



# Lydden Primary School

Part of the Lydden and River Primary Schools Federation

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**EMPATHY**

26 June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

**This week:** Despite the exceptionally warm weather this week, our children have coped brilliantly and continued to approach every day with enthusiasm, resilience and smiles. The adaptations we put in place, including introducing water activities, shaded activities and relaxing of uniform have worked really well, allowing everyone to stay safe and comfortable while still enjoying their learning. We are delighted to say that attendance has remained in line with a typical week, which reflects the fantastic support we have received from families. Thank you to all parents and carers for ensuring children came to school prepared with water bottles, hats and sun cream where needed. We genuinely believe that, despite the heat, the children have had a week to remember, full of exciting experiences, happy memories and wonderful learning opportunities.

**Year 6 Residential Trip:** Our Year 6 children have had a fantastic time on their residential this week at Bowles Activity Centre, taking part in a wide range of exciting activities and creating memories that will last a lifetime. They have shown great enthusiasm, resilience and teamwork, challenging themselves to try new experiences and supporting one another throughout the trip. Please do have a look at our Facebook page for photos of the fun they have had! We are incredibly proud of their behaviour, positive attitudes and the way they have represented our school. A huge thank you to all of the staff who have given up their time to make this wonderful opportunity possible. We look forward to hearing all about the children's adventures when they return!

**A big Thank You:** We would like to share our sincere gratitude to the wonderful volunteers from the Port of Dover and the fantastic team at C & M Carpentry for their generosity, hard work and community spirit building us a brand-new forest school canopy.

A very special thank you goes to Mr Outram, who generously gave up his time, expertise and craftsmanship to lead the construction of our beautiful new canopy in the Forest School area. This incredible addition has transformed the space, providing shelter so that our children can continue to learn, explore and enjoy the outdoors in all weathers.

We are truly fortunate to have such wonderful support from our local community.



**Next year:**

It's the time of year again to share class news for next year with families. As you are aware Mrs Poore will be leaving us to go on maternity leave, although hopefully, she will be able to be here for the first few days in September to work alongside Miss Rook, in order to provide a smooth transition for her class.

In preparation for our transition sessions on Thursday 2 July and Thursday 9 July, I am pleased to share your child's class teacher for next year.

Class	Teacher
EYFS – am	Mrs Gibbs
Year 1/2 - am	Miss Westlake
EYFS/Y1/Y2 - pm	Miss Westlake
Year 3/4	Mrs Poore/Miss Rook
Year 5/ 6	Mr Edmunds

**EYFS Classroom update:** We are delighted to share that our brand-new EYFS classroom is almost complete! The transformation is looking fantastic, and we are hoping to begin moving our furniture, resources and learning materials back into the classroom next week. Once everything is in place and ready, we anticipate that the children will be able to enjoy their new learning environment in just a few weeks' time. We can't wait to welcome them into this exciting new space and will keep you updated on our progress.

**Kent Test 2026:** If your child is currently in Year 5, and you intend to apply to a Kent Grammar school for their secondary school, parents/carers must register for their child to sit the Kent Test online at [www.kent.gov.uk/kenttest](http://www.kent.gov.uk/kenttest). Registration opens on 1 June 2026 and closes at midnight on 1 July 2026. If you would like to discuss the process of the Kent Test or ask us any questions, please do get in contact with us.

**Year 5/6 Leavers production:** Tickets are now on sale on [eduspot](http://eduspot) for our year 5/6 leavers production on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm. All family and friends are welcome.

- Sports Day - **Monday 29th June 1-3pm**
- Transition Morning (children will spend the morning with their new class teacher in their new classes, Year 6 will attend their new secondary school) - **Thursday 2nd July**
- Transition Morning - (children will spend the morning with their new class teacher in their new classes, Year 6 will be undertaking work around transition to secondary school internally) - **Thursday 9th July**
- Leaver's Production Yrs 5/6 - 2pm **Friday 10th July** - Families are invited and tickets are on sale on [eduspot](http://eduspot)
- Book Look afternoon - 3:20-4:00pm **Wednesday 15th July** - parents and carers are welcome to come and look at their children's books and have a chat with their child's new class teacher if they wish
- Leaver's Celebration Ceremony - **Thursday 16th July** - this year we will be holding a leaver's celebration ceremony in the hall where the children will get to share their memories and celebrate their time at Lydden school

**Important Date Information:** Please note, as last year, the school will be closing at 2pm on the last day of the school year Friday July 17<sup>th</sup>

Best Wishes,  
Mrs C Lintott  
Headteacher

**Term Dates 2025-26**

Term 6	2.6.26- 17.7.26 (SDD 1.6.26) School closes 2pm 17 July 2026
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**Term Dates 2026-2027**

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)