



Lydden Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and successful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our pupils, families and staff for making this such a positive and memorable year at Lydden Primary School.

Our children have worked incredibly hard, showing enthusiasm, resilience and kindness in everything they do. Whether in the classroom, on the sports field, during educational visits or through performances and special events, they have continued to make us proud and have demonstrated our school values every day.

Celebrating Success

This year has been filled with many achievements and memorable moments. From exciting learning opportunities and school trips to sporting competitions, fundraising events and creative performances, our pupils have embraced every opportunity with confidence and determination.

This term we have introduced our new Special Recognition awards. These awards will be given out on a termly basis and we are proud to announce the first winners of these awards:

The Contribution to our School Community award-Penelope (year 5)

The Significant Step award - Maebh (year 3)

Home Learning Award – Gregory (year 2)

The Aspire Award (demonstrating our school learning attributes) – James Friend (year 2)

I am also pleased to announce that Aubree (year 5) has won the **Brincombe Shield for Endeavour**. We are proud of how Aubree has supported many children throughout the school as our Neurodiversity Ambassador and has gone about this with a positive attitude and a smile on her face.

We are especially proud of all our award winners this year, who have been recognised for their hard work, excellent attitudes to learning, kindness and perseverance. Congratulations to every child for their individual achievements.

We also have to congratulate Miss Westlake and Mrs Poore who have been awarded Special Recognition Awards in their role as Student Mentors from Christchurch University. As a school we work with the university to provide placements and train new teachers. Both Mrs Poore and Miss Westlake have worked tirelessly in supporting the student teachers to successfully qualify as teachers and their hard work has been justly recognised- well done to them both!

Thank You

We would like to thank our parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year. Your encouragement, partnership and involvement help make our school community such a special place. A heartfelt thank you also goes to our dedicated staff, whose commitment and care make such a difference to the children's education and wellbeing

Saying Goodbye

At this time of year, we say farewell to our Year 6 pupils as they prepare for the exciting journey to secondary school. We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved during their time at Lydden Primary School and wish them every success and happiness for the future. Remember to believe in yourselves, work hard and always be kind—you will always be part of the Lydden family.

Looking Ahead

We are already looking forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting year on 2nd September. We have lots of exciting learning opportunities, events and activities planned and can't wait to continue supporting every child to achieve their very best.

Uniform Reminder

As I am sure families will be restocking school uniforms over the summer, please see below a reminder of uniform expectations. **All children will have PE on a Tuesday and Thursday** next year so PE kit will be worn on these days. This must not be branded/patterned.

All Children require:

- Red sweatshirt/ cardigan/jumper (school logo-optional)
- White polo shirt (school logo-optional)
- Shoes - black (no high heels; sling backs; open backs or platform shoes; boots or trainers)
- White or grey socks/tights
- Grey or black trousers, skirt or pinafore dress

Summer alternatives:

- Grey or black shorts
- Red gingham dress

On the days the children have PE lessons they are required to wear:

- Plain t-shirt in their house colour (red, blue, green or yellow) **No logos / branding/patterns**
- Black/navy PE shorts or cycle shorts
- A pair of trainers
- Plain dark (black/navy) tracksuit bottoms/leggings. **No logos /branding/patterns**
- Lydden Primary School PE sweatshirt available at [Home - Brigade Clothing, LTD](#) or a plain black/navy hoody.

Have a Wonderful Summer

Finally, we hope that all of our families enjoy a safe, restful and happy summer holiday. We hope you find time to relax, make special memories together and, of course, keep reading!

Thank you once again for your continued support throughout the year. We wish you all a wonderful summer break and look forward to seeing you in September.

With best wishes,

Mrs C Lintott

Headteacher

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)