



# October

# Newsletter

♥ Thank You, Parents & Carers! ♥

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for our Junk Modelling Day and Open Classrooms! It was wonderful to see so many of you in school, sharing in your child's learning and meeting our wonderful staff. We hope you enjoyed seeing all the amazing learning your children have done this term and enjoyed the fun at the junk modelling sessions.

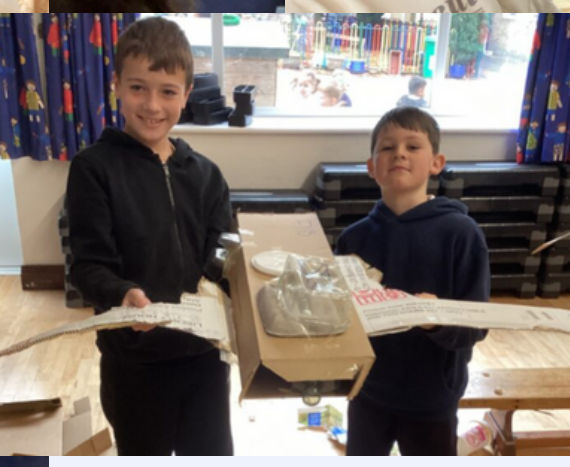
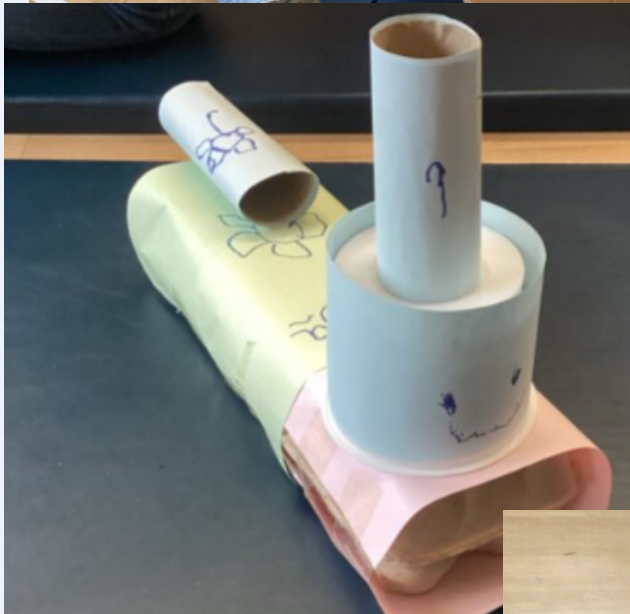
If you weren't able to attend this time, please don't worry - there will be plenty more opportunities coming up, including workshops, Open Classrooms, and Parents' Meetings.

Thank you for your continued support!



# Junk Modelling Day!

Just some of the many wonderful creations!



## Firework Safety 🌟

As Bonfire Night is coming up soon (5th November), we'll be reminding all children about how to stay safe around fireworks and bonfires. In our assemblies and class discussions, the children will be learning important ways to keep themselves and others safe while still having fun. You might like to ask them afterwards what they've learned about firework safety!



## Hallowe'en Safety 🎃

We'll also be talking with the children about how to stay safe if they go out 'trick or treating'. We'll remind everyone to always go with a trusted grown up, only visit houses of people you know, or houses that are decorated for Hallowe'en. Children will be chatting about this in class and in assemblies.

## Forest School

I wanted to share the lovely bunting made by Mrs Heafey and children during their Forest School sessions - they printed beautiful leaf patterns onto canvas, and it looks amazing. The printing is called 'hapa zome' which is an ancient Japanese art form for dying fabric. Hapa Zome translates to 'leaf dye'! I feel very lucky to have been given some to brighten up my office.



Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Heafey, who has done an incredible job building and developing our wonderful Forest School area, 'Bramble Bottom'. We will miss her very much and thank her for all she has done for our children. We are delighted to welcome Mr Elliott, who will be our new Forest School Lead.



We are also saying a fond farewell to Miss Cotter, our MDSA - we thank her for all her hard work and care for our pupils.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

Our School Council has already held three meetings this year, and what a busy start it has been! Throughout our meetings, the new councillors have learned lots of important new vocabulary, including words like chairperson, agenda, clerk, minutes, unanimous, and majority. After some thoughtful discussions and votes, Jenson was elected as our new Chairperson, Adelin as Vice-Chair, and Matthew as Clerk. We've also been working hard to update the children's Code of Conduct to make sure our school continues to be a kind, fair, and respectful place for everyone.



## Ludgershall Castle Primary School

### Children's Code of Conduct

Reviewed, changes made and agreed by School Council on 02/10/25

#### School Council says:

We are a telling school.

We learn, have fun and succeed.

We are a truthful school. We are always honest.

Always get involved in your learning.

We don't swear.

We use manners and are polite to everybody.

We say no to bullying and any sort of fighting.

Respect others.

We help people to fit in and feel happy.

We don't go inside without telling an adult at playtime.

We don't run inside the school.

When we want to answer something we put our hand up.

We encourage good behaviour.

We wear our proper school uniform.

We try to get to school on time (between 8.35 and 8.45am).

If you are late always get a late slip from the office.

Once you are at school, if you have forgotten something, don't go home again, just tell a grown up and they will sort it out.

We encourage healthy eating.

We have to put our rubbish in bins to recycle.

We don't steal in our school, as we know it's wrong.

We try to walk, scoot or cycle to school as it is healthy and good for the environment, but we don't scoot or cycle on school premises.

Mobiles are generally banned in school, but are switched off handing in to an adult if they are bought in.

We don't want milk to be wasted.

We never backchat or argue with adults.

If your parents aren't there at the end of school go back to your teacher or to the office.

We never give up.

If we see somebody at the friendship bench we try and involve them in our games.

We only have water in our water bottles.

# Key Dates

## Term 2

**Monday 3rd November** - Children return to school.

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November** - Maths parent workshop 3.15pm

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November** – Odd socks day.

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November** - KS2 Book Club - Diary of a wimpy kid

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November** - Anti-bullying week

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>-Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 6 Bikeability

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November** - EYFS/KS1 Phonics Party with parents 9am-10am



**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November** - EYFS/KS1 Parent Meetings.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November** - KS2 Parent Meetings.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December** - Individual photographs.

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance

9.30am - adults only                      2pm - children & siblings welcome.

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Jumper Day.

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - Book Swap in school

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Church Christmas Service.

EYFS/KS1 – 1.30pm                      KS2 – 9.30am

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas disco & parties in school.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

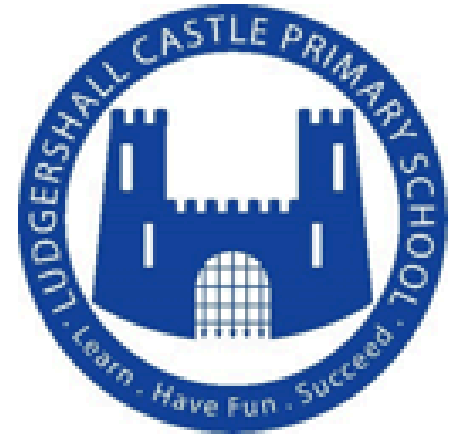
Please note some of these dates may be subject to change if needed.

\*\*Timetable and extra information on Class Dojo.

# Why Attendance Matters!

Every Day Counts at Ludgershall Castle Primary School

Learn • Have Fun • Succeed!



## Lateness = Lost Learning

Arriving just 10 minutes late every day adds up to over 30 hours of missed learning each year. Lessons often start with key instructions — missing them can make the whole day harder to follow.

## Holidays in Term Time = Gaps in Knowledge

Taking a 5-day holiday during term time means missing 25 lessons. Children who miss school regularly are more likely to fall behind in reading, writing, and maths.

## Struggling with Attendance?

We understand that sometimes things are tough. If you're facing challenges with getting your child to school, please talk to us. We're here to help with morning routines and health concerns.

## Did You Know?

Children with 95%+ attendance are more likely to meet their academic targets.

## Let's Aim for 100%

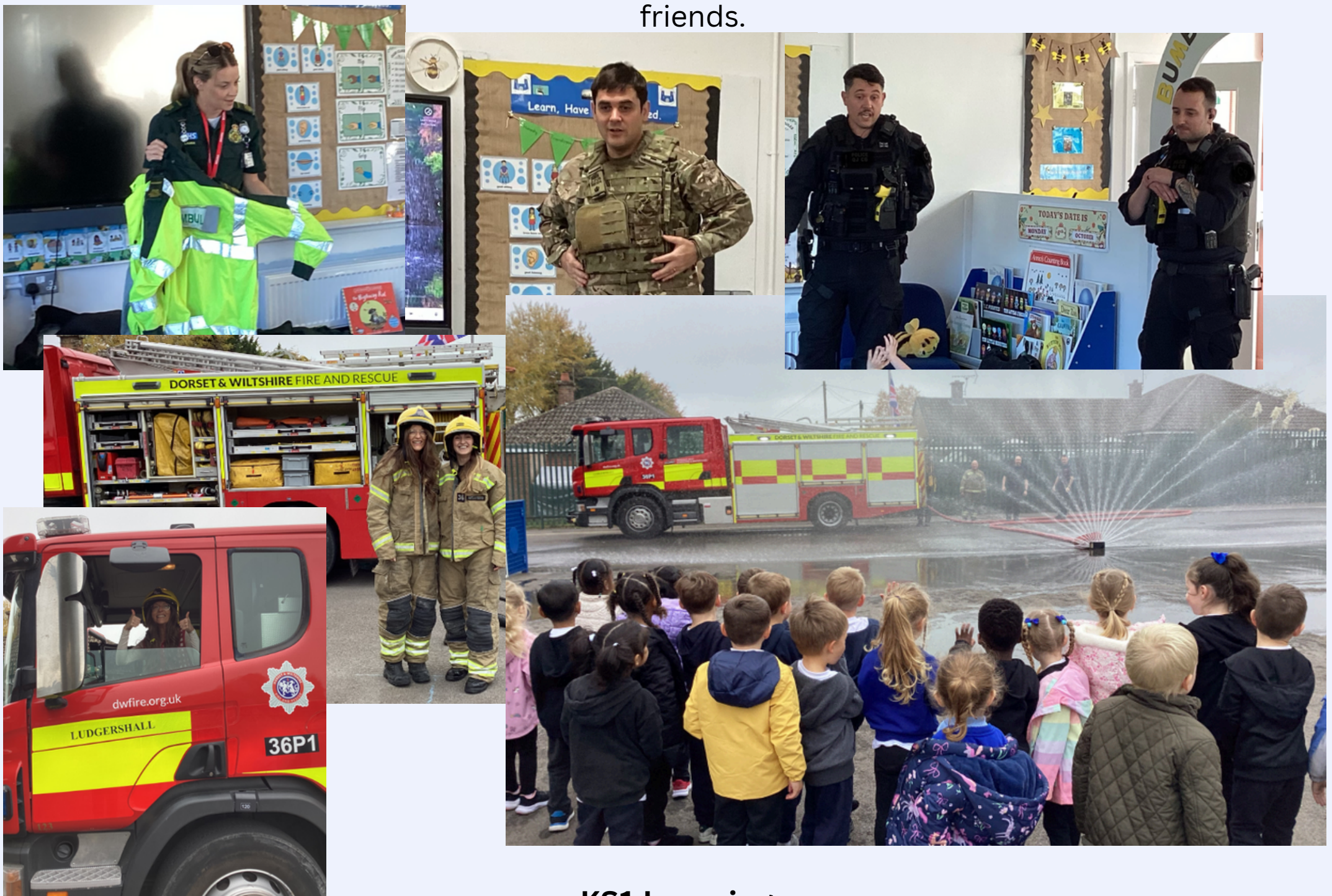
Every day in school is a step toward a brighter future. Let's work together to make every school day count!

# Learning at Ludgershall

In celebration of Black History Month this October, every class has explored a special lesson honouring Black history, achievements, and culture.

## EYFS Learning Highlights

Our Early Years children have been learning all about their topic, 'People Who Help Us', discovering the many important roles that keep our community safe and healthy. They were very excited to welcome special visitors from the police, the fire service, the army, and the health sector, who shared what they do to help others every day. The children asked thoughtful questions, tried on uniforms, and even explored some of the equipment used in real emergencies! These hands-on experiences have sparked wonderful role play in our classroom, with mini police officers, doctors, and firefighters hard at work helping their friends.



## KS1 Learning

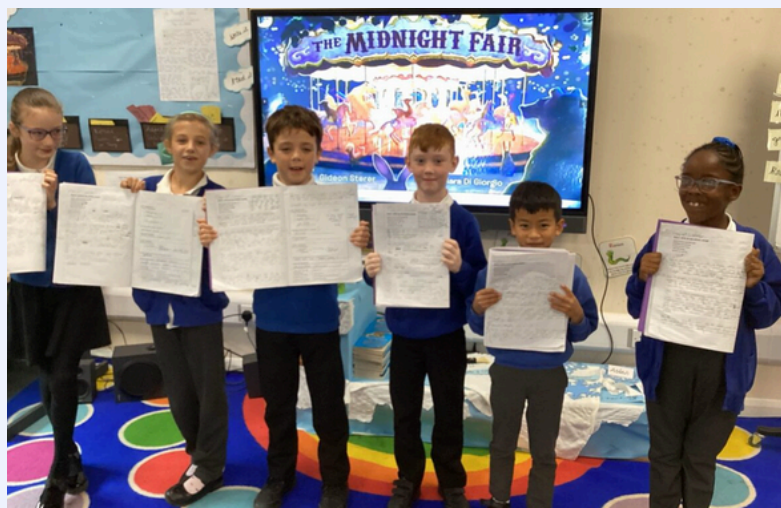
Our KS1 classes have been learning all about castles - who lived in them, what life was like, and the different jobs people used to do. In English, the children have been writing about castles and the people who might have lived there. In Geography, they have been exploring the human and physical features of the local area to help them get ready for their visit to Ludgershall Castle. In DT (Design and Technology), the children have been busy designing and building their very own castles with working drawbridges - showing fantastic creativity and problem-solving skills. In Science, they have been learning how to look after themselves, including understanding nutritional traffic lights and how these can help them make healthy food choices.

It's been a busy and brilliant term full of creativity, exploration, and hands-on learning!

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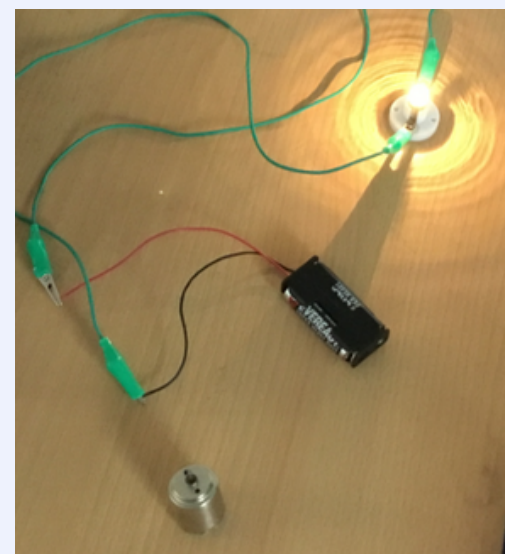
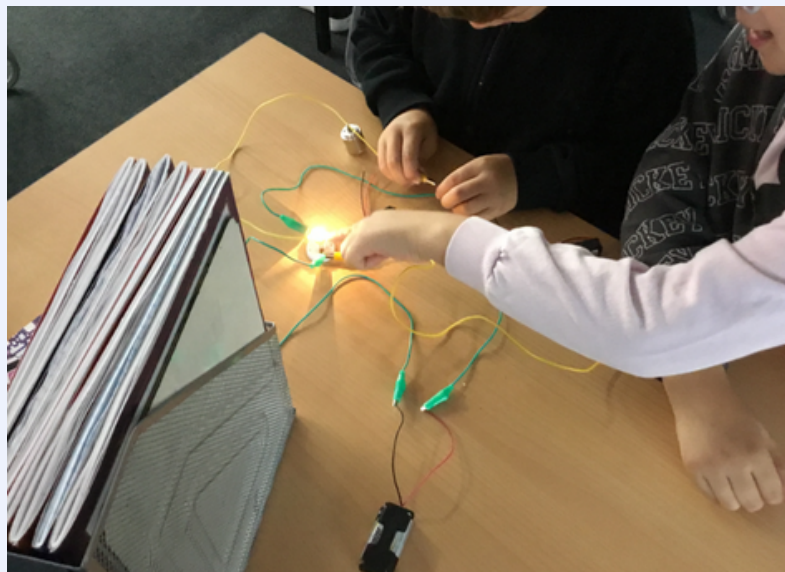
## LKS2 Learning Adventures

Our Lower Key Stage 2 pupils have been exploring their Enchanted Places topic, delving into magical settings and mysterious worlds that spark imagination and creativity. During our recent castle trip, the children explored the architecture up close, taking time to sketch the towers in their art books. Back in class, this experience inspired rich discussions about what life was like during the 12th century—from the daily routines of knights and nobles to the challenges faced by peasants living within the castle grounds. Alongside this, pupils have been celebrating their own “proud writing journeys,” showcasing how their storytelling and descriptive writing have developed this term.



## UKS2 Science – Electricity

As part of our Around the World in 80 Days topic, where we have been following the adventures of Phileas Fogg, UKS2 have been exploring the fascinating world of electricity in Science this term. The children have been learning about the different components that make up an electrical circuit and how they work together. They have investigated how changing the voltage of batteries affects the brightness of a bulb, the sound of a buzzer, and the speed of a motor. To build on their understanding, the children also carried out a comparative test to discover how the length of a wire can influence how well components in a circuit work. It's been a bright and buzzing term of hands-on learning and scientific discovery!





## Half Term Writing Challenge!

Get your pencils (or keyboards!) ready - it's time for our Half Term Writing Challenge!

This half term, we'd love you to use your imagination and creativity to write a short story, poem, diary entry, or newspaper report based on one of these themes:

### Themed ideas:

A Night of Fireworks

A Spooky Halloween Adventure

My Perfect Autumn Day

The Day Everything Turned Orange!

Your writing can be funny, scary, exciting, or mysterious - it's up to you!

### Challenge details:

Include your name and class on your work.

Bring it to school by the first day back after half term.

Children who take part will receive a special Headteacher sticker for their wonderful effort and creativity!

We can't wait to read your fantastic stories and poems - have fun writing over the holidays!



# Key Messages

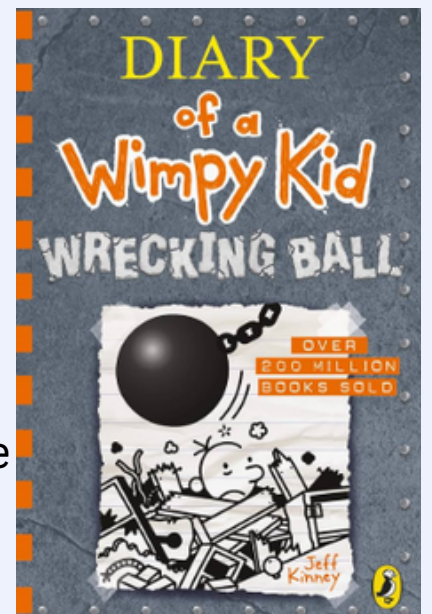
## School Book Club

Our next School Book Club meeting will be on Tuesday 11th November for all Key Stage 2 pupils who have read Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Wrecking Ball by Jeff Kinney. 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 Us Reduce Traffic on Short Street

We're asking all parents and carers to avoid travelling by car whenever possible to help reduce congestion on Short Street during drop-off and pick-up times.

If you can, please walk, cycle, or scoot to school - it's healthier for everyone and helps keep our school community safer and our environment cleaner. Thank you for doing your part to make our school a calmer, greener place!



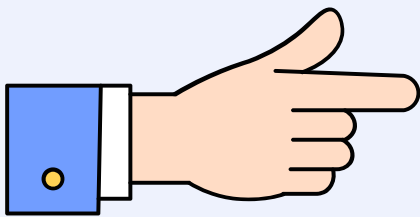
## HELP WANTED: Your School Needs You!

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.



## Healthy Packed Lunches Reminder

Thank you to all the parents who send in healthy packed lunches for their children. Please remember that each packed lunch may include no more than one chocolate bar/biscuit and one packet of crisps. This is to help ensure that children have a balanced diet. No sweets please and no nuts as we are a nut free school. As part of our Healthy Schools initiative, we will be regularly adding website links that give recipe ideas and information about healthy eating for you and your family. Here is the first: [Home | Change4Life \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk) The Healthy Me Connect site is a free, fun and interactive programme for children aged 5-18 and their families. [Healthy Me : Wiltshire Healthy Schools](#)



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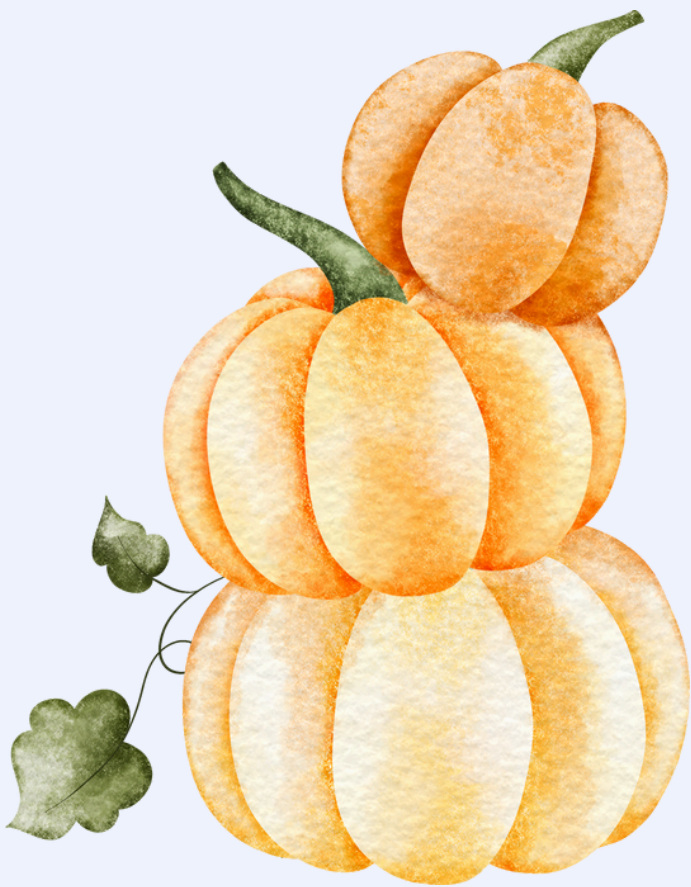
## Happy Half Term!



As we reach the end of our first term, we'd like to say a big thank you to all our families for your wonderful support. It's been a fantastic start to the school year, and the children have achieved so much already! I'd also like to thank everyone for the warm welcome I've received as the new Headteacher. Having taught here for many years, it's been a real privilege to step into this new role and continue working with our amazing school community.

We hope everyone enjoys a well-earned rest over the half term break. Don't forget to keep reading together as much as you can - it really does make a huge difference to children's confidence and progress.

We look forward to seeing everyone back after the break, ready for another exciting term of learning!



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

