



# Lydden Primary School

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

13 February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

**National Story Telling Week:** Well done to all the children who submitted their short stories last week in recognition of National Story Telling Week. We were incredibly impressed with the creativity and effort shown—what a talented group of young writers we have! The children enjoyed using drama to bring their stories to life and we had some wonderful story telling.

**World Book Day 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026:** World Book Day is fast approaching, and we are looking forward to celebrating together. All children are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. We can't wait to see the wonderful costumes and share our love of reading.

**Mini Medics:** Year 4 will be starting their Mini Medics programme on 6<sup>th</sup> March. This is an exciting opportunity for pupils to learn valuable first aid and life-saving skills. The sessions will run weekly during the school day. I am sure the children will be excited to show/tell you all about what they learn when they get home.

**Preparing for Secondary School Maths:** Year 6 'Preparation sessions for secondary school maths' will begin after half term on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Please note that there will be no session on 3<sup>rd</sup> March due to the Parent Consultation Evening.

**Fire Safety:** All classes took part in a workshop delivered by Kent Fire Brigade about fire safety this week. Please have a chat with your child about what they have learnt to support their understanding of fire safety.

**Attendance:** We are delighted to share some fantastic news with you. Following a recent meeting with our Local Authority Attendance Officer, who works with schools to monitor and hold us accountable for pupil attendance, we are incredibly proud to announce that our school has been ranked in the top three for attendance compared to similar schools. Our current whole-school attendance stands at 97.1%, which is significantly above both the Local Authority average of 94.7% and the national average of 94.9%. This is a wonderful achievement and a true reflection of the strong partnership between school and home.

Excellent attendance has a powerful and positive impact on children's education. When pupils attend school regularly:

- They make stronger academic progress.
- They build secure foundations in reading, writing and maths.
- They develop confidence and positive learning habits.
- They strengthen friendships and social skills.
- They feel a greater sense of belonging within the school community.

Every school day matters as lessons are not always repeated and gaps appear when children are absent. Even small amounts of missed learning due to lateness can add up over time, so maintaining good attendance gives children the very best opportunity to succeed both now and in the future.

We would like to thank you for your continued commitment to ensuring your children attend school regularly and arrive on time. Your support makes a real difference, and this achievement belongs to our whole school community.

### **Parent Consultation Meetings**

Parent consultations will be held on Tuesday 3rd March and Thursday 5th March. Sign-up sheets are available at the school office. Please pop in or ask the school office to make an appointment for you.

The staff team wish all our families an enjoyable half term and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

Best wishes  
Mrs C Lintott  
Headteacher

### **Term Dates 2025-26**

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)