lydden Primary School

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**HEALTH**  
**RESPONSIBILITY**  
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**EMPATHY**

12 November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Disco:** Our recent disco was a roaring success with the majority of the school attending. The children had a wonderful time 'cutting their shapes' on the dance floor. Thank you so much to Mr Barnes for being such a great DJ and to the staff for supporting this event. Fundraisers such as these are vital to us as a school and we appreciate everyone's support.

**Children In Need:** Don't forget we are supporting Children In Need this year by inviting the children to come to school in their pyjamas on Friday. Please make a donation on [eduspot](http://eduspot) before Friday if your child would like to take part.

**Christmas Decorations Afternoon:** We are inviting parents/carers to come and join us for an afternoon of Christmas craft on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 1.45pm. Parents/carers will have the opportunity to make decorations with their children which will be displayed in school and the brought home to be enjoyed over Christmas at the end of term. We look forward to welcoming you all!

**Parent Survey:** The home/school partnership is vital to us and we value your feedback to help support school improvement. A link was sent out earlier in the week to our latest parent/carer survey. We would really appreciate it if you could spend 10 minutes completing this online form for us, thank you.

[Lydden Primary School Parent/Carer Survey November 2025 – Fill in form](#)

**Pantomime:** We are looking forward to welcoming Shooting Stars in to school on Wednesday 26 November to perform this year's pantomime, Robin Hood. This annual whole school event is always much anticipated by the children who thoroughly enjoy the afternoon. If you have not yet paid for your child to see the show, please do so on [eduspot](http://eduspot). Please do talk to us if you feel that your child might need some extra support during the show and we will ensure that we put the right provision in place so your child can have a fun afternoon.

**PE Kit:** The children came back to school in September looking very smart in both their school uniform and PE kits. Recently, we have noticed that a few children are beginning to wear PE tracksuit tops/sweatshirts/ tracksuits that are not part of our uniform policy. This is a reminder that children should be wearing a plain t-shirt of their house colour and **a plain, black/navy** sweatshirt or hoody if they are not wearing one of our new Lydden PE sweatshirts. The sweatshirts should not have logos or patterns etc. We will lend a plain hoody to any child who wears anything different. Even though it is a PE day the children should still look smart and not like it is a non-uniform day. Thank you for your support with this.

**Parent Consultation Meetings:** Thank you for taking the time to attend our Parents' Evenings last week, it was the first time for a number of years where we have had 100% attendance. It was a pleasure to discuss your child's progress and celebrate their achievements. Your support and involvement play a vital role in helping them reach their full potential. By working together—school and home—we can ensure every child continues to grow, learn, and succeed.

**Illness:** When your child is unwell, it can be a hard decision to make on whether to send them to school. We trust your judgement as parents and carers to use your common sense on whether your child is too ill to attend school.

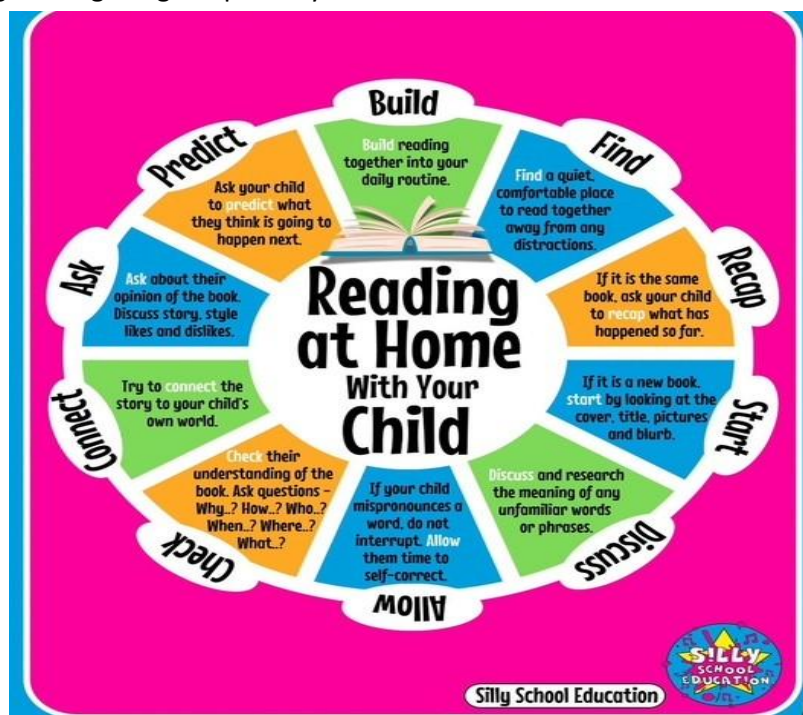
Occasionally, your child may wake up feeling a "little under the weather" or with aches, pains or a minor illness such as a cough/cold but they do not need to remain at home. Many children who come into school often brighten up and feel better when they are with their friends. We will keep a close eye on them and will always call you if their condition worsens. Alongside this newsletter we have attached a poster which parents might find helpful when deciding whether to send their child to school or not. Don't forget if your child feels better or if they have had a broken night's sleep, they can always come to school later in the morning or after lunch.

**Anti-Bullying Week:** As part of Anti-Bullying week, we will be welcoming PC Mark Ball into school on Friday. He will spend time with our Key Stage 2 children exploring bullying and learning about keeping safe online. Please talk to your child about what they have learnt about such an important topic. If you have any questions or require any support please do get in touch.

**Bounceathon:** The children are excited about our upcoming 'Bounceathon' on Friday. The children will come home wearing a sticker stating the number of bounces they have achieved. Please could we have all sponsor monies in by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November. Thank you again for supporting our fundraising efforts.

**Forest School:** Just a reminder that Years R, 1 and 2 have their next forest school session on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November and Years 3-6 have theirs on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November. The children will need to wear old, warm clothes and bring their wellies/old shoes in a bag.

**Reading at home:** As you are aware, reading at home is one of the most important ways you can support your child's learning. Just a few minutes of shared reading each day helps to build vocabulary, strengthen understanding, and develop a lifelong love of books. It also gives children the confidence and imagination they need to succeed across all areas of learning. At our recent parent meetings, a few parents asked us how they can best support their children with reading at home. I hope the diagram below gives parents/carers some helpful advice which they can implement at home. Thank you for making reading a regular part of your child's routine!



**Important dates:**

1 December	Christmas Craft Afternoon
11 Dec	Christmas Movie Night
16 December	Nativity Performance
17 December	Christmas Dinner/Carols around the tree
18 December	Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Parties. Last day of term

Best wishes

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**Term Dates 2025-26**

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- 17.7.26 (SDD 1.6.26)