



Lydden Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope all our families had a lovely easter break and managed to enjoy the lovely weather. The children have returned ready for a busy term.

Reception Class Mobile Refurbishment:

We are excited to announce that works on refurbishing the mobile classroom will begin on Monday, I am sure you will have noticed the fencing up in preparation for the works. There will be a little disruption in the short term but I am sure you agree that a new Reception mobile is much needed. There will be no access past the mobile and around the back of the school, all children will enter and exit via the hall during this period. Sugarloaf class will have a temporary classroom in a section of the hall for this period. We are hoping the works will be completed within 8 weeks. We can't wait to see the finished building!

Scooters in school:

As there will be no access to the scooter rack during the building works on the Reception mobile, please can we ask that children do not bring scooters into school whilst the works are underway. For health and safety reasons we don't want to have scooters left around the building, thank you for your support in this matter.

Apollo Nursery:

As I'm sure you will have seen on social media, we are really pleased to say that Olympus Learning Collective (our Wraparound care provider) are going to be opening a brand new nursery on our school site in September 2026. This will be a great asset to our local community and we are looking forward to working in conjunction with Apollo. If you or anyone you know are interested in a place for your child please do get in touch with Callum by emailing

callum@olympuslearningcollective.co.uk

They do also have more information on their Facebook page titled 'Apollo Nursery'.

School Photographs:

Tempest photography will be in school on Tuesday 28th April to take individual and class photographs. Please can all children wear school uniform on this day. Further details of how to purchase photographs will be sent out shortly.

PE Kit:

We have noticed that some children are starting to wear logoed /patterned hoodies as part of their PE kit instead of either our Lydden PE hoodies or a plain black hoody and patterned/logoed t-shirts instead of plain house- coloured t-shirts again. We are keen to ensure that the children still look smart, even on PE days, as opposed to looking like it is a non uniform day, therefore can you please ensure that your child comes to school with the correct uniform. Thank you for your support with this.

Bikeability:

Year 5 pupils have been invited to take part in Bikeability this coming Wednesday (29th April). Emails have been sent to parents/carers. Part one of the course will take place on Wednesday on the school playground, which includes the children being assessed by the instructors in order to deem them safe to take part in the second part of the course in the Autumn, which will involve cycling with an instructor on our local roads. All children who take part must be able to ride a bike and bring their bike and helmet with them to school on Wednesday. Please ensure you have read the letter parents/cares have been sent and use the link in the letter to register and give consent for your to child to take part.

Mini Police Cadet Programme:

Now our year 5's have successfully completed their mini cadet programme, we are excited to invite families of year 5 pupils to attend their 'Passing Out Ceremony' tomorrow (Friday 24th April) at 2.30pm. Invites were sent before the Easter holidays, this is just a reminder. We look forward to seeing families on Friday.

Assessments: As we have previously shared with you, Terms 5 & 6 are when our school assessments take place. Please find below a list of assessments and the year groups they're relevant to. Please make note of which are relevant to your child as attendance during these periods is vital:

Monday 11 May – Thursday 14 May : Year 6 SATs Tests

Monday 18 May- Friday 22 May: End of Year Testing Years 3,4&5

Tuesday 2 June-Friday 12 June: Multiplication Check Year 4

Monday 8 June- Friday 12 June: Year 1 (+ year 2 retakes) Phonics Testing

If you have any questions about the assessments please speak to your child'

Best wishes
Mrs C Lintott
Headteacher

Term Dates 2025-26

Term 5	20.4.26- 22.5.26
Term 6	2.6.26- 17.7.26 (SDD 1.6.26)

Term Dates 2026-27

Term 1	02.09.2026 - 22.10.2026 (SDD 01.09.2026) (SDD 23.10.2026)
Term 2	03.11.2026 - 18.12.2026 (SDD 02.11.2026)
Term 3	04.01.2027 - 12.02.2027
Term 4	22.02.2027 - 25.03.2027
Term 5	12.04.2027 - 28.05.2027 (Bank Holiday 03.05.2027) (SDD 04.05.2027)
Term 6	07.06.2027 - 20.07.2027 (SDD 21.07.2027)