



September Newsletter

**WELCOME
BACK!**

Welcome to a Wonderful Start to the Year!

We are delighted to share that the first month of school has gone brilliantly! It has been a pleasure seeing all the children settle into their new classes, make new friends, and embrace their learning with such enthusiasm.

This term has also seen every child placed into their castles – Windsor, Warwick, Highclere, and Carisbrooke – and the excitement is already building as they work hard to earn castle points. The competition for the coveted Castle of the Week trophy is well underway, and we are so proud of the teamwork, kindness, and determination the children are showing.

Here's to a fantastic term ahead, full of learning, fun, and plenty of castle points!

Uniform Expectations

School Uniform

- Grey or black trousers, skirt, or pinafore dress
- Blue gingham dresses or grey/black shorts in summer
- White, blue, or grey shirts/blouses
- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan
- Grey or black socks/tights
- Black school shoes



PE Uniform

- White t-shirt
- Grey, black, or navy joggers, leggings, or shorts
- Plain sweatshirt or zip-up top (grey, black, or navy)
- Trainers/sports shoes
- No football kits
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Our school values

Our core values – Respect, Ambition, Cooperation, Enthusiasm, and Resilience – underpin everything we do and reflect our school motto: Learn, Have Fun, Succeed.



Key Dates

Key dates Term 1 & 2

Term 1

Friday 26th September – European Day of Languages

**Monday 13th October – 2.45-3.15pm Open Classrooms Year 5&6 (Kestrel, Buzzard, Kingfisher)

**Tuesday 14th October - Art day - parents invited into school.

**Thursday 16th October - 2.45-3.15pm Open Classrooms Year 3&4 (Badger, Fox, Otter)

**Monday 20th October – 2.45-3.15pm Open Classrooms Yr R,1&2 (Butterfly, Bumblebee, Squirrel, Hedgehog)

Tuesday 21st October – Flu vaccinations (Yr r-6) morning

Wednesday 22nd October - Break up at 3.15pm for October Break.

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

Term 2

Monday 3rd November - Children return to school.

Monday 10th November – Odd socks day.

Monday 10th - Friday 14th November - Anti-bullying week.

Monday 10th-Thursday 13th November – Year 6 Bikeability

Tuesday 18th November - EYFS/KS1 Parent Meetings.

Wednesday 19th November - KS2 Parent Meetings.

Thursday 4th December - Individual photographs.

Tuesday 9th December – EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance

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

Thursday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day.

Wednesday 17th December – Church Christmas Service.

EYFS/KS1 – 1.30pm KS2 – 9.30am

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.

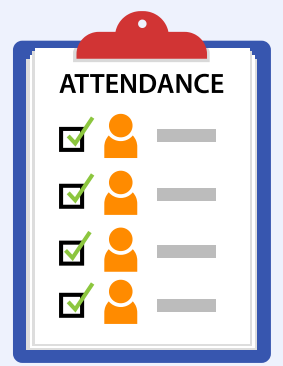
Please note some of these dates may be subject to change if needed.

**Timetable and extra information on Class Dojo.

Open Classrooms



On these occasions, parents are invited into their child's classroom from 2:45 – 3:15pm to meet the staff and see the wonderful learning that has taken place over the term. Each Key Stage will have a different day, ensuring that families with children across more than one Key Stage can attend each session.



Attendance Matters

At Ludershall Castle Primary School, we know that promoting good attendance to our students is hugely important.


Parents/carers must inform the school before 9 am whenever their child is absent. You may telephone 01264 790375 and press 1 to leave a message on the absence line. Alternatively, you can email reception@ludgershallcastle.wilts.sch.uk or send a message to Miss Hindson on ClassDojo or by using the absence notification on Parentmail. Please do not message the class teacher directly regarding absences.


As a reminder, if your child arrives late after 9am when the register closes, we have to record this as an 'unauthorised absence as pupil arrived after registers closed.'

Authorised Absences

These may be approved by the school:

- Illness (too unwell to attend)
- Medical/Dental appointments (unavoidable during school hours)
- Family emergencies (e.g. bereavement)
- Religious observance (on a school day)


 Please give the reason for absence. A doctor's note may be needed for frequent or long illness.

 Authorised absences still affect overall attendance.

Unauthorised Absences

These will not be approved:

- Holidays during term time
- Shopping trips
- Lack of uniform
- Transport difficulties
- Non-urgent appointments (haircuts etc)
- Family events (day trips, visiting relatives)

 **If in doubt, contact the school office – we'll be happy to advise.**



Learning at Ludgershall

Everyone at Ludgershall Castle Primary School has been getting stuck into their exciting new topics.

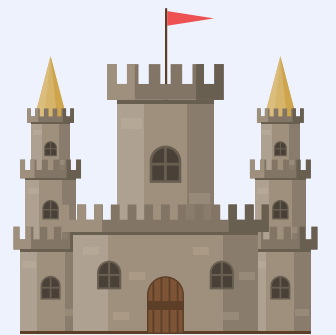
EYFS – Reception

Our youngest children have been learning all about People Who Help Me – from firefighters to doctors – and will soon be going on an adventure Around the World, discovering amazing places and cultures.



KS1 – Years 1 & 2

KS1 have been exploring the world of Castles! They're finding out what castles were used for, who might have lived there, and imagining what it would be like to be a knight or a queen.



LKS2 – Years 3 & 4

It's a magical term for LKS2 as they explore the Enchanted Forest. They are diving into stories full of wonder - including a trip through the wardrobe to Narnia!



UKS2 – Years 5 & 6



Our oldest children are travelling the globe with Around the World in 80 Days. They are loving following the adventures of Phileas Fogg and exploring new countries along the way.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in to see the childrens learning through our open classrooms.



Friday Celebration Assemblies



It has been wonderful to gather together each Friday for our celebration assemblies. These assemblies are a special time for us to reflect on our school values and to celebrate the achievements of our children both inside and outside the classroom.

Each week, we enjoy awarding:

Castle of the Week
Class Attendance Award

Certificates for Star Learners, Teaching Assistant Awards, and Reader of the Week in every class.

I particularly enjoy hearing about the children's achievements outside of school. It is inspiring to see their talents, interests, and efforts recognised and celebrated alongside their learning in school.

The children love celebrating each other's successes, and it's a fantastic opportunity to recognise hard work, effort, and kindness across our school.



Key Messages

Dojo Messages

Teachers are focused on teaching during the day, so they may not see Class Dojo messages until after school. If your message is urgent or important, please contact the school office by phone.

Names in Clothing and Belongings

Please label all jumpers, coats, bags, and other belongings with either a sewn-in label or permanent marker. This makes it much easier to return lost items to their owners. A big thank you to everyone who has already done this!

Polite Parking Request

At drop-off and pick-up times, please park with consideration for others. Always choose safe places to park to help keep our children safe. Your cooperation makes a big difference to the safety and wellbeing of our school community.



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

