LUDLOW PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER



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Thank you!

Thank you to everyone that attended our Macmillan Coffee Morning, we will update you with how much we have raised when we have finished counting all monies. As a school, we wanted to say a special thank you to Kim from the Wheatless Whisk who kindly donated some dairy and gluten free cakes.



Celebration Time

Congratulations to the following children who were celebrated in Assembly on Friday 19th September 2025. Well done all!

Simonds Bandela Ronnie Hughes Alannah Brookes Jack Byron

Brooke Richards Lola Matthews Ashton Hicks Colby Prosser

Antarpreet Kaur Riley Bradley





OPEN Day

For parents of children starting school in 2026



Wednesday 1st October 2025 9.15 am 1.30 pm 5.00 pm Please call to book a time

At Ludlow Primary School, we offer a nurturing and supportive environment from Early Years through to Year 6. We believe that these elements are key and form the foundations for our children to become secure and independent lifelong learners.

Come into school and meet our wonderful children and dedicated staff team:

- Enjoy the challenge of learning
- Solve problems
- Make links
- Explore together through interactive activity and child-led play.

We value our partnerships with parents. If you are the parent of a child due to start Reception in September 2026, we would like to invite you into school on Wednesday 1st October 2025. Please call to book a time. Booking is essential.







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Online Safety

As the modern world progresses, children now have access to being online through a range of devices. As a school, we believe that the internet can be a brilliant tool when used correctly.

We would like to invite you in as parents and carers for a brief talk about online safety. This will be about how you can keep your child safe online at home and other useful information, particularly around Al.

This will be on Tuesday 21st October 2:30 in our hall at Clee View. It would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible.



Year 5 and 6 football -

On Wednesday, we sent four teams of footballers to Church Stretton school to compete in a tournament. All children showed brilliant teamwork, respect, resilience and most importantly had a great time. Three of our teams also made it through to the next round of county cup which is being played in January.

A massive well done to all children who took part!!

Lunch Bookings

We are aware some of you have been having problems booking lunches on Arbor. Please note you must top up your account with the relevant amount required (unless you are entitled to free school meals) when you make your meal choices and ensure you check out from your basket. This will ensure the meal choices are saved.

If you still encounter problems, please can you check if there is anything sitting in your basket. If there is, please click on the red button 'Empty Basket' This will then allow you select the meal options.



If you have any further problems, please contact either school office.

Please see below a copy of our menu which is also on our school website, please see link below:

https://ludlowprimaryschool.co.uk/media/74320/wlp-dl-parents-leaflet-a4-3-week-ludlow-v2.pdf





Our driver Healthy Body, Healthy Mind means that one of the things that we promote is having a balanced diet, rich in essential nutrients and therefore as a school a healthy lunchbox is important to us.

What should be in a healthy lunchbox?

Eating a healthy, balanced lunch is vital for ensuring children have the right nutrients and enough energy to see them through the school day, however, achieving this balance is not always as easy as it sounds. The key to a healthy packed lunch is variety and getting the right balance of foods to provide children with all of the nutrients they need to stay healthy. A packed lunch made at home can be a healthy and delicious choice and gives a parent or carer control over the foods and ingredients included.

These should be based upon the principles of the Eatwell Guide, encouraging a lunchbox to contain:

- a starchy food, e.g. potatoes, bread, rice, pasta
- plenty of fruit and vegetables, e.g. carrot sticks, an apple, sliced cucumber
- · a source of protein, e.g. beans, pulses, egg, fish, meat
- a healthy drink, e.g. water, semi-skimmed milk.

As a healthier lunchbox school, we suggest to parents/carers that foods high in fat, salt and sugars should not be included (such as crisps, confectionary and sugar-containing carbonated drinks).

There are lots of websites regarding lunchbox ideas and recipes. Here's a link to one of them: Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS

School Visitors

This week, both sites have had visitors come in to deliver wonderful and informative assemblies:

Fair Trade Assembly

We learnt all about what Fair Trade is and why it is important. We were reminded to look out for the Fair-Trade sticker on different items when we shop!







Let's Go Zero Assembly

We had a visit from Jo at Let's Go Zero who told us all about how to help our school become more sustainable. The children were set challenges from the assembly going forward to become more sustainable!







Parking

Please be considerate when parking near school, at all times.

We have been made aware of people parking in dangerous places and on the zig zags, making car park entry and exit difficult. The road outside Clee View was blocked recently, when a member of staff needed to be taken to hospital.

Emergency services must also be able to access both sites if required.

The local policing team have been made aware and will be making patrols at both sites.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Parents of Year 6 Pupils

Dear Parent

Your child is due to transfer to secondary school in September 2026. The online application process opens on the 1 September 2025 and closes on <u>31 October 2025</u>. A letter will be sent home with your child, outlining the process. Alternatively, please follow this link - <u>Apply to start or transfer school | Shropshire Council</u> which takes you to the Shropshire Council Admissions website. Details about secondary school open evenings can be found in the Parents' Guide to Education in Shropshire booklet, on the same website

Applications received by Shropshire Council after the closing date will be classed as late, which may result in your child being disadvantaged, so please ensure you make your application on-time. <u>Late</u> applications will not be processed until all on-time applications have been offered.

Please note your child's cohort is larger than in previous years. You can name up to four schools on your application - we encourage parents to make full use of these preferences. If only one preference is named, and we cannot offer this, we will have no choice on National Offer Day but to offer a place at the next nearest school with a vacancy, which could be a considerable distance from your home address.

The School Admissions Team

Nursery Spaces

If your child is aged 3 or 4, spaces are still available, in our Acorns Nursery.

Please call into school for an application form or call us to book an appointment to speak to

Mrs Gill, the Nursery Manager.

School Uniform

A polite reminder that trousers, skirts, shorts and pinafores should be dark grey, not black.

Please also note that leggings should not be worn, as they are not part of our school uniform.

All children should wear black school shoes please, not trainers.

Thank you

Contact via Dojo

If you have concerns about any incident in school which involves your child, please do not message class TAs through Dojo or by any other means. Please direct all queries to the class teacher.

Please do not message outside of normal office hours, as staff do not receive notifications in the evenings or at weekends.

Thank you

Contacting Teachers and Senior Leaders

If any parent has a concern to raise with a teacher or senior leader, we respectfully ask this is done via the school office or admin email - admin@ludlowprimaryschool.co.uk and not Dojo or individual email addresses.

This will enable your query to be dealt with more effectively and efficiently.

Thank you



EYFS/KS1 Site:

Sandpits Rd, Ludlow, Shropshire SY8 1HG

KS2 Site:

Clee View, Ludlow Shropshire SY8 1HX

Telephone: 01584 873602

Email: admin@ludlowprimaryschool.co.uk Website: www.ludlowprimaryschool.co.uk

2025

PD days: Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Autumn term starts: Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Half term: Monday 27th October 2025 - Friday 31st October 2025

Autumn term ends: Friday 19th December 2025

2026

PD day: Monday 5th January 2026 Spring term starts: Tuesday 6th January 2026

Half term: Monday 16th February 2026 - Friday 20th February 2026

Spring term ends: Friday 27th March 2026

Summer term starts: Monday 13th April 2026

Bank holiday: Monday 4th May 2026

Half term: Monday 25th May 2026 - Friday 29th May 2026

Summer term ends: Thursday 16th July 2026

As you will be aware, we are not able to authorise holidays in term time due to government legislation introduced in 2013. Please note that other schools in the area may have different dates as schools have the flexibility to plan their own PD days. This information will also be on our website.





Online Safety Newsletter Sept 2025

Coverstar

Coverstar say they are "the safe TikTok alternative." They state, limitation..however, if you are under the age of 13, you must obtain parental consent." Users can post, comment and livestream.

Whilst Coverstar does not include private messaging, users can still interact via public comments. Coverstar does use moderation took to scan all user-generated content. It is also important to be aware that Coverstar does allow inapp purchases ranging from £0.99 -£59.99

If your child is using this app, ensure they know how to use the reporting tools. Bark provide a full review of Coverstar here, but they rate it as suitable for 10+

https://www.bark.us/appreviews/apps/coverstar-app-review

Test your knowledge: Online Scams

Childnet have created a quiz for 9-13 year-olds that includes a range of potential online scams, as well as tips to help your child protect themselves online. Find out more

https://www.childnet.com/blog/tes t-your-knowledge-about-onlinescams-with-our-quiz-for-9-13-year-

Online Safety Act

What is the Online Safety Act?

The Online Safety Act 2023 is a set of laws introduced to protect children and adults online. Ofcom is the regulator for online safety in the UK, responsible for ensuring companies follow the new rules. As part of this role, Ofcom have designed the Children Codes of practice, which came into force in July



2025. The codes outline what all online services likely to be accessed by children must do to protect children online, for example:

- . Enforce age limits.
- · Protect children from accessing harmful or age-inappropriate content. This includes content relating to self-harm and eating disorders.
- Ensure users can easily report harmful content.

Ofcom has the power to enforce the rules as well as issue fines if companies fail to comply. You can find out more here:

https://www.ofcom.org.uk/online-safety/protecting-children/new-rules-fora-safer-generation-of-children-online

How will it help to protect my child?

One of the main purposes of the Act is to protect children online. Ofcom has published information on how they are helping children to be safer online. The first link is a guide for parents, which also includes a section on what you can do as a parent. You can access this information here:

- https://www.ofcom.org.uk/online-safety/protecting-children/howofcom-is-helping-children-to-be-safer-online-a-guide-for-parents
- https://www.ofcom.org.uk/online-safety /protecting-children/how-the-online-safety-actwill-help-to-protect-children

Further information

Online Safety Act: explainer: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications /online-safety-act-explainer/online-safety-act -explainer

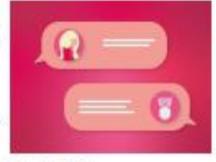
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Artificial Intelligence (AI)

What is AI?

All is when a computer/machine can learn and perform tasks like a human. Its popularity continues to grow, and examples include:

 Search engines such as Google now include an Algenerated overview as part of their results.



- · Virtual assistants like Alexa, Meta Al and Siri.
- Chatbots such as ChatGPT and My Ai from Snapchat.

Opportunities

Alican be an effective tool when used correctly, for instance:

- Homework children can use AI to support and assist their learning.
- Advice Al can be used to provide information and suggestions on a variety of topics.

Risks and concerns

- Misinformation ensure your child understands that AI can sometimes provide incorrect or misleading information.
- Privacy issues read any privacy policies before using.
- Chat apps a simple search of "Al Chat" within the App store highlights the number of apps already available that are not suitable for children as many are rated as 17+.
- Image manipulation there are Al tools that can be used to digitally remove clothes from photos, which clearly raises serious safeguarding and privacy concerns.
- Deepfakes there are also AI tools that create realistic, fake videos that can be used to spread misinformation or cause harm.

How can I protect my child?

To help keep your child safe online, it is important to:

- Check age ratings of any apps or websites that your child accesses.
- Develop your child's digital literacy by highlighting the risks of Al and showing them how important it is to verify what they see online.
- Set up appropriate parental controls on their devices/ broadband.
- Chat to your child regularly and ensure your child knows that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if anything concerns them.

Further information

- Overview: https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/by-activity/using-artificial-intelligence/what-is-ai-artificial-intelligence/
- Should you worry if your child has an AI friend? https://parentzone.org.uk/article/should-you-worry-if-your-child-has-ai-friend

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Roblox: Grow a Garden

Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Grow a Garden is one of the latest games available on Roblox and is extremely popular. The game is labelled as 'minimal' for content maturity, which Roblox define as "may contain occasional mild violence, light unrealistic blood, and/or occasional mild fear." Roblox believe that the game play is suitable for everyone. However, as the game is on Roblox, it is important to be aware of the following:

- Chat strangers can interact with your child
- In-game purchases this game does include in-game purchases.
- Screentime set limits for how long your child is playing.

A lot of the content on Roblex is user generated, which may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play. If your child is playing Roblex, it is important to monitor what your child is accessing, ensure they know how to use any reporting tools and set up appropriate parental controls.

Further information

https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/enus/articles/30428310121620-Parental-Controls-Overview

Grooming online

Grooming is when somebody seeks to build a relationship with a child to exploit them or cause harm.

It is important that we teach our children how to recognise red flags. Childline have lots of useful information on their website, including where to get further support from:

https://www.childline.org.uk/infoadvice/bullying-abuse-safety/onlinemobile-safety/online-programms/



Hello from the **Family Information Service** (FIS for short).

Our job is to give you the info and resources you need to help your family life run a little smoother. We can help with:

- Childcare finding it and advice on paying for it
- Local baby and toddler groups
- Events, clubs, activities, and fun things to do in the school holidays, for all ages
- Getting parenting and family support
- Finding health and wellbeing support



We cover everything and anything to do with family life, so if you have a question, chances are we'll be able to help, or if we can't, we'll point you in the direction of someone who can.

Follow us on social media for all the latest news and info.



Friday 17th October 2025

Join us in wearing something red on Friday 17th October. It is aimed at showing racism "the red card". As a school community, we felt that this was a cause to show support to. Their slogan this year is: change hearts; change minds; change lives!

For a donation of £1, children will be able to wear something red as part of a non-school uniform day to help show support to this cause.

Show racism the red card!

Dates for your Diary 2025 - 2026

Wednesday 1st October- Yr3 & Yr4 Football Church Stretton

Thursday 2nd October- Yr5 & Yr6 Cross Country Carding Mill Valley

Friday 17th October- Wear Red Day Showing Racism the Red card

Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd October - Parents' Evenings at both sites

Friday 24th October - Break for half term

Monday 3rd November - All children return to school

Thursday 5th November- Basketball KS2 Church Stretton

Thursday 6th November- Tempest siblings and individual photos both sites

Monday 10th November- Odd Socks Day - Anti bullying week

Wednesday 12th November to 14th November - Yr4 Malvern Residential

Thursday 18th December - Wrens & Oak classes - Pantomime Ludlow Assembly Rooms

Friday 19th December - Robins & Ash classes - Pantomime Ludlow Assembly Rooms