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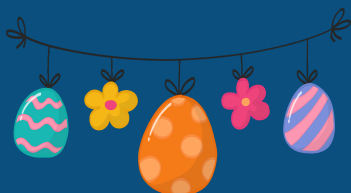
March 2026

LYDNEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL

A CARING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WHERE EVERY CHILD
ACHIEVES A LOVE OF LIFE AND OF LEARNING.



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



Dear families,

As we head into the Easter break, we want to thank you for the support, positivity, and partnership you bring to our school community. This season is a lovely reminder of renewal and hope, and we hope it gives you time to rest, recharge, and enjoy moments together. Wishing you a joyful Easter filled with peace, laughter, and the promise of brighter days ahead.

Please complete the parent survey if you have not done so already.

READING SUGGESTIONS



We're Going on an Egg Hunt by Martha Mumford, Mrs Bailey



The Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave, Mrs Humphreys



Chaos at the Chocolate Factory, by Sibeal Pounder, Oliver Morgan Year 4

Wrap Around Care

Wrap Around Care at Severnbanks School is available for all children at Lydney C of E.

Children are collected and transported by minibus to Severnbanks School, to play and take part in organised activities.

They are also provided with a snack and drinks.

Further details including fees and timings, can be found on our school website.

<https://www.lydneycofe.co.uk/after-school-club/>



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Reception



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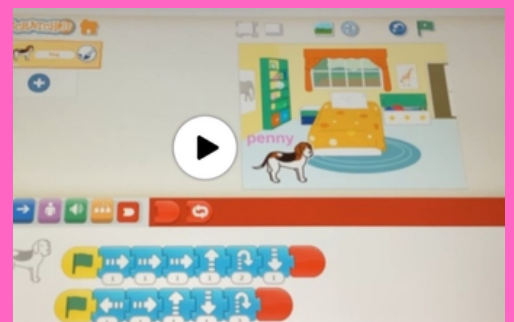
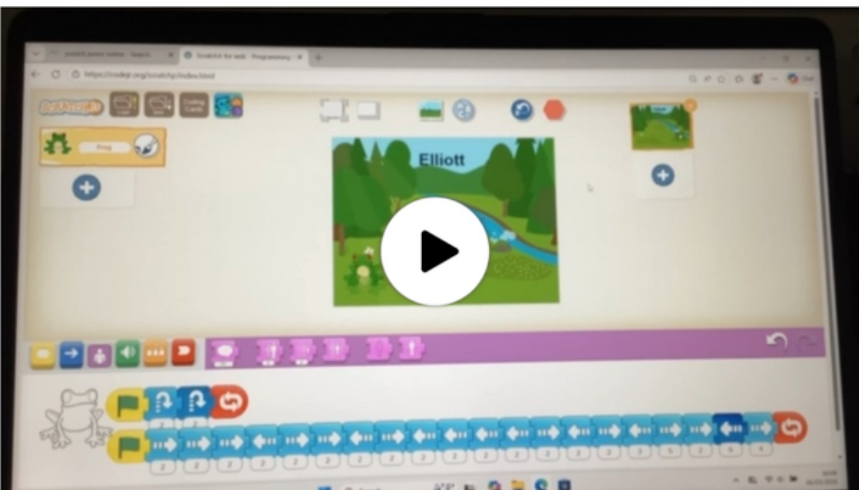
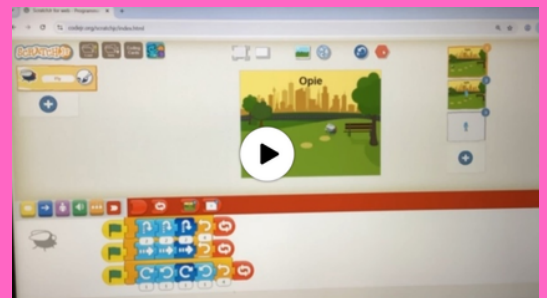
Class 1



Class 2

COMPUTING - Friday 6th March

Class 2 have been using coding software to make animals and characters move in a natural way!



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Class 3



Class 4



World Book
Day Fun

Cosy clothes, making
bookmarks and visiting
Lydney library.



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Class 5



Monday 16th March 2026.

We took part in an art workshop to create flags for a local parade next month.



Class 6



Thursday
12th March

The
Circulatory
System



What a fantastic
afternoon the Year 6
children had at
The Dean Academy.

Such a great opportunity
for the children to
experience such a hands
on science lesson,
looking so closely at the
heart!



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Expectations

Our pupils represent the community and are ambassadors of Lydney C of E Primary School. We encourage our pupils to wear their uniform with pride. We are firm believers that school uniform encourages a good ethos, reduces bullying and enhances equality. It is our hope and expectation that all Lydney C of E Primary School pupils will wear the school uniform as follows:

- Grey or black skirt/trousers (no leggings) or pinafore dress
- White polo shirt or blouse
- Royal blue coloured 'Lydney C of E Primary School' sweatshirt or cardigan or unbranded plain royal blue sweatshirts or cardigans
- Grey, black, white or navy socks
- Black shoes or trainers (no open toe shoes or heels)
- Grey, black or white tights/socks
- Summer uniform also includes blue/white summer dresses or grey/black shorts

PE Kit

A named bag containing the following:

- Plain white T-shirt
- Black or navy shorts/joggers
- White, black or grey socks
- Black daps (plimsolls, pumps)
- Trainers



- No jewellery should be worn to school apart from a watch (not smart watches) and stud earrings.
- Long hair must be tied up for PE and no jewellery should be worn during the lessons.
- Stud earrings that cannot be taken out should be covered up with tape.
- Make up and nail varnish should not be worn.

Where to Purchase Uniform

School uniform can be ordered by following the following website addresses.

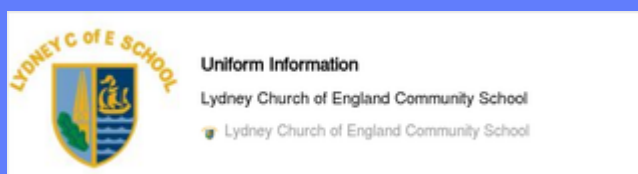
<https://myclothing.com/collections/lydney-church-of-england-community-school-vc-7519>

https://www.pmgsschoolwear.co.uk/school/lydney_c_of_e_community_school__lydney

At various times during the year, our Friends of School organise a used uniform sale, which is held in school, where items are sold at very reasonable prices; these will include sweatshirts, cardigans, coats etc.

Parents/carers can contact us through the school office admin@lydney.gloucs.sch.uk for any further support with uniform. We are able to get new uniform through the local baby bank for those families who need it.

Please use the following link to read our full uniform policy.



Uniform Information

Lydney Church of England Community School

Lydney Church of England Community School

KEY DATES AND INFORMATION

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE:
WWW.LYDNEYCOFE.CO.UK FOR UPDATES

Policies

Policies are updated regularly. A number of school and trust policies have recently been updated and can be found on the following websites.

<https://www.lydneycofe.co.uk/policies/>
<https://www.sfat.uk/policies/>



HOMEWORK



To help your children maximise their learning potential and make the best possible progress, our teachers set homework each week that reinforces what has been taught in class. The expectation is that children complete the following homework each week:

- Read at least 4 times a week to adult which is recorded in their reading record. Reading is absolutely vital!
- Maths pages from the practice journals. This matches exactly what is taught and how it is taught in class.
- Spelling practice for spelling rules that have been taught in class that week ready for a weekly test.



Keep an eye on Seesaw.

This is our online learning platform and an important method of communication with you. You will find lots of pictures about what your child has been learning.

Healthy Eating



We understand that healthy snacks can be an important part of the diet of young people. In the Early Years and KS1 fruit and vegetables are provided as snacks. We encourage KS2 to bring in a healthy snack for morning break.

Please see the link below for advice on healthy snacks.

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/food-facts/healthier-snacks/>



At Lydney C of E, we use Studybugs to help parents easily log absences and ensure good communication between home and school.

While Studybugs sends automated notifications, we understand that every situation is unique. The system doesn't replace the personal touch, so please feel free to call or visit the school if you'd like to discuss anything. We're here to support you in the best way possible.

Whole School Inclusion Project

Exciting news! Lydney C of E Primary School has been hand-selected as one of the few schools in the county to join a prestigious new Whole School Inclusion pilot programme.

This 18-month journey, launched by Gloucestershire County Council in late January 2026, is designed to build a truly inclusive culture where every child can flourish. To lead this transformation, we are partnering with the Ambition Institute, a national leader in professional development for educators.

What's Happening?

- Mrs Bailey and Mrs Howells recently attended the official launch event and our first session on High-Quality Inclusive Teaching.
- This isn't just for leadership every single member of our staff will receive specialised Continuing Professional Development (CPD) to ensure our classrooms remain supportive and adaptive to all needs.
- We are already working closely with our cluster schools and inclusion partners to share best practices and strengthen the support network for our pupils.
- Leadership will also undergo enhanced training to ensure these inclusive practices become a permanent part of our school's DNA.

We are incredibly proud to be at the forefront of this initiative, ensuring Lydney C of E continues to be a place where everyone belongs.



**TERM 5
CLUBS**

13/04/26 - 22/05/26

Tuesday Years 3 & 4 -
Dodgeball (Prostars)

Tuesday **ECO Council members ONLY** -
ECO Club (Current children keep their places)

Wednesday Years 6
Archery (External provider)
NOT on Parentpay, seperate letter sent out.

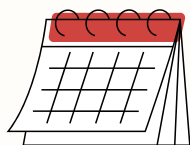
Thursday Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 -
Choir (Current children keep their places)

Thursday Years 5 & 6-
Cricket

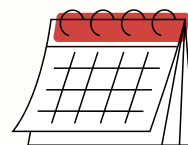
Friday Years 1 & 2-
TAG Rugby (Prostars)

**The clubs will be going live on Wednesday 25th March
at 6pm on Parentpay (Closes Friday 3rd April)**

LIMITED PLACES ON EACH CLUB



CALENDAR DATES



March 2026

27.03.26 My Plans sent home
27.03.26 Easter Service at St Mary's 2:30pm
27.03.26 My Plans to parents
Easter Holidays 30.03.26 – 10.04.26

April 2026

11.04.26 Friends at Lydney Park
13.04.26 pupils return to school
14.04.26 and 16.04.26 Parents' evening
15.04.26 Y6 France information evening 4pm
24.04.26 Y6 Houses of Parliament
24.04.26 Friends Cake and Uniform Sale

May 2026

4.05.26 Bank Holiday school closed
W/C 11.05.26 Y6 SATs
18.05.26 – 22.05.26 – Y6 France Residential
Half Term 25.05.26 – 29.05.26

June 2026

1.06.26 Return to School
w/c 1.6.26 and w/c 8.6.26 Multiplication Times Table Check
w/c 8.6.26 Phonic Screening
11.06.26 Y6 Cathedral Leavers Service
12.06.26 Summer Fayre
19.06.26 Sports Day
26.06.26 Reserve Sports Day

July 2026

8.07.26 1:45pm and 9.07.26 Y5 & 6 evening performances 6pm
8.07.26 My Plans sent home
10.07.26 reports out to parents
15.07.26 Move up morning
17.07.26 – Leavers' service
20.07.26 Inset Day (school closed to pupils)
21.7.26 Summer Holidays