



Newsletter #01

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[Standard Termly Reminders](#)

Firstly, we would like to thank you to those who have sent their condolences to us for the untimely passing of Gill. It was a shock to us all during the summer holidays but we believe we will now find ourselves really feeling the emotions and dealing with the immense gap formed by the lack of her wonderful character, especially as we return to school.

Teachers have now sensitively talked to their classes about Gill. The memorial will remain outside the office indefinitely, for children to be able to visit, spend time reflecting and write a message, if they would like to.

The staff have had some group time, in the summer after the funeral and during the INSET day, to come to terms with this. Jenny at PALS has kindly offered that we do a fund raiser to fund a lasting memorial for Gill. We will share more information when this has been arranged.

Introductions

This is our **school newsletter**, sent out on Fridays. This one is unusually long, to ensure newer parents have all the information they need.

We will attempt to put all news and notices in this newsletter weekly, so if you need to know about any pre planned school wide events please refer to the latest one. The narrative at the start gives you the news from the week, this is followed by a table of dates and a 'Notices' section for any important updates. Sometimes we will need to communicate unexpected last minute changes through additional messages. The School Jotter Mobile App is a vital app for these.

Our **mobile app**, called 'School Jotter 3', pushes the most important or urgent messages and reminders to you immediately (as a phone notification). Ensure you have the correct one (it's blue) and have set the notifications to push to your home screen.



The **website** (link in the banner above) will always have up to date Year Group or Class information such as the curriculum being taught in class, the times for PE, dates for class events and copies of important presentations given at school. When a specific class needs to make a last minute unexpected change the teacher will communicate with parents through Google Classrooms.

Also at the top of this page is a link to the [Standard Termly Information](#) (also at the end of today's newsletter). This is a useful list of all the expectations for the school community. You can refer to this pinned link at the top of every newsletter.

Welcome back!

Our wonderful children have navigated their new classrooms, adults and routines very quickly. Well done to all!

— WELCOME —
BACK TO SCHOOL

Foundation Stage

Our new Reception class children have pleasantly surprised us, they have all assimilated with the new surroundings and expectations- even more swiftly than last year's group! Both classes were able to sit together at the carpet for a short register time after the start of the first day.

Of course we should not be complacent as sometimes some children find it hard when they realise they have to come back to school

next week! These worries will pass. We are looking forward to seeing you all again next week and will continue to settle everyone after the weekend. Please ensure that you have logged in and joined the Google Classroom.

Assemblies

These allow us to address the big school and societal matters such as diversity, British Values, safety, well being and much more. We have a variety of ways to hold assemblies: whole school in the hall, key stage in the hall, recorded for the children to watch in their classes, as well as class meditation and mindfulness times. We cover many issues and questions through the year and include guest speakers. We approach the topics through story, values debate, mindfulness (including basic meditation skills), appropriate news items and research data. We periodically return to more important topics such as cultural diversity, good mental health practices and safety. We endeavour to summarise the assembly content in each Friday newsletter as you might want to discuss the topics at home. This term we address the concepts of Thinkers, Collaborators and Role Models as well as making the school rules very clear.

- You and the School Rules: Why have rules? Democracy and Electing House Captains
- You as a role model: the Honours Awards, famous British role models
- You, the thinker: how to reflect and learn, metacognition, mindfulness
- You and everyone else: collaborators, working together for success, supporting and being supportive
- Diversity and Equality- putting our motto to work while ensuring equality

The Ladygrove News Broadcast

On Fridays the Year 6 House Captains record and transmit the 'Ladygrove News'. This is a round up of the events of the week, reminders about the next week and, most importantly, celebration time in which we highlight all those children who have achieved in any and all aspects of school or wider life. Tell the main office if you'd like to pass on a significant achievement from outside school and we will endeavour to add this to an upcoming broadcast.

Our Curriculum

We remodelled our curriculum last year to keep it fresh, relevant and inspiring for the children. For all the foundational subjects, our Enquiry Approach is focused on '*States of Being*'. Lessons and themes are planned to ensure the children can identify how their learning and progress relate to real life. In lessons they are 'being' a scientist, an historian, an engineer, etc. You will hear more about the curriculum approach in the class newsletters.

Pupil Responsibility groups

Pupil Forums: these include random groups of children selected to discuss our provision and lessons at school, to give us a good sense of how things are going for pupils in school (so don't worry if your child tells you they had to go to the office to talk to the senior leadership team).

House Captains (Year 6): The first official pupil responsibility group will be the house captains in Year 6. They will be introducing themselves to the school, followed by a school wide vote at which the first of 3 groups of House Captains will be elected. They will work with me for a term, helping in the other pupil responsibility group meetings, broadcasting the Ladygrove News and announcing the house points.

Enquiry Ambassadors (through school) apply for the role then keep the job indefinitely. They summarise and monitor the work of our curriculum for the staff, parents and external visitors.

Peer Mentors (Year 5) will be able to apply for this role which involves raising the profile of friendship, addressing anti bullying and helping children with their skills around maintaining relationships.

Diversity Ambassadors (Year 4) can apply for this role which involves monitoring the school's approach to diversity especially in our demographic which has representation from over 40 different languages and cultures.

Eco Warriors (Year 3) can apply to be an eco warrior, looking after the environment in our school and encouraging all pupils to look more widely at the global environment.

The relevant year group gets a full explanation of these roles and how to apply. We constantly review these roles for relevance and change when needed.

School Rules

We refer to it as the Ladygrove Standard. It represents the school rules. We have already explained to the children that they will achieve success in life and that following community focused rules can help ensure this. The children have a voice in the creation and

review of these rules. They were updated in 2024 following a review by groups of children across school and have been updated again this year. The Yellow Rule is now 'Co-operation' which includes the old expectations of responsibility but also has the very important focus on creating, maintaining and (where needed) repairing relationships. Awards can be given by staff according to exemplary behaviour towards the Standard. These rewards are celebrated in assembly or in class.

However, the Ladygrove Standard is also in place to address poor behaviour. Any child persistently demonstrating low-level poor choices (such as talking over the teacher, running in the corridor, etc) will be issued with a sanction by staff. We've explained the sanctions to the children and how they will depend on the situation, the incident and the needs of those involved. We might give them a warning (referring to the Standard) or employ timeout to help them regulate. Repeated behaviours might lead to a Sanction Slip being issued and serious or repeated behaviours might lead to having to visit the SLT office. If the child continues to receive sanctions the teacher or SLT will communicate this with the parent in order to work together to address the issues.

Ladygrove Standard	
Attitude	(develop a healthy mental attitude and resilience)
Safety	(keep yourself safe and look after others)
Respect	(show respect, tolerance and manners)
Focus	(actively listen, work together and follow instructions)
Cooperation	(nurture relationships and community responsibility)
School Readiness	(be prepared for school and ready for life)

Above is a basic version of the Standard, you might consider using the rules at home, to facilitate consistency between home and school. There is a more detailed version of the Standard on the School Vision page of the website.

Uniform

Did you notice that the School Readiness rule does not have a colour. This is because it's a school expectation which cannot be achieved by the children alone. They need help from home. With this in mind, please refer to the [school uniform policy](#). We have days for non school uniform (Forest School or one day events), days with PE kit (PE days and Sports Day) and all other days wearing school uniform. The important thing is that any clothing and presentation is appropriate for school in terms of safety (especially jewellery etc) and being appropriately or smartly dressed for school life.

The Honours Awards

Children gain gold stars for academic achievement (well improved test score, big improvement in writing, consistently high quality work, etc) and purple stars for life skills (putting in more effort, helping others to achieve, etc). The stars add up to certificates. We developed these certificates to reflect a range of the national Honour Awards given in the UK. Certificates start with 'Merit' stages, move up through 'Member of LPPS' stages until becoming a 'Knight/Dame' of the school. Further than this, children receive a metal star pin badge to wear and finally just a few each year will get a personal letter of recommendation (for reaching 150 stars). It's not a competition between classes or siblings because teachers will have different standards for awarding stars. The children are essentially in a competition against themselves, not others. The important thing is how each star was achieved, not necessarily how many you have.

PALS (PTA) School Events

Parents At Ladygrove School (PALS) is our PTA organisation. It's a small group of very committed parents who coordinate events which help increase funds for us. The continued squeeze on school budgets means that we rely more and more on these funds to provide extra resources and activities for our children. The things that parents can see, such as the playground climbing frames, have been obtained using donation money. But there is a lot more that you can't see, for example, PALS funded a proportion of the curriculum changes and almost all of the Chromebook provision. Look out for news of the next meeting and for the range of exciting events which will be advertised in this newsletter. If you would like to get involved, you can contact PALS by emailing ladygrovepals@gmail.com

Premises updates

The continuous heat compounded the problems for us with the school field. We have made every effort and sought a lot of external help. Those of you who live on Ladygrove will be aware of this problem in your own gardens, caused by the sub soil/clay/drainage. Long term work continues and we are hoping to work with Didcot Football Club for advice and support.

At this time we need to remind parents that children should not use climbing frames or linger in the playgrounds before or after school time. There are two main reasons for this: there is no one available to supervise at these times if anyone was to get into

difficulty or hurt themselves and we have to close the gates immediately after school finishes so that After School Club children can play safely.

You might have noticed that some of the playground soakaways don't drain very quickly. This is an issue with the fundamental design of the building (large roof, level premises) and crucially the slow drain rate out to the public road drains. It does go eventually, sometimes with extra encouragement. But it does mean that we may sometimes have to divert parents to other pick up points to get around the puddles.

Communication

Just a reminder that teachers are available at the start and end of the day for very brief messages. Please be mindful that they are in the process of handing over 30 children at this time and therefore will be unable to engage in long conversations. It's also worth restating that all staff are working directly with children throughout school hours so it is highly unlikely that they will reply to or even read emails during this time. Once the day finishes the staff spend time clearing everything down and preparing for the next day, as part of this time they can also catch up with parents by phone or email. All staff are willing and able to find time for longer conversations, which are best organised by emailing or phoning the main school office.

You made it! This is the actual start of the weekly newsletter...

This week...

We kicked off early with the experiences at school. Today our **Year 1** children had their long overdue visit from the farm that was cancelled last term due to the heat. We had a fabulous day, each having a long session down there to meet all the animals which included; goats, sheep, chicks, ducklings, mice, a pony and guinea pigs. Pete the goat was very cheeky and kept climbing on top of the duckling and guinea pigs cages. He is also quite famous and met Prince Harry recently during some 'Goat Yoga'! We had an opportunity to feed the animals, groom Sweetie the pony and hold the mice. We are sorry if lots of them ask for pets now as the guinea pigs and mice were quite popular!



Year 6 Information Event for Parents

There will be a presentation on **Wednesday 16th September at 3.15pm** in the hall. We appreciate that you might not be able to attend, so the entire presentation will be on our website "Our Curriculum" tab > "Year 6" after the event. It includes everything you need to know about attendance, SATs, the residential trip, homework and more. There will be further information events in the future. Also, please note the School Admissions information in the table below about Year 7.

IMPORTANT: Allergy Update

From the beginning of this term all schools in England are expected to comply with **Benedict's Law**: a vital set of mandatory safety rules for schools in England. It requires all schools to have a clear allergy policy, train every staff member to spot allergic reactions, keep individual care plans for allergic children, and stock spare emergency adrenaline pens. Although Ladygrove has always had these in place, it does mean we have had to review our allowances for children with intolerances, allergies and dietary preferences.

Caterlink will no longer allow children with identified intolerances/allergies to consume those foods in any form, even with the permission of parents/carers. Please talk to your child about the food menu at the beginning of the week/day to identify a sensible option, bearing in mind their allergy/intolerance and dietary preferences.

Following on from the above... Caterlink Allergy & Intolerance Form

Over the summer, Caterlink introduced a new online Allergy & Intolerance Form for **all pupils with dietary requirements**. This form is now mandatory and replaces any paper forms that may have been completed previously.

To ensure Caterlink can safely and accurately meet your child's dietary needs, we kindly ask that you complete the online form as soon as possible. *If your child does not have any dietary intolerances or food allergies, you do not need to complete this form.*

Until the online form has been submitted and processed, **pupils with dietary requirements will need to be offered only a jacket potato option at lunchtime to ensure that the food is suitable.**

Please note that Caterlink is unable to cater for children following the Milk Ladder programme or any lifestyle or religious choices (see below).

Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us provide a safe and appropriate meal service for all pupils.

Click on the following link to complete the Online Allergy & Intolerance Form:

<https://rosmith.plumsail.io/75952965-23e0-4386-996e-24acff97359?layout=beb774d6-bfc9-40c5-82cf-c394eb9e89f1>

The School Unit Number for the form is 7107.

Vegetarians and those with Dietary Preferences

For those that have indicated a specific dietary preference, such as: *no pork or ham, vegetarian but can eat fish* - they will automatically be classed as vegetarians. *Caterlink cannot cater for these dietary preferences.*

If you have any queries regarding the above, please contact the school office.

Dates for Autumn Term

Please keep checking these dates for any additions or amendments!

Monday 14th September	● Reception-Year 6 Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations
Wednesday 16th September	● Year 6 Information Event for Parents and Carers, 3.15pm
Wednesday 23rd September	● TVP Cyber Security Talk to Parents and Carers, 5pm
Friday 25th September	● European Day of Languages, activities in school
Monday 28th September	● Year 5 Planetarium, in school. More details to follow
Tuesday 29th September	● Year 6 Police Talk regarding behaviour, in school
Thursday 1st October	● School CENSUS Day
Monday 5th October	● Individual Pupil Photos
Wednesday 7th October	● Year 1 & 3 PC Ben Talk, in school
Thursday 15th October	● Year 1 & 2 PERFORM Drama Workshop, in school
Tuesday 20th October	● Parent Meetings, 4.30 - 8.00pm - details to follow
Wednesday 21st October	● Parent Meetings, 3.30 - 6.30pm - details to follow
Thursday 22nd October	● Last day of term - normal finish time
Monday 2nd November	● Start of Autumn Term 2 - All children start school: 8.40am FS-Y6
Monday 9th November	● Year 3 Life in Britain Workshop, in school. More details to follow
Wednesday 11th November	● Year 3 Life in Britain Workshop, in school. More details to follow
Thursday 19th November	● Roving Bookshop in school
Friday 18th December	● Last day of term - normal finish time

Notices

Attendance Please email the school office. <u>Do not email the year group.</u>	If your child is not in school, you must notify us by leaving a message on our answer phone or by emailing office.2609@ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk before 9am on each day of their absence. <u>Email is preferable as we are finding it increasingly hard to understand due to unclear messages and poor telephone signal.</u> Please state clearly and concisely your child's full name, class and their reason for absence - <u>being specific about the illness or medical needs.</u> You must inform the school in advance by email above, if you need to take your child for an educational setting visit, religious observance or similar. These absences will need to be pre agreed by us. No birthdays, cheaper holidays, altered holiday arrangements or similar will be agreed. In line with strict government legislation, they will be recorded as unauthorised on your child's attendance record.
School Meals	A copy of our School Lunch Menu can be found on the website here - https://www.ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk/parents/school-lunches
Term Dates 2027-28	The Term Dates for Academic Year 2027-28 have now been added to our website and can be found here - https://www.ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk/parents/term-dates
Extended Schools Billing	Billing for this term will take place next week. Please make your payment as soon as possible as per our terms and conditions.
SEND	SEN Ceilidh with Ceilidh Band Sunbird Friday 18 September 2026, 18:00 - 19:30 Wallingford Sports Club presents an SEN ceilidh. Dances will be easy, fun and adaptable and called by Jane Bird. Music from Sunbird features accordion, saxophone, whistles, mouth organs and bagpipes. All are welcome. Bar and kitchen will be open for all refreshments. Wheelchair accessible, accessible toilets. 120 space car park Tickets are £11 and available from https://wegottickets.com/f/26118 There will be an evening ceilidh after this one: https://wegottickets.com/f/26127 Location The Pavillion, Wallingford Sports Park, Hithercroft Rd, Wallingford, OX10 9RB
Short Breaks Update for Families with Disabled Children and Young People	The September Short Breaks Update for Families with Disabled Children and Young People is now available on our website here: Upcoming Activities Regular Activities 1 Regular Activities 2 Other Information Parent Carer Support Groups
External Clubs and Activities	If you are looking for external clubs and activities taking place in the local area, or for any upcoming holiday camps, please visit this page on our website - https://www.ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk/parents/external-clubs-activities



Termly Information

2026-27

A copy of this document is available on our website. We will always keep you up to date through weekly newsletters and parent updates.

Parent Helpers	If you are a parent helper- thank you! You will need to talk to the office before coming to help. Due to a change in regulations, if you help regularly you will need a DBS check, even if you are always supervised. The office have to run through some safeguarding matters and checks with you before you can start.
Gates	There are always staff members at or near the gates to help you at drop off or pick up times. During the daytime all access points to the main school premises are locked. Note that we close the main reception gates, path gate (by the kitchen) and the car park gates but these gates are not locked (so you can access the front office during the day). We ask that you close the gates behind you when you leave.
Social Media	Any inappropriate or disproportionate comments regarding the school or any of the pupils, parents or staff, on social media sites such as Facebook are not in the best interests of the whole school community. Parents should be aware that even flippant comments can be vastly misinterpreted when in print and are often shared beyond your online friendship groups, negatively affecting others. Any concerns you may have should always be sent through the appropriate channels by speaking to the classteacher, senior leaders, headteacher or office staff, so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.
Home Time	Children in Foundation Stage and KS1 are always handed over to their parents by a member of staff at the end of the school day. Children in KS2 exit through their class doors and are instructed to find their parents. They are told that if they cannot find their parent/childminder they are to come back into their classroom and tell their teacher . Please can you reiterate this to your child. If you happen to be late picking up, please notify the school office and we will get a message to your child if it is before 3pm. If we know you are going to be late, the children can sit supervised in Reception.
Dropping Off and Picking Up	Parents are respectfully asked to park with care and consideration at the beginning and end of the school day. These are busy and sometimes frustrating times as it gets very congested- the roads were not designed for the number of cars we now use. Please also give consideration to our very young or disabled children when you bring your child into school. Some of our children have mobility issues and may lose their balance if jostled. I go out to monitor the road when possible but this is not part of the school's remit therefore we involve our PSCO if necessary. Please do not use the entrance to the car park as a drop off or pick up point, this causes further congestion and a significant hazard for pedestrians. As a school we are luckier than most, having a main road that wraps around the school as well as the football club kindly letting us use their very large car park at these times. It is only a short walk from there to the side gate.
DISABLED PARKING BAY	We have parents and children in school for whom it is essential to use the disability space daily - <u>please do not park in this bay unless you are eligible</u> . Thank you.
Safety Drills	Fire drills take place termly at different times during the school day and the school's cluster point is the KS2 playground. Invacuation practice takes place once a year. Staff are aware of the expectations for lockdown and escort all children. These drills are highly beneficial although they usually lead to wild rumour amongst the children! Please assume that there will be drill practices at any time during the year. You will be notified if it is not a drill.
Safeguarding	We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the children at the school. If you have any safeguarding concerns, Andrew Markham, Elaine Li-Koo, and Carly Clarkson are the designated safeguarding leads at school. Posters with pictures of these staff are all around school. Anne Addison is the designated safeguarding officer at our Extended Schools/After School Club.

Cycle safety	Please ensure your child wears a helmet at all times, evidence shows that these can save lives and historical local incidents have shown that injuries from falls while cycling around Ladygrove estate have been minimised by the use of helmets.
Online safety	The potential dangers of social networking sites are often highlighted by the news media. http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk has sections for parents and children. We talk to children about online safety in assemblies and during computing lessons but you should follow this up at home. At home, the important aspect is ensuring children have the skills and understanding to deal with an issue if it arises, since it is becoming harder to monitor what they are doing on personal devices. Some aspects of online activity are helpful for remotely socialising but some media practices have been linked to mental health issues, especially for adults. Please take care of yourself as well as being a role model for all our children. Take note that most social media apps and messaging services are restricted to 13 years old and above, including WhatsApp.
Holidays/Absences	We have to monitor absence meticulously. If your child is not in school, whatever the reason, you must notify us by leaving a message on our answerphone before 9am each day. We need very clear details from you if your child is absent. This could even help identify illness patterns. Term time holidays are not allowed and will be recorded as unauthorised absence in line with government legislation. If you need to take your child out of school, you must request this in writing beforehand. Please note that we monitor all absence and when below 95% we may contact parents to discuss attendance expectations- depending on specific circumstances. Below 90% we may need to involve external services- depending on specific circumstances. Over a whole school year 90% attendance is 19 school days absence (1 month of missed schooling). We also may send letters home to families as reminders of current percentages, especially when below 90%.
Food Allergies	We have children in school who have various complex food allergies or needs and special lunchtime procedures to help keep them safe. If your child has a packed lunch please ensure they know they are not to 'share' food or eat food from another child's packed lunch. Please note that we would prefer non food items when you are considering class treats to share out for birthdays.
Photographs	You will have completed a photo consent form on your Pupil Enrolment Form when your child started at our school. This tells us when we are able to use photos of your child. We take photographs or videos of the children at our school mainly for educational purposes but sometimes for promotional reasons. For example- promotional images may be used on our school website, in publications that we produce or on displays in school. Educational images may be used to allow teachers to reflect on their teaching. Our school may be visited by the media who will take photographs or film footage- in this case, parents will be contacted individually for specific permission. Parents can sometimes take photographs at school events but strictly for their personal use, these cannot be made public unless you have gained permission from everyone in the image. On some occasions, it may be necessary to retract this opportunity, this depends on the circumstances of the particular event or if a parent has fully denied permission for a child participating in the event.
School Photographer	Twice a year we commission a company called Starlight Images to take individual photographs and class photographs for parents to purchase. If you have denied permission for this on the photo consent form, we will sympathetically remove your child from the group at the time the photo is taken.
Trips	If a payable trip is planned any payments are required via ParentPay. A letter will be sent home detailing information about ParentPay for any new children. The letter will have an activation code on it for you to use. Please note that Years 4 and 6 have residential trips. We allow ample time to pay for these trips by instalments. Please note that in the past the school has made up for shortfalls where parents have not paid. Schools now have to be extremely efficient with the limited national funding and in future we will not be able to cover the shortfall (sometimes £4-5k a year from non payment). Trips may have to be cancelled in future years if shortfalls of expected payments continue. If you have any problems paying for your trip, please contact the school office to discuss options.
Local Area Trips	Schools do not need to ask for parental consent for local school trips during the school day. We won't, therefore, ask your permission for local trips (e.g. to the park or local library) but you will always be made aware in advance that they are taking place. Children are always accompanied by an appropriate number of school staff members and risk assessments undertaken.
ParentPay	Please check your ParentPay account to see if you have any outstanding monies due to be paid.
Medicine	Where clinically possible, medicines should be prescribed in dose frequencies which enable them to be taken outside school hours. Due to the varying levels of risk in giving medication, coupled with any high levels of demand from parents for school to administer medicines, it is possible that our assessment of risk will demonstrate an

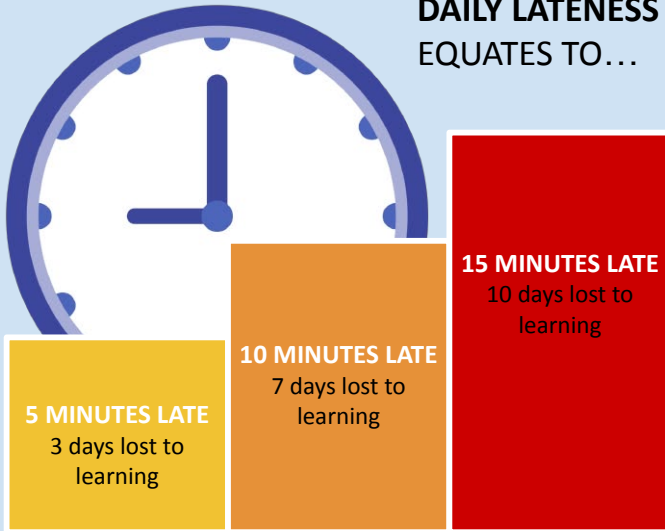
	inappropriate level of risk in agreeing to administer medicine during the school day. The school therefore reserves the right to ask the parent to attend school to administer medicine (for short term prescriptions). Where this is not possible, the school will require the parent to contact the school 10 minutes before expected administration (for short term prescriptions).
Inhalers	Children must have their named and in-date inhaler at school at all times (this is a parental responsibility). If, over the holidays your child has been given an inhaler for the first time please speak to the school office as you will need to complete relevant paperwork.
Medical Conditions	Whatever medical conditions your child has please ensure we have this information in writing. If your child requires antihistamine or an epipen please remember it is your responsibility to ensure medication is replaced when it expires.
Dogs	Dogs are not allowed on school premises. Please leave your dogs tied up outside by the school gates.
Mobile phones- Year 5 and 6 only	If it is necessary for your child to bring a mobile phone to school (for use to and from school) then please speak to your child's class teacher. Your child is expected to hand their mobile phone to their teacher upon entering the building so that it can be kept in a safe place. All mobile phones must be switched off upon entering the school gates and remain switched off all day. If your child does not hand their phone in, the school cannot take responsibility for any loss or damage and any use will constitute breaking the school rules, as an infringement of privacy/safety. Mobile phones are not necessary during the school day as two way communication can easily be made through the main school office. Children must be off site before they begin to use their phone.
Breakfast and After School Clubs	• Breakfast Club runs from 8am till school start time; children are provided with breakfast and social time. We have a varied menu that will meet the needs of even the most selective of children! Breakfast Club costs £6.25 per session and is open to all children. • After School Club runs from school end to 6pm. It ensures a smooth transition from school to child-care. The children are offered a varied choice of snack on arrival. It costs £14.50 per session and is open to all children in school. • Fees are invoiced a term in advance. Payment must be made via ParentPay or childcare vouchers only. It will be necessary to chase non-payment. Any queries please contact Heather in the office. • Parents are respectfully asked NOT to use the school car park or entrance to the car park to drop off their child to Breakfast Club, as they block the parking spaces required for staff who are arriving at the same time and this leads to children walking around in the car park. • If you need to book places in our Breakfast Club or After School Club please complete the booking form online here - https://www.ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk/contact/after-school-club • Please can bicycles belonging to After School Club children be left in the cycle racks outside the main reception area. This helps you when picking up at the end of school. Thank you.
Extra Curricular Clubs	Clubs usually take place straight after school and sometimes at lunchtime. They are run by staff covering aspects such as science, art, gardening and various sports. These will be communicated via the office at the start of each term.
School Uniform and the shop	School uniform is important: it looks smart, contributes to a sense of belonging and community, gives a common purpose, gives children equality amongst their peers in terms of appearance to help to reduce any prejudice, fosters a feeling of pride and is designed with health and safety in mind. We expect that all children will wear the uniform when necessary and encourage them to maintain a good quality of clean and tidy dress presentation including sensible haircuts. Please label all items of school uniform. -Navy jumper or cardigan -White polo shirt, shirt or blouse -Plain navy trousers, shorts or skirt/pinafore dress. Blue checked/striped dresses may also be worn. -White or black socks or tights -Wellington boots (Foundation Stage and Year 1 children only) -Black shoes (boots, shoes, trainers) Our school uniform (with logo) is available to purchase from Trutex in Didcot. They are based at Cockcroft (opposite Northbourne School). Book bags and PE bags are also available at Trutex. Alternatively, you can purchase school uniform from other establishments such as supermarkets.
PE Kits	We have a sharp and smart look for PE and children currently wear their kit to school on PE days to eliminate the extra time for changing. Pupils wear their house colour t-shirts as standard PE kit. Children will be expected to wear

	a house coloured t-shirt with or without a logo, blue shorts, trainers for outdoors, warm top and jogging bottoms when it is cold. Kits should also be labelled. Please contact the office if you have difficulty paying for uniform.
School Meals	School meals are £3.50 per meal. The most up to date menu can be found on our website here - https://www.ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk/contact/school-menu Children in KS1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. Children in Nursery and KS2 (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) will be billed for school meals. The meal will be billed via ParentPay on a daily basis. Please ensure this is paid by the end of each week.
Healthy Snacks	Children in KS2 (Yrs 3-6) can bring in a piece of fruit (or veg) to eat at breaktime. Children in KS1 and Foundation Stage are offered a piece of fruit/veg every day through the Government funded Fruit and Vegetable Scheme.
Fruit Trees	We have some fruit trees in school that bear fruit such as apples. Whilst they are edible, we ask you to reiterate at home that children are not to pick/eat anything off trees unless an adult has said it is safe to do so.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

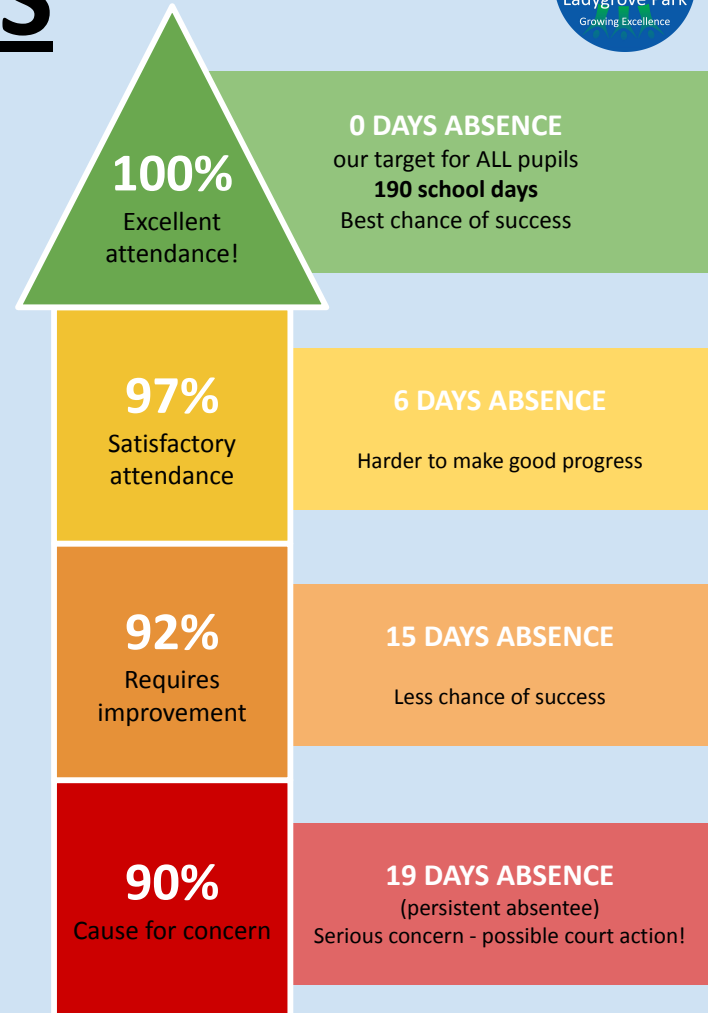
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AUTUMN MENU 2026

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MENU KEY:
WEEK ONE 01.09.26 22.09.26 13.10.26	Option One	Macaroni Cheese	 Phat Pasty Pork Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	 Spaghetti Beef Bolognaise	Fishfingers with Chips	
	Option Two	Tomato Pasta	Mexican Bean Roll with Potato Wedges	 Roasted Quorn, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy	Vegan Bolognaise	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips	
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
	Dessert	NEW Banana Mousse	Orange Drizzle Cake	 Fruit Platter	 Apple Flapjack 	 Cookie	 Whole grain
WEEK TWO 08.09.26 29.09.26 20.10.26	Option One	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Summer Mixed Salad 	 Beef Chilli with Rice & Sweetcorn & Cucumber Salsa 	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Greek Chicken Pitta with Herby Rice & Salad	Fishfingers with Chips	 Plant based
	Option Two	Rainbow Pizza With Summer Mixed Salad 	Mild Mexican Quorn Chilli with Rice & Sweetcorn & Cucumber Salsa	 Quorn Roast Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Greek Spinach & Cheese Whirl with Herby Rice & Salad	NEW Cheesy Broccoli Frittata with Chips	 Added plant protein
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
	Dessert	Vanilla Sponge	Ice Cream	 Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad	Jam & Coconut Sponge with Custard	 Oaty Cookie 	
WEEK THREE 15.09.26 06.10.26	Option One	Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	 Beef Burger with Potato Wedges & Rainbow Slaw	Roast of the Day, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	 Beef Pasta in Tomato Sauce 	Fishfingers with Chips	 Chef's Special
	Option Two	Chickpea Curry with Rice	Vegetable Burger with Potato Wedges & Rainbow Slaw	Quorn Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Vegetable Pasta in Tomato Sauce	Cheese & Spinach Whirl	
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
	Dessert	Peach Cake	Cheese & Crackers	 Fruit Medley	Apple Cake 	 Vanilla Shortbread	
AVAILABLE DAILY:		Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings, Salad Bar					

If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods, please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.