



Lydden Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

2 October 2026

There is lots happening at Lydden, so please take a moment to read through our latest updates and important dates.

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 9 October

We will be having a Non-Uniform Day on Friday 9 October! Children can come to school in their own clothes for a donation of £1.50. please ensure their clothing/footwear is suitable for learning and playing.

We are a cashless school so payment can be made via [SchoolMoney | Eduspot](#) (School Money). Thank you for your support! 😊

Halloween Disco – Wednesday 21 October

A reminder that our Halloween Disco will take place on Wednesday 21 October, from 4.00–5.00pm.

Children are welcome to come dressed up for Halloween if they wish. Tickets, which are available to purchase through [SchoolMoney | Eduspot](#) (School Money), are £3.50 which includes a snack and a drink.

We look forward to seeing lots of spooky costumes and having a fun afternoon together!

Cleaner Vacancy

We currently have a cleaner vacancy at Lydden Primary School.

If you, or someone you know, might be interested in joining our friendly school team, please contact the school office for further information about the role, hours and how to apply.

Please feel free to share the vacancy with anyone who you think may be interested.

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 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.

Secondary School Admissions – Year 6

A reminder to our Year 6 parents and carers that the secondary school application process is now underway.

If your child is in Year 6 and will be starting secondary school in September 2027, please apply online via <http://www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions>

Applications open Tuesday 1 September 2026 and close at midnight on Monday 2 November 2026.

It is important that applications are submitted by the published deadline. Parents should apply online and consider the schools they would like their child to attend.

If you need any help or have questions about the application process, please speak to the school office.

Forest School Fun

Hedgehog Class had a wonderful morning with Apollo Nursery in our Forest School area this week.

The children had a fantastic time exploring, playing and learning outdoors together. It was lovely to see them making the most of our natural environment and enjoying the opportunities that Forest School provides.

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	Hedgehog
	9.10.26	Squirrels
	21.10.26	Fox + Badger
2	25.11.26	Hedgehog + Squirrel
	2.12.26	Fox + Badger
3	3.2.27	Hedgehog
	5.2.27	Squirrel
	10.2.27	Fox + Badger
4	12.3.27	Squirrel + Hedgehog
	10.3.27	Fox and Badger
5	19.5.27	Hedgehog
	21.5.27	Squirrel
	26.5.27	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.

Donations for Junk Modelling

We would be very grateful for any clean cardboard boxes, tubes and other suitable cardboard packaging that you may have at home.

We are always looking for resources for junk modelling and creative activities, and your recycling can become something wonderful in the children's hands!

If you are having a clear-out, please consider sending suitable cardboard into school.

🌿 Outdoor Toy & Equipment Donations

As you begin to tidy away your gardens and outdoor spaces following the summer, we would also be very grateful for donations of any good-quality outdoor toys or equipment that your children have outgrown.

Items such as garden play equipment, outdoor games, buckets, containers, balls or other suitable resources could have a new lease of life here at school.

Please ensure that anything donated is clean, safe and in good condition.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school. We are very grateful for everything our families do to help enrich the children's experiences at Lydden.

🎄 Looking Ahead to Christmas!

It may seem a little early, but Christmas will soon be upon us! We have lots of exciting events planned and wanted to share the dates with you now so that you can get them in your diaries.

🎨 Christmas Decoration Making Afternoon-Friday 27 November – 1.30–3.00pm

Families are warmly invited to join us in school for an afternoon of Christmas decoration making. It will be a lovely opportunity to spend some time together and get creative.

🎬 Christmas Movie Night -Wednesday 4 December

We will be holding a Christmas Movie Night in school. Further details will follow shortly.

👥 Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity-Friday 11 December – afternoon

Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be performing their Christmas Nativity.

Further details about timings and arrangements will follow.

🎅 **Christmas Fayre-Saturday 12 December** - Thank you to Jenny, one of our lovely parents, who is organising this festive Christmas Fayre! Please come along and support the event/do some Christmas shopping, we will send out reminders nearer the time as well but pop the date in your diary, we look forward to seeing you there!



Whole-School Pantomime Trip-Tuesday 15 December

The whole school will be heading out together to enjoy a Christmas pantomime! Further details will follow.

Christmas Jumper & Party Day - Thursday 17 December

We will finish the term with our Christmas Jumper and Party Day. More information about the day's activities will be shared nearer the time.

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)