



Lydden Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a lovely term, full of learning, exciting experiences and opportunities for our children to share their achievements with others. We would like to remind you that **Thursday 22nd October is our last day of term**. The children will return to school on **Tuesday 3rd November**.

Come and See What We're About!

It was wonderful to see so many parents and family members at our recent "Come and See What We're About" session. We really enjoyed welcoming you into school and giving you the opportunity to be part of the fantastic learning taking place across our classes. Badger Class put their knowledge to the test with an exciting quiz against their families, Fox Class made Anglo-Saxon boats as part of their history learning, Squirrel Class built Tudor houses with their families as part of their learning about the Great Fire of London and Hedgehog Class thoroughly enjoyed showing their families how they learn phonics and sharing some of the fantastic progress they are making.

It is always a pleasure to share these special learning moments with our families and to celebrate the enthusiasm and creativity of our children.

Parent Consultation Meetings - 11th and 12th November

Thank you to those parents who have already booked an appointment with their child's class teacher. If you are yet to book an appointment please pop into the school office or give us a call/email to book your appointment.

After-School Clubs – Next Term

Miss Stringer has sent out information about our after-school clubs for next term this week. There is a fantastic range of activities on offer, including Zumba, gymnastics, multi-sports, and arts and crafts.

Please take a look at the information shared and make sure you sign up if your child would like to take part. These clubs provide a wonderful opportunity for children to try new activities, develop skills and enjoy time with their friends.

Reception Tours for September 2027

Our tours for families considering Lydden Primary School for their child's Reception place in September 2027 are booking up fast!

We love showing prospective families our wonderful school, introducing them to our staff and giving them a glimpse of the exciting learning opportunities we offer.

If you know anyone with a child due to start Reception next September, please do share our tour information with them. Word of mouth and recommendations from our school community are invaluable in helping other families discover what makes Lydden so special.

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.

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 9 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.

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.

Wishing You a Happy Half Term

As we head into the half-term break, the whole staff team would like to thank you for your ongoing support of our school. We really value the positive relationships we have with our families and appreciate everything you do to support your children and our wider school community.

We hope you all enjoy a restful and enjoyable half term, spending some lovely time together.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Tuesday 3rd November**, ready for another exciting term of learning and new experiences.

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)