



Our Ludwell Leaflet

Newsletter: Friday 23rd May 2025



Dear Families



As we look to break up for the summer half term, I am very proud of all of the children for all they have done this term. I'd like to particularly share how proud we are of our Year 6 children, who have approached their SATs this term with maturity, resilience, and a positive mindset. A huge thank you to our staff and families for the support given throughout this important time.

I would like to compliment Elm class on their swimming this term – they have represented Ludwell so well and made superb progress in swimming each week. Next term, Oak will begin their weekly swimming lessons. Oak, along with Beech and Ash classes, will also access Forest Schools with Mrs Rhoades.

Next term, there is much to look forward to. The term will be complimented by many exciting offsite visits, whole school events, our KS2 end of term production and much much more!

Thank you for your continued support.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Collins

Dates For your Diary

Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025 –
Summer Half Term

Monday 2nd June 2025 – INSET **No school for pupils**

1.30pm Thursday 5th June 2025
PTFA meeting

Friday 6th June 2025
Weekly swimming for Oak Class

Thursday 12th June 2025
New Ash Parents Information Evening

Monday 9th to Friday 13th June 2025
Y1 Phonics Screening Week

Monday 3rd to Friday 13th June 2025
Y4 Multiplication Check

Tuesday 17th June 2025
Class Photographs

Thursday 19th June 2025
Beech and Ash Offsite Visit

Thursday 26th June 2025 - PM
Sports Day (PTFA Refreshments)

Tuesday 1st July 2025
Elm and Year 5 Offsite

Tuesday 1st July 2025
Y6 Shaftesbury Transfer Day

Wednesday 2nd July 2025
Y6 Gillingham Transfer Day

Thursday 3rd July 2025
Reserve Sports Day

Monday 7th July to Wednesday 9th July 2025
Year 6 Residential

Thursday 10th July 2025
Elm Offsite Visit

Friday 11th July 2025
PTFA Summer Fayre

Wednesday 16th July 2025
KS2 Production to Parents 1.15pm

Tuesday 22nd July 2025
Y6 Leavers Assembly @ 2pm



Inspiring creativity
Fostering Compassion
Nurturing Excellence



Clubs

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.



Our Vision & Values

"Inspiring Creativity, Fostering Compassion, Nurturing Excellence"

What is Creativity?

The ability to imagine, express or make something that was not there before. Creative thinking relies upon knowledge and skills being applied together in new contexts. Creativity can appear to be spontaneous but is in fact it also underpinned by the ability to apply trial and error, persevere and collaborate.

What is Compassion?

This is the ability to empathise with another; the ability to put yourself in another person's shoes and consider their perception and feelings. Fostering compassion to us means thinking about how we can show kindness and respect to each other and our environment.

What is Excellence?

At Ludwell, we consider excellence to be the drive to "be the best we can be" and importantly, excellence is about creating a lifelong passion for learning. An independent learner is resilient and resourceful in their approach.



Social Media and Online Safety



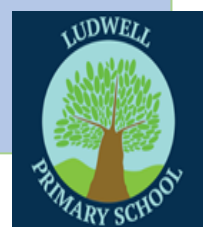
As part of our curriculum, we teach all year groups about being safe with technology and the risks to look out for. However, we do know this is an area that is rapidly evolving for both children and parents. Please be confident to put restrictions or boundaries in place and should you ever need any advice or have concerns, we are very happy to talk them through with you. The most important thing is to make sure your child knows they can raise a concern with you or another trusted adult.

Further advice can be found here

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/>

Online safety– five top tips

- Establish clear expectations/boundaries– explain that these are for their benefit to give them independence but also to keep them safe
- Set parent controls– this can be done easily through parent control settings/apps
- Agree a level of monitoring– ensure you know their passwords and check content in messages/apps regularly
- Schedule screen free time and limit usage– minimise access during meals, bedtimes or specific family activities
- Model healthy device behaviours– e.g. have a set screen-free time or put your phone down when interacting with your child



Further School News/updates

Class Photographs

Class photographs are taking place on **Tuesday 17th June**. We are looking forward to seeing all of our Ludwell children and staff looking super smart on the day! Please ensure your child is in full school uniform on this day, with no excessive hair accessories.

Our Year 6 children will also have their individual photograph and year group photo to mark their final year.

Well-Being Corner



Slip on clothing that covers your skin, long sleeves, collared t-shirts



Stop on sunscreen on exposed areas using factor 50+ for children



Slap on a wide-brimmed hat



Seek shade - especially if outdoors between 11 am and 3 pm



Slide on sunglasses to protect your eyes

Be SunSmart



Staff News

A quick catch up with Miss Morris...

What book are you currently reading? I am currently re-reading the Harry Potter series.

What hobbies do you have? Reading (I've challenged myself to read 50 books this year) and I have recently started knitting again.

What is your favourite part about working at Ludwell? The community – everyone is so helpful and supportive of each other and will give a helping hand.

What are you grateful for this week? The lovely weather! We've been able to have lots of wiggle breaks outside!

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.
- **INSET** – Our final training day of the school year will take place on **Monday 2nd June** – there will be **no school for pupils**
- **YEAR 5 transition** – please see separate letter ahead of this day



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 SPOTLIGHT 2 NEWSPAPER 19th - 25th May

Axolotl Success!

A group of endangered axolotls has been released into special wetlands near Mexico City, and they're doing well! Scientists released 18 of the smiling amphibians, which were bred in captivity, into clean water habitats. Each one had a tiny radio tracker to help researchers follow them. All the axolotls survived, and many gained weight, meaning they were hunting and eating. Dr. Alejandra Ramos, from the Autonomous University of Baja California, called it an amazing result. Axolotls were once common in Mexico's lakes, but pollution and city growth pushed them close to extinction.



Pictured: An axolotl. Source: Canva.

Now, farmers and volunteers are helping clean up the habitat. Dr. Luis Zambrano, from the National University of Mexico, said, 'If we lose this species, we lose part of our Mexican identity.' He also said, 'If we can restore this [wetland] habitat and restore the axolotl's population in a city of more than 20 million people, I feel that we have hope for humanity.' Dr. Ramos added, 'You don't need to be a scientist to get involved; everybody in the world can help out.'

Do you know any facts about axolotls? How would you feel if you saw an axolotl in real life?



Pictured: An axolotl. Source: Canva.

Record-breaking Runners

On 27th April 2025, the TCS London Marathon celebrated its 45th anniversary in a big way, setting new Guinness World Records and welcoming thousands of runners from around the world! This year, the marathon set a new record for the most finishers ever at a marathon, with 56,640 runners crossing the finish line



Pictured: The TCS London Marathon has broken the Guinness World Records title. Source: TCS London Marathon on Facebook.



Pictured: Jason Burbury broke the record for most underpants worn during a marathon. Source: Guinness World Records @GWR on X.

at The Mall in London! The marathon also had a record number of people applying to run. So many people wanted to be part of this special event that it broke the record for the most people entering a marathon in history! And while some runners were focusing on speed, others had a lot of fun setting quirky records! Jason Burbury set the record for the most underpants worn during a marathon—a whopping 52 pairs! 'It was a fantastic occasion to see so many people reach the finish line and be part of such a special day,' said Hugh Brasher, the CEO of the London Marathon Events. **Have you ever trained for a long run? Which record do you find the most interesting?**

What makes somewhere special to visit?



I think places are made special by the people that you go with to visit them and the memories that you make whilst you are there. **Joshua**

Let us know what you think about this week's news

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Advice from Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

Hopefully the weather will be nice over half term and the coming weeks and you and your child get to spend sometime outside.

Please consider the following advice to help keep you and your child safe:

Avoid having BBQs and campfires in the countryside.

Consider downloading What3words on your/your child's phone to be able to give an accurate location in an emergency. This is also a useful tool for knowing where your child is if they need you.

Please make sure matches and lighters are out of reach of younger children and talk to your older children about the dangers of playing with fire along with techniques and strategies to help them avoid situations where they feel pressured to take part in risky behaviours; for example discuss an excuse they could use to come home to get themselves away from the situation, for example "my mum messaged and she needs me to come home to walk the dog"

Teach your children to "float" if they get into trouble in water. If you are going to the seaside, it is safest to go to a lifeguarded beach.

In an emergency, call 999.

With your child, enter the Firefighter Quiz.

<https://forms.office.com/e/N3mApwY8Ku> designed for children aged 4 -7 years (although any age is welcome if suitable for them)

<https://forms.office.com/e/2hqdrTEWA> designed for children aged 8 -12 years (although any age is welcome if suitable for them)

Have a safe and enjoyable half term

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service





Term Dates 2025 -2026

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	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
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Staff Training Days

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Friday 13th February 2026

Friday 19th June 2026

Monster mask making

Enjoy listening to a monster story followed by making a monster mask - to make your very own scary monster!



Shaftesbury Library

Friday 30 May

11:00am - 12.00 noon

Booking
available via
eventbrite



Suitable for ages 3 and above

Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information:

 shaftesburylibrary@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

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Animal train

Join us to create your own animal train. Who will be riding on it? A Tiger? A Giraffe? It's up to you!



Shaftesbury Library

Thursday 29 May

2:00pm - 3:00pm



Suitable for aged 3+.

Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

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