

LUDLOW PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER



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Careers Day

We at Ludlow Primary School, are organising a careers day for the children on Friday 22nd May and would like to invite you to be involved.

The day will involve a short session talking to our children all about what you do and what an exciting career it is. The teachers will then follow this with a short activity for the children based on your talk.

If you would also like to lead this you are more than welcome to.

We hope this will be a great opportunity for us to develop closer relationships with the businesses in our community and inspire the children about the world of work and their futures.

If you would like to be involved, please contact me directly or admin@ludlowprimaryschool.co.uk

Many thanks

Mr Whitbread

Dear Headteacher,

I am writing to inform you that I have recently published a new guide, [What I wish my parents or carers knew: A guide for parents on managing children's digital lives](#).

Supporting children's safety is a shared responsibility between families, schools and wider society. For parents and carers, this responsibility has become increasingly complex as children's lives are now deeply intertwined with the digital world. Many parents face difficult decisions about how to balance protecting children from online harm with enabling access to spaces that are now central to learning, socialising and play.

The last time I published a guide like this, *The things I wish my parents had known: Young people's advice on talking to your child about online sexual harassment*, in December 2021, it was to help parents and carers navigate difficult conversations about sexual harassment online. This guide is different in scope, in recognition of the complex, rapidly evolving landscape in which children – and parents – are navigating. It focuses on the challenge of managing children's everyday online habits.

This guide was written with the direct involvement of children in England. It is a reflection of their views. My office visited schools to speak to teenagers, and spoke to my Youth Ambassadors and Youth Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Panel to get their expertise on what works and what doesn't work between parents or carers and children in the 21st Century.

When I speak to children about what they would do differently when it comes to being online, with the benefit of hindsight, I ask them: would they give a smartphone to their own teenager? Almost unanimously, they tell me no. They want to be protected from it as long as possible.

As educators and leaders, you play a vital role in supporting parents and carers to navigate these challenges. Responses to my recent school survey show just how concerned school leaders are about their children's safety online, despite most already taking steps to limit or ban devices from the classroom. Children are clear that they value firm, informed and protective boundaries when adults have concerns about the content they are accessing online.

As parents, carers, and educators, our job must begin and end with our children's care and safety. It's what they expect and what they want from you. As one young person told me: "Don't be afraid to be firm... If you are worried [that] your child is seeing harmful content and you don't know what they're watching and it's affecting the behaviour, just take it that you know best – they don't."

I hope this guide will be a useful resource for your school community, and I encourage you to share it with staff and parents where appropriate.

Dame Rachel de Souza

Children's Commissioner



About the Radnor Rascals Junior Storm

The Radnor Rascals Junior Storm takes place on Sunday 17th May, kicking off at 1200 at Ludlow Castle.

Starting in the depth of the moat, Junior Stormers follow the course through the Outer Bailey and proceed to run a full lap around the outside of the Castle, before a final sprint into the Castle grounds and through the finish arch.

About 800m, it's a great chance for kids, aged 13 and under to enjoy the atmosphere of race day.

Each participant will receive a medal as part of their £7 entry.

It's fast, it's fun, it's the Radnor Rascals Junior Storm!

Entries for the Junior Storm the Castle (1k run around Ludlow Castle) are now open -

<https://www.andalievents.com/events/storm-the-castle/junior-storm>

School Starters

If you have a child that is due to start school in September 2026, please ensure that you have applied for a place for them as the closing date is

15th January 2026.

Attendance at our nursery does not count as an application for a school place at Ludlow Primary School and we understand that this can sometimes cause confusion.

Please follow the link below for Shropshire Council School Admissions.

<https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-to-start-or-transfer-school/starting-infant-or-primary-school/>

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Charity Fundraising

Last year, Year 4 raised an amazing **£414.63** for the **Air Ambulance Charity** by selling ice-pops at sports day. As a school, we are incredibly proud of this amount. It is a special charity for us, as a parent of one of our children received lifesaving care from the Air Ambulance after an accident. We urge everyone to donate to this exceptional charity that is invaluable in rural areas like ours.

The children had a lovely assembly delivered by Pip from the West Midlands Air Ambulance where they learned all about the service. The children also heard from Jo and about her experience with the air ambulance after her accident.



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<https://togetherness.co.uk/>

As the new term is now well and truly underway, we're delighted to share some helpful resources for parents experiencing all the big emotions of growing children.

TogetherNESS is the new face of inourplace, the NHS emotional health digital learning hub funded in your area to provide your family with free access to expert learning about childhood development, wellbeing, brain changes, and much more to help you to connect with your children and make sure they thrive.

TogetherNESS is an online learning environment developed by psychologists and health practitioners providing accessible learning about emotional health and wellbeing, proven to positively impact mental health, behaviour and relationships. To find out more about the free online courses please visit

[Free wellbeing online courses in Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin – inourplace](#)

Textiles Recycling Collection - 27.01.26

Please ensure any items you wish to donate for recycling, are in school by this date.

Items accepted:

Wearable Clothing

Paired Shoes

Handbags

Belts

Duvet Covers

Pillowcases

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Dogs

A polite reminder that for health and Safety reasons, dogs are not to be brought onto school premises at either site please. This also includes carrying your dog.

If you bring your dog, please do not come any further than the main gates.

Thank you for your co-operation

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

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 Cleve 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.



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](#)

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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.

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Dates for your Diary 2025 – 2026

Monday 12th January – Year 3 swimming every week until Monday 9th February

Thursday 22nd January-Year 2 Striking and Fielding event at Ludlow Leisure Centre

Tuesday 27th January – Textiles Recycling Collection

Thursday 29th January- Year 5&6 Football finals- Oldbury Wells School

Wednesday 4th February- Year 5/6 (girls) athletics- Church Stretton School