



November Newsletter



During the week of 10th November, our school proudly celebrated Anti-Bullying Week. We kicked off the week by raising awareness with Odd Socks Day, reminding everyone to celebrate what makes us unique. All classes took part in lessons about bullying, how to prevent it, and what it means to be a 'telling school' here at Ludgershall. In assembly, we further explored the importance of speaking up and supporting one another.

Our younger children took part in activities focused on kindness, friendship, celebrating differences and fairness, using social stories, role play and group tasks to deepen their understanding. They also created a shared kindness heart to show how we can care for one another in class. Meanwhile, our older pupils designed 'stop hands' with top tips for tackling bullying, along with posters that helped raise awareness across the school.



SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

I always really enjoy our School Council meetings. Our councillors represent their classes and our school brilliantly. Before each School Council meeting, every class holds its own Class Council meeting so that the class councillor can bring forward ideas, comments and feedback on behalf of everyone. It's wonderful to see the children taking their roles so responsibly and speaking so confidently on behalf of their peers.

I am delighted to share some of the positive comments the children made about what is going well in our school:

- “We’re listening carefully to adults and tidying away equipment after we’ve played with it.” – Dahlia
- “PE is great because we get to try different things like Bollywood dancing and boxercise.” – Matthew
- “Writing is going well because we are writing stories linked to Where the Wild Things Are.” – Eden
- “People are playing nicely at break and lunchtime and using the equipment for the right reasons.” – Orson
- “More people are drinking more water.” – Ralph
- “People are eating fruit at the right times.”
- “Everyone is remembering to say please and thank you and I’ve really enjoyed our singing lessons in our class.” – Amelia
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It was wonderful to hear so many thoughtful reflections and to see how proud the children are of their learning and behaviour.

THANK YOU



Parent Maths Workshop Yr 3/ 4

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Maths Workshop at the start of Term 2. It was wonderful to see so many of you there. Mrs Linforth and Mr Wight shared a range of effective strategies for supporting children as they learn their multiplication and division facts, and we appreciate them for hosting such an informative session.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

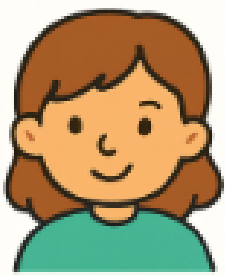
We'd like to gently remind families how important good attendance is for children's learning and wellbeing.

Children, typically, are happier and more confident when they attend school consistently, as they settle into routines, build friendships, and make steady progress.

Research shows that pupils who miss just one day every two weeks (around 10% absence) can fall noticeably behind over the year -small gaps add up quickly.

We aim to work collaboratively with all our parents and carers to support strong attendance, and we are always here to help if you have any concerns or need guidance.

When children can still come to school:



Mild colds
(e.g. runny nose, slight cough)

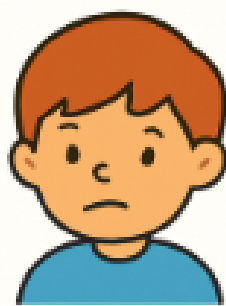


Hay fever

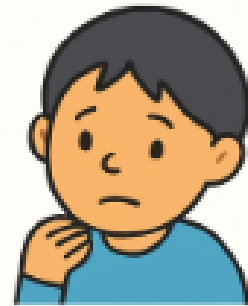


Mild tummy aches

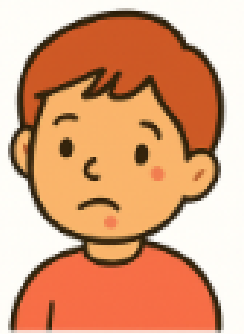
When children should stay off school:



Sickness or diarrhoea
(must be off for 48 hours after last episode)



High temperature/fever



Chickenpox, measles or other contagious rashes



Christmas Tree Decoration Competition



CHRISTMAS DECORATION!



It's time to get creative and festive!



Entries due:
Thursday 4th December

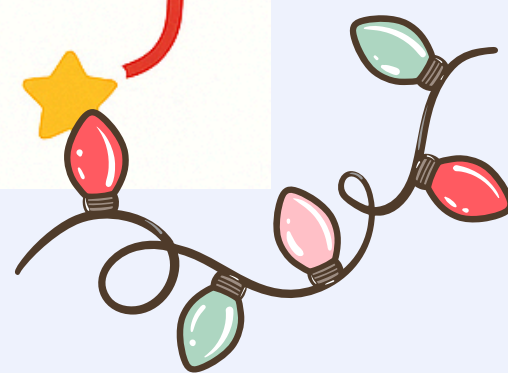
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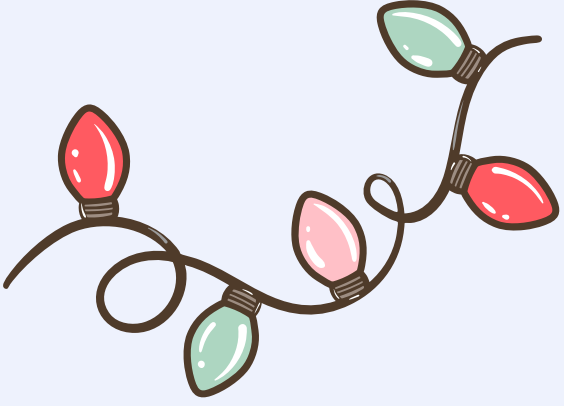
The winner will receive a book, a special Headteacher's pencil, and a certificate, plus their decoration will be featured in the school newsletter!



Please make sure your child's name and class are clearly written on the decoration

All entries will be proudly displayed on our school Christmas tree for everyone to enjoy.





Learning at Ludgershall

EYFS Learning Highlights

In Early Years this term our topic is 'Around The World'. So far, we have looked at our local area and recognised landmarks that we have seen before. From there, we have set off on a plane ride each week and travelled to a new country. We have landed in Africa, where we looked at artefacts from Kenya and began to use our phonic knowledge to write the initial sounds of African animals. Next we travelled to India, where we looked at what's different to our country and then found out about their amazing festival of light 'Diwali'. From this, we have used puppets to re-enact the Diwali story and made beautiful Diva lamps to remember why they celebrate this festival in India. Our passports are filling up each week with a new stamp the children design independently to remind them of something special they have learnt about each country. The children are very excited to find out which country we will visit next!

The children have continued to learn new sounds in phonics and they are beginning to show confidence when recognising these in their reading books. They are thoroughly enjoying their 'rainbow challenges' which we share with you weekly on Dojo. Keep encouraging your child to look at these with you and discuss their favourite activity that week.

Lots of class stories have been shared daily alongside our nursery rhyme of the week. This singing has helped the children in the lead up to our heart-warming Nativity songs.



KS1 Learning

This term in English, the children have been using their growing understanding of adjectives and sentence structure to begin writing their very own castle themed stories.

In History, they have explored the royal family and discovered how it has changed over time. Our Science lessons have focused on the five senses and how they help us understand the world around us.

The children have also been busy practising their lines and songs for our nativity performance, The Angel Who Almost Missed It All!

We are very excited to share their wonderful Christmas performance with you soon.





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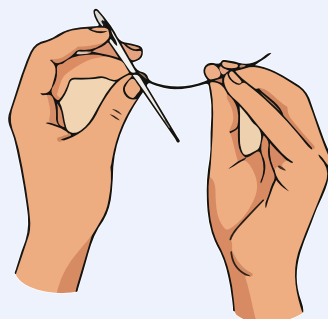
LKS2 Learning Adventures

This term, LKS2 has been busy diving into a wide range of exciting learning opportunities. In English, the children have been exploring the much loved story Where the Wild Things Are, using it to inspire descriptive writing and develop their understanding of character and setting. They will soon be putting these skills into practice by writing their own imaginative narratives based on the book.

In Science, the focus has been on sound: how it is created, how it travels, and how it can be measured. The children have enjoyed investigating the different sounds around school and discovering how volume and pitch work.

Geography lessons have taken us closer to home as we study our local area, Ludgershall, learning about its features and how it has changed over time.

In DT, the children have begun practising sewing techniques and will finish the term by designing and creating their very own logos.



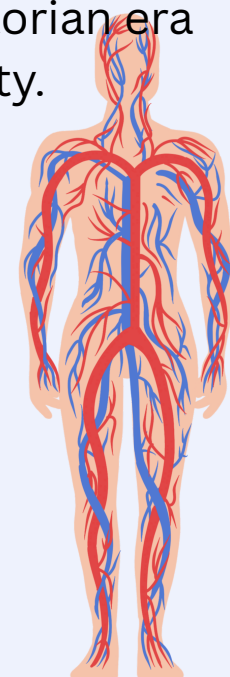
UKS2 Learning

This term in UKS2 has been full of exciting learning opportunities. The children have loved writing imaginative adventure stories inspired by Around the World in 80 Days, and we will soon be diving into biographies, discovering the fascinating lives of the Wright Brothers and how their ideas changed the future of flight.

In science, we will continue exploring the circulatory system, learning how diet and exercise help keep our bodies healthy, and carrying out a practical investigation to see how exercise affects heart rate.

In DT, the children will explore seasonal fruits and vegetables, learn how to store food safely, and develop hands-on kitchen skills as they make their own delicious soup.

We will also journey back in time for history, uncovering what life was like in the Victorian era and how the Industrial Revolution transformed everyday life, work, and society.



Key Dates



Term 2 (second half)

Thursday 4th December - Individual photographs.

Tuesday 9th December – EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance

9.15am - adults only 2pm - children & siblings welcome.

Thursday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day.

Tuesday 16th December - Book Swap in school.

Wednesday 17th December – Church Christmas Service.

EYFS/KS1 – 9.30am KS2 – 2pm

Thursday 18th December – Christmas disco & parties in school.

Friday 19th December - Break up at 2pm.

Non-uniform day for pupils who bring in £1 voluntary contribution each for School Fund.



Term 3

Tuesday 6th January - Children return to school.

Please note some of these dates may be subject to change if needed.

Please note the change in time for Church visits for KS1 and KS2.



In our digital world, it is vital that we teach children to use technology safely and responsibly. From online learning to social media and gaming, the internet is a big part of their daily lives. By helping children understand how to protect their personal information, recognise unsafe content, and communicate respectfully, we equip them with the skills they need to stay safe online.

Online safety is not only about avoiding risks - it empowers children to make good choices, become confident digital citizens, and explore the many positive opportunities technology offers.

To support you at home, there are some links below with helpful tips and age-appropriate resources. Thank you for working with us to keep our children safe online.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/tackling-fake-news-misinformation-advice-for-parents/>

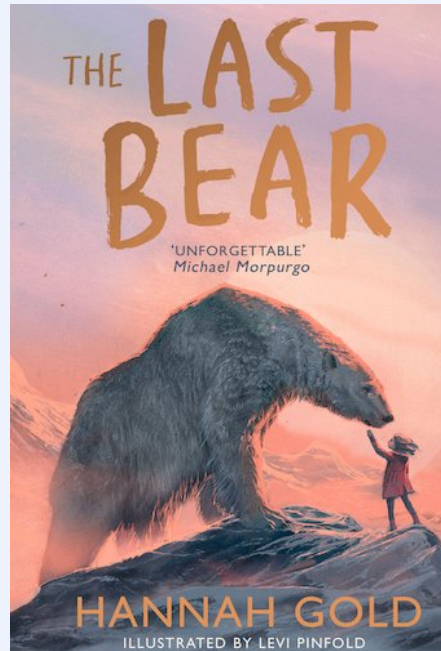
<https://www.childnet.com/resources/parent-and-carer-toolkit/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

School Book Club

Our next School Book Club meeting will be on Tuesday 13th January for all Key Stage 2 pupils who have read the Last Bear by Hannah Gold . We have ordered copies of the book for each Key Stage 2 classroom but you could borrow a copy from the library or buy your own copy.

The meeting will be in the art room from 3.15-4.15pm.



HELP WANTED: Your School Needs You!

We're looking for volunteers to lend a hand in school! If you have a little spare time and would like to get involved, we'd be very grateful for your support.

There are lots of ways you can help - from hearing readers and assisting in class, to supporting lunchtime or after school clubs, or helping to develop our outdoor areas.

If you'd like to get involved, please speak to the staff in the school office.

The safety of our children is always our top priority, so all volunteers will need to complete a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us make our school a safe, happy, and welcoming place for all.

