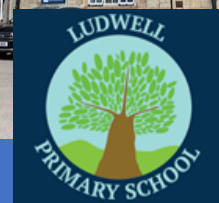




Our Ludwell Leaflet

Newsletter 1: 12th September 2025



Dear Families



Welcome back!

We have had the pleasure of welcoming not only our returning pupils but also new families and our brand-new Reception children – Ash class into school. They have all done superbly and have settled quickly into our Ludwell School community. Our new families have supported them beautifully and positively at drop off. It has been lovely to see them begin their school journey with us.

The school has felt calm, settled and joyful – I am so very proud of how all children have started the new school year and am very much looking forward to another fantastic year together. I am confident it will be full of joy and growth for all of our learners.

The children have looked really smart in their uniforms and shown great focus when getting back into school routines. Already they have shown commitment to our behaviour expectations of **'Be Focused', 'Be Kind' and 'Be Safe'**. In our first values assembly we revisited our expectations and also explored our vision for developing independence and school motto of **'Inspiring Creativity, Fostering Compassion and Nurturing Excellence'**.

As always, we are happy to talk, so please do approach me or a member of staff if you ever have a question or worry.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Collins



Inspiring creativity
Fostering Compassion
Nurturing Excellence



Clubs

Treehouse After School Club – Monday to Friday

From September, booking for Treehouse After School Club and Breakfast Club will need to be made via Arbor. School money will no longer be accessible. Please note, our After School Club rates will increase subtly in the new school year by 25p a session but we remain committed to providing exciting activities and high quality care for our pupils attending.

Information on clubs running in the Autumn term will come out at the beginning of the next academic year.

Dates For your Diary

Welcome to 'new class' Information Meetings

Tuesday 23rd September –

KS2 Parents 3.15-3.45pm

Thursday 25th September –

KS1 Parents

Thursday 2nd October 2025

New Reception Open Morning

Thursday 23rd October 2025

Individual Fraiser Photographs

Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October 2025

Autumn Half Term

Monday 3rd November 2025

INSET – No school for pupils

Thursday 6th November 2025

New Reception Open Morning

Friday 21st November 2025

Flu Immunisations



Keeping in Touch/How Information is Shared

- **Primary channels:** Emails, Arbor Messages and the school newsletter, 'Our Ludwell Leaflet'.
*Please direct all emails to admin@ludwell.wilts.sch.uk and put who it is for the attention of in the subject line e.g. FAO Miss Morris, Elm Class
- **Class newsletters:** These will be new and introduced this term with more detail about learning and expectations for your child's class.
- **Quick queries:** Class teachers at pick-up, or via the school office.
- **Website:** Our new website is almost ready to be launched – we will share further details soon with you all.



Arbor

We use the **Arbor Parent Portal** as the main system for signing up to clubs, paying for school trips, updating pupil information and booking parents evenings. All parents should have now had details of how to sign up. If you need help getting started, please see this guide:

[A-quick-introduction-to-Arbor-for-guardians-and-parents](#)

A guide for booking meals:

[Meal-Menu-choices-on-the-Parent-Portal-or-Parent-App](#)

A guide for clubs:

[Signing-my-child-up-for-a-Club-on-the-Parent-Portal-or-Parent-App](#)



Key Reminders

- **School times:**
Gates open from **8.35am to 8.45am**
All children should be in school by **8.45am**. Please ensure your child attends punctually.
Pick up is **3.10pm**.
- **Drop Off/Pick Up:**
This is inevitably a busy time (albeit for a small period of time) – please park respectfully of our neighbours, avoiding driveways and garages. Please ensure our Zig Zag markings remain clear.
- **Snacks**
Fruit is provided in KS1 pupils only. Remember it is a healthy snack that needs to be sent in for KS2 pupils please. Named/identifiable water bottles should be in school every day.
- **Label Everything!** *This is so important to avoid things going missing. Any parent is able to come and look through lost property and therefore it is important that all items are labelled.*
- **Welly boots** As we go into the Autumn term, the field will no doubt get soggy. If you can provide a pair of welly boots for these months, it means more spaces can remain accessible.



Attendance & Punctuality

Target: 96%+ for every child.

If your child is unwell, please call the office **by 9am** to report the absence.

Government Update on Absence

The Department for Education has introduced a national attendance framework. Schools are now required to consider a penalty notice (fine) if a pupil has 10 sessions of absence within a 10-week period. Each school day is split into two sessions (morning and afternoon), so this equates to five full days of absence. You can track your child's attendance in the Arbor parent app.

A penalty notice may be issued if children are absent in the following circumstances:

- Holiday taken without permission
- Where the reason for absence is not provided
- When the absence is unauthorized
- When a pupil arrives after the register has closed

Only absences due to exceptional circumstances can be authorized.

If you know your child will be absent, please complete an Absence Request form from the school office — even if you suspect the absence will not meet the criteria for authorisation. We will always look more favourably on families who are open and honest with us about planned absences, rather than taking a less transparent approach.



School Trips and Visits

Enriching the curriculum through trips and visits is an important part of our children's education. Although we endeavour to always support families facing financial difficulties, unfortunately we cannot fund these activities for all alone. Last year, the PTFA kindly donated money towards travel costs so we can ask for a smaller voluntary contribution from parents. Thank you for your continued support with this. As always, we are always happy to talk and offer support where we can.



Celebration Assembly

Every Friday morning from 9 -9.25am (Aprox) we hold our weekly celebration assembly. This is a time for teachers to celebrate their class's achievements. Your child will be selected for a leaf award, a kindness award or Mrs Collins' Head Teacher award. Miss Shoemark will contact you to invite you to attend (Hopefully by the Thursday morning). We know this is short notice but hope you appreciate we want to give the instantaneous feedback for their learning that week. We also love celebrating learning from outside of school so do send your children in with their certificates or badges 😊



Primary & Secondary School Admissions



Primary Applications 2026 -The closing date for applications is Thursday 15 January, 2026.

Secondary Applications 2026 -The closing date for applications is Friday 31 October, 2025

To apply please follow the relevant link below (dependent on your home local authority):

Wiltshire Council Parent Portal: <https://parentportal.wiltshire.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/home>

Dorset Council Parent Portal: www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions



Developing Opportunities for Creative Play at Ludwell



This year, we have enhanced the classroom environment and opportunities for continuous provision in Beech class. Continuous provision in Key Stage 1 offers significant benefits by fostering child-led learning, promoting independence, creativity, and critical thinking through self-initiated, hands-on exploration. The children have enjoyed accessing these opportunities and we would like to continue developing and enhancing the offer. If you have had a summer sort out, we would be grateful to receive donations of:

- *Small world animals (safari and/or farm animals)*
- *Magnetic building blocks*
- *Polydron*
- *Envelopes (different colours/shapes/sizes)*

We are also developing our playtimes to be more active, imaginative and inclusive — our aim is to build up a collection of open-ended resources and would be incredibly grateful for any donations of the following:

Outdoor & Construction Materials

- *Buckets, crates, cable reels
- *Wood chips or bark chippings
- *tubing, plastic pipes (safe/no sharp edges)



Child Protection & Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Collins

Deputy DSLs: Ms Boothby & Mrs Dent

If you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing — no matter

how small they may seem, please do not hesitate to talk to Mrs Collins or a member of the safeguarding team.

All members of staff at Ludwell are trained in safeguarding and will do their utmost

to help you feel heard and supported. Safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do. If you ever need to speak with someone, we are here — and we are always ready to listen.



Uniform Refresher

We would like children to look smart in school and to wear the correct school uniform. This contributes to a sense of belonging and is in keeping with a purposeful and respectful learning environment. This is something we would really like to raise expectations of again in the new year.

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 reverse collar blouses
- White shirt with school tie
- School shoes should be plain and black
- Long hair should be tied back with navy/dark and plain hair bands
(jewellery and fancy/oversized coloured hair bands should be saved for non-uniform days and home. Small stud earrings are 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/black mid-length shorts, skirt or navy/black leggings
- During the colder months, the children may wear plain, navy/black track suits.
- 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 price-buckland.co.uk.

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 News/updates

New Class Information Workshops

In early September (see Diary Dates) there will be an opportunity for parents to come in and meet the new class teacher and listen to a short presentation about their new class and the curriculum which will be followed. It's a great opportunity to also find out how you can support at home.

Well Being Corner



Staff News

During our September training day, teachers spent time reviewing our agreed fundamentals of high quality teaching and strategies for building independence in the classrooms. This year, we will be building further opportunity for reflection and meta cognitive talk to develop our learners self-awareness and ability to monitor their progress towards their own learning goals.

All staff also accessed their annual safeguarding training update.

Notices/Reminders

- Term dates for the academic year 2025-2026 can be found below.
- **Healthy Snacks** Polite reminder children should only be bringing healthy snacks (e.g. Fruit, breadsticks or cereal bars (no-nuts)). Please ensure they have a healthy break snack if bringing one in from home. KS1 Pupils receive fruit each morning.
- The **autumnal weather** is here. Please ensure your child has a coat in school each day. We encourage the children to also have a pair of welly boots during these months as the field can become quite muddy.



2025-2026 Ludwell Term Dates

Autumn Term 2025

SEPTEMBER 2025						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3*	10	17	24		
Thur	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	7	14	21	28		

OCTOBER 2025						
Mon		6	13	20	27	
Tue		7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thur	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24#	31	
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

NOVEMBER 2025						
Mon		3*	10	17	24	
Tue		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thur		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

DECEMBER 2025						
Mon		1	8	15	22	29
Tue		2	9	16	23	30
Wed		3	10	17	24	31
Thur		4	11	18	25	
Fri		5	12	19#	26	
Sat		6	13	20	27	
Sun		7	14	21	28	

Spring Term 2026

JANUARY 2026						
Mon		5*	12	19	26	
Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thur	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24	31	
Sun	4	11	18	25		

FEBRUARY 2026						
Mon		2	9	16	23*	
Tue		3	10	17	24	
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thur		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13#	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22		

MARCH 2026						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	31
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thur		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27#	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

APRIL 2026						
Mon		6	13*	20	27	
Tue		7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thur	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24		
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

Summer Term 2026

MAY 2026						
Mon		4	11	18	25	
Tue		5	12	19	26	
Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thur		7	14	21	28	
Fri	1	8	15	22#	29	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
Sun	3	10	17	24	31	

JUNE 2026						
Mon	1*	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24		
Thur	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	7	14	21	28		

JULY 2026						
Mon		6	13	20	27	
Tue		7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22#	29	
Thur	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24	31	
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

AUGUST 2026						
Mon		3	10	17	24	31
Tue		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thur		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

Bank and Public Holidays 2025/2026

Christmas Day Holiday	Thurs 25th December 2025
Boxing Day Holiday	Fri 26th December 2025
New Years Day Holiday	Thurs 1st January 2026
Good Friday	Fri 3rd April 2026

Easter Monday	Mon 6th April 2026
May Day Holiday	Mon 4th May 2026
Spring Bank Holiday	Mon 25th May 2026
Summer Bank Holiday	Mon 31st August 2026

* First Day After Break

Last Day Before Break

School Holidays

Bank Holidays

Staff Training Days

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Friday 13th February 2026

Friday 19th June 2026

