



# Our Ludwell Leaflet

Newsletter: Friday 27th June 2025



### **Dear Families**

This term, has already been brimming with many exciting events and experiences for our pupils. The whole of Key Stage 1 visited Moores Valley and had a wonderful time exploring while Years 3, 4 and 5 have been participating in a number of drumming workshops ahead of their visit to Larmer Tree gardens next week. There's much more to come too —our Year 6 residential, museum visit, a planetarium experience here at school, our KS2 production and of course our wonderful PTFA Summer Fayre.

Thank you to our Ludwell team who work so hard to ensure these exciting events, visits and experiences can go ahead for our pupils. And a huge thank you to parents who have been able to volunteer their time to support us too. It makes such a difference and we do not take your presence and support for granted.

The children have been busy working hard this term. In recent weeks, Year 1 have completed their Phonics Screening Check and our Year 4 pupils have completed their multiplication check. I know their teachers are very proud of the individual progress they have each made. Later this term, you will receive your child's end of year academic report which will highlight your child's progress and attainment this year, including detailing their next steps in learning.

We recently held our EYFS information evening for parents of children who will be joining us in reception come September. Over the next few weeks, to prepare our new pupils for school life, we will run a series of 'stay and play sessions'.

Of course, while we look ahead to welcoming new pupils to our school, we are also getting prepared to wish our Year 6s the very best as they prepare to move on to their next chapter as they move on to secondary school.

Change can be a little daunting and we ensure we make plans with this in mind. Change can also be quite exciting at the same time. This term, there will **be** further transition work for all pupils and all year groups. I will be writing to you all next week, to share details of our planned classes for September.

As always, thank you for your continued support,

Best Wishes,



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## Treehouse Breakfast and After School Club- Monday to Friday

Reminder that bookings for the clubs must be made in advance. We are trialing a later option on Mondays to Thursday and will review the demand for this over the coming weeks. A reminder that we have an enhanced breakfast menu to be shared, activities available and more spaces available.

#### Summer Clubs

Sports, gardening, choir and reading clubs have started this week during lunchtimes. Demand has been popular so we have grouped the children to enable so many of them to enjoy this provision.



## **Dates For your Diary**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025** Elm and Year 5 Offsite

**Tuesday 1**st **July 2025** Y6 Shaftesbury Transfer Day

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 Y6 Gillingham Transfer Day

Wednesday 2nd July 2025 Transition Afternoon

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025 New Reception Stay & Play Session

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July to Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Year 6 Residential

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025 Elm Offsite Visit

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025 PTFA Summer Fayre

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025 New Reception Stay & Play Session

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025 Larmer Tree Pageant (More details to follow soon)

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025 KS2 Production to Parents 1.15pm

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 Y6 Leavers Assembly @ 2pm

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025 Last day of term – No After School Club





# Sports Day







We really enjoyed our whole school sports day this year and it was lovely to have so many family members come and watch the children in action. Thank you very much to Miss Donlon and our Sports Ambassadors for leading the day. Once again, the children impressed us with their great sportsmanship, enthusiasm and resilience. A huge **congratulations** to **the Blue team for coming first** with a massive amount of points earnt across the different events.





## **Forest School & Outdoor Area Development**

We are so grateful to have been awarded £1000 through the tesco blue token scheme...

In the coming weeks, we will be adding a new exploration station, planters, den making kits, new natural, seating, bug hotels and natural resources for making and being creative. Watch this space!

Furthermore, we have **BIG** plans to develop our outdoor space further too. We will be sharing our vision and ideas further in the coming weeks and are excited to see how these changes will support not just learning but wellbeing, imagination and connection with nature.



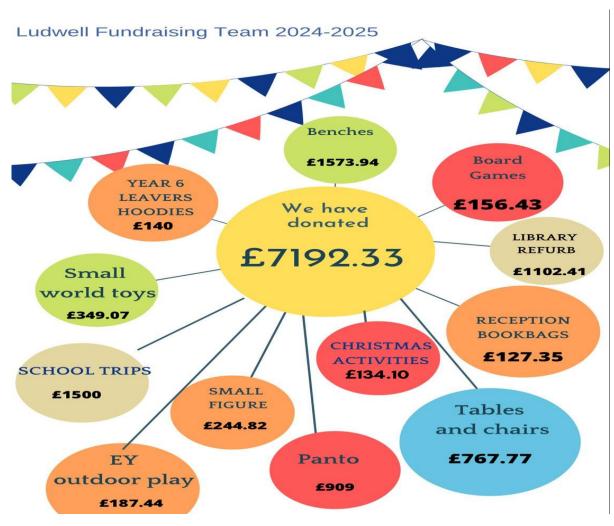






A heartfelt **thank you** to our amazing fundraising team – this is truly extraordinary work and makes such a difference to our school. The endless support and hours of work put in by the core members is incredible – we really do not take this support for granted.

Thank you to everyone who shows support through making donations and attending events – we are really grateful and thank you for being part of our community.





Please can all filled sweet cones that your child brought home today (sweets must be in wrappers) be brought back in to school by **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July** 

Raffle tickets need to be handed in by Friday 11th July to be drawn at the Summer Fayre

\*Volunteers always needed - please contact the school or PTFA directly if you can support. Thank you.







We would like children to look smart in school and to wear the correct school uniform. This contributes to a sense of belong and is in keeping with a purposeful and respectful learning environment.

We hope by sharing this reminder now it helps families ahead of September ensure children only wear the permitted items. We thank you for your support with this.

#### **School Uniform**

- Checked school skirt
- Smart school grey trousers (no leggings/tracksuit bottoms)
- School jumper with logo
- Grey tights or **plain** grey/navy/white socks
- White revere collar blouses
- White shirt with school tie
- School shoes should be plain and black- no trainers.
- Hair should be tied back with navy/dark and plain hair bands
  (jewellery and fancy coloured hair bands are not permitted)

In the summer term, navy blue Gingham school dresses or grey school shorts (not combat) can be worn.

#### **PE Uniform**

- a school PE sports top with the school logo or plain navy polo shirt
- Plain navy shorts, skort or navy leggings
- During the colder months, the children may wear plain, navy track suits.
- plain sports trainers or plimsols

## **Uniform Suppliers**

All school items (skirts, jumpers, ties, PE shirts and book bags) can be purchased online from our suppliers, **Price & Buckland** at <u>price-buckland.co.uk</u>.

Blouses, shirts, smart trousers and PE items can be purchased from a variety of retail outlets and supermarkets.

If your child loses an item of clothing, please do look in the wicker lost property basket in the entrance foyer.

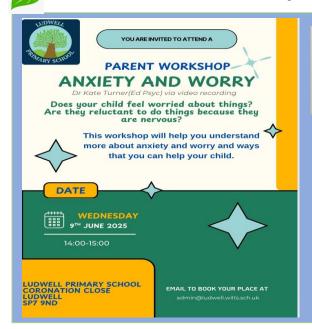
If you are in receipt of certain benefits, you may be entitled to uniform at a discounted rate.

Please discuss this with the school office.





## **Further School News/updates**



Please email the school office to book your place at this workshop by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

## **Well-Being Corner**

#### **Family Gratitude**



Practicing gratitude as a family can strengthen bonds and improve overall well-being by fostering positivity and appreciation.

Try asking each member of the family to share something they are grateful for at the end of each day. Identifying the small things can quickly highlight the most special moments.

## **Staff News**

A quick catch up with Mrs Dent, our pastoral lead...

What book are you currently reading? The Midnight Hour by Eve Chase

What hobbies do you have? Running (slowly) and cooking!

What is your favourite part about working at Ludwell? Being able to guide and support children in the classroom as well as in my pastoral role and also offering support to our families at Ludwell.

What are you grateful for this week?

I am grateful for being able to spend quality time together with my friends and family this week.

## **Notices/Reminders**

- The children should have sun hats and water bottles should be in school everyday during these sunnier months
- Summer uniform- navy blue Gingham school dresses or smart grey shorts can be worn
- No after school club on the last day of term





#### Weekly News

#### Learning from the world around us!

Each week we explore a current news story through an image, and a thought-provoking question during our class assemblies. Part of this resource has an option to extend thinking at home, with a take home section. We like to share this with our parents from time to time.







## In the news this week

Nearly 140 years after it sank, a team of divers has identified the wreck of a ship, called the SS Nantes, off the coast of Devon, in southwest England. The ship sank in 1888, after crashing into another boat. The shipwreck could finally be named when a diver found a plate with the ship's company logo (or crest) on it.

#### Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk to others at home and discuss what you think it would feel like to discover a missing shipwreck.
- If you could explore one mystery from the past, what would it be and why?
- Do you believe it's important to learn about the past? Why? What do others at home say?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

## **Welcome to Shaftesbury Fringe!**

The biggest, open-access arts festival in Dorset, with over 300 performances from 18th to 20th July. With music of all genres, childrens' theatre, a bubbleologist, magicians, a comedy game-show and a Punch and Judy, there's more for families at this year's Fringe than ever before.

After a show, there's the abbey gardens open as the perfect space to chill out, the recently revamped St James's park to burn off some excess energy and our food and drink hub on Park Walk, so you can make the day as busy or relaxed as you like.

Head to <a href="www.shaftesburyfringe.co.uk">www.shaftesburyfringe.co.uk</a> or download the app on google and apple to plan your visit!







## Term Dates 2025 -2026

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Bank and Public Holidays 2025/2026			
Christmas Day Holiday	Thurs 25th December 2025	Easter Monday	Mon 6th April 2026
Boxing Day Holiday	Fri 26th December 2025	May Day Holiday	Mon 4th May 2026
New Years Day Holiday	Thurs 1st January 2026	Spring Bank Holiday	Mon 25th May 2026
Good Friday	Fri 3rd April 2026	Summer Bank Holiday	Mon 31st August 2026
* First Day After Break	# Last Day Before Break	School Holidays	Bank Holidays

## Staff Training Days

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026







