



Lydden Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have made a fantastic start to this academic year, and it has been wonderful to see them enjoying their learning, making new friends and becoming familiar with their new routines.

There are lots of exciting things happening over the coming weeks, so please take a few minutes to read the information below.

New Allergy Guidance – Benedict's Law

As you may be aware, new statutory allergy guidance for schools has come into effect in England from September 2026. The guidance strengthens the arrangements schools must have in place to support children with allergies and those at risk of anaphylaxis. This includes allergy awareness, staff training, individual healthcare plans and appropriate emergency arrangements.

At Lydden Primary School, we have updated our arrangements in line with the new guidance. Our Allergy Policy can be found on the school website, together with further information about how we manage allergies and keep our children safe. We would encourage all families to familiarise themselves with the policy, particularly if your child has an allergy or medical condition.

Family Event – Come and See What We Are About!

We are delighted to invite families to our “Come and See What We Are About” event on Friday 16 October 2026 at 2.15pm.

This will be a lovely opportunity for parents and carers to come into school, see some of the learning taking place, join in some of the activities with the children and find out more about what makes Lydden Primary School such a special place. Families with siblings will be able to spend time across both classes throughout the session.

We would love to see as many families as possible.

Halloween Disco

Get ready for some spooky fun! Wednesday 21 October 2026 – 4.00pm

Further details about the Halloween Disco, including arrangements for booking and collection, will follow shortly.

We are looking forward to seeing lots of spooky costumes!

Forest School

Our Forest School sessions will continue this term, giving the children valuable opportunities to explore, take risks, develop independence and enjoy learning outdoors.

Forest School dates:

Term	Date	Class
1	30.9.26 9.10.26 21.10.26	Hedgehog Squirrels Fox + Badger
2	25.11.26 2.12.26	Hedgehog + Squirrel Fox + Badger
3	3.2.26 5.2.26 10.2.26	Hedgehog Squirrel Fox + Squirrel
4	12.3.26 10.3.26	Squirrel + Hedgehog Fox and Badger
5	19.5.26 21.5.26 26.5.26	Hedgehog Squirrel Fox + Badger
6	Details to follow	All classes

Please ensure that children attending Forest School arrive at school wearing their Forest School clothes. These should be practical clothes that you don't mind getting muddy!

Children should also bring (this is different to last year):

- Old shoes or wellies for Forest School
- **Their school uniform and school shoes to change into afterwards**

For our Reception children, if you are able to provide a pair of wellies to be kept at school for the year, this would be greatly appreciated. Our youngest children regularly go outside to explore and having their own wellies readily available will make this much easier.

Please make sure that all Forest School clothing and footwear is clearly labelled with your child's name.

Year 6 Bikeability

Our Year 6 children will be completing the second part of their Bikeability training on Monday 12 and Tuesday 13 October.

Further information and arrangements will be sent to Year 6 families shortly.

We are very proud of the children for taking part and developing their cycling skills and road awareness.

Keeping Children Safe Online

As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping children safe online, we ask all parents and carers to read and discuss the school's Acceptable Use Policies with your child included in this email on our website.

These policies help children understand how to use technology safely and responsibly, both in school and at home. Online safety continues to be an important part of our safeguarding work, particularly as children increasingly use a wide range of devices, games, apps and online platforms. Our school safeguarding arrangements recognise the importance of supporting families with keeping children safe online.

Please take some time to talk with your child about:

- keeping personal information private;
- being kind and respectful online;
- what to do if something online makes them uncomfortable or worried;
- telling a trusted adult if they see something that concerns them; and
- using devices, games and apps in accordance with age restrictions and family rules.

Thank you for supporting us in keeping our children safe both in school and at home.

Top Gate Closure

Please be aware that the top gate will not be open next week so everyone will need to use the main school entrance.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your patience and understanding while these arrangements are in place.

Looking Ahead

We have a very busy and exciting few weeks ahead, with lots of opportunities for the children to learn, explore and enjoy school beyond the classroom.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of Lydden Primary School. We really appreciate the positive relationships we have with our families and look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events.

With best wishes,

Mrs C Lintott
Headteacher
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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)