

Newsletter / December 2025

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 reach the end of another busy and fulfilling term, I want to take a moment to thank all our families for your continued support and partnership. The Christmas season is a special time to reflect and celebrate the achievements, kindness and community spirit that define our school. I am deeply grateful to our dedicated staff, whose commitment ensures that every child has the opportunity to flourish and grow. As we look ahead to the Christmas break, I hope you find time to rest, reconnect, and enjoy the company of those closest to you. On behalf of everyone at Lydney C of E, I wish you a peaceful Christmas and a bright, happy new year



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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/>



READING SUGGESTIONS



Frost by Holly Webb, Arrietty Grey
Year 3



Here Comes Jack Frost by Kazuno
Kohara, Florence Tonks Year 3



Merry Christmas Snoopy by Charles M
Schulz, Reggie Morley- Lyne Year 3



CHRISTMAS EVENTS



15.12.25 1:45PM CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE EYFS

16.12.25 1:45PM KS1 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES Y1/2

17.12.25 CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY AND CHRISTMAS DINNER

17.12.25 1:45PM CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE EYFS

17.12.25 6PM KS1 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES Y1/2

18.12.25 WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PANTO MONMOUTH

19.12.25 2PM CHRISTINGLE SERVICE AT ST MARY

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 22.12.25 - 02.01.26



SCHOOL NEWS

LOOK AT OUR
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OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE THIS
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Reception



**Flo and Edith
worked
together
build a trail.**



**Amelia was
building a boat.**



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Class 1 – In Forest
School we have been
making Christmas
Santa's and Elves.



Class 2 Learnt about how Christians in our
community celebrate Christmas and had
their very own Messy Church style session
making angels.



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Class 3 have been making calendars.



Today, Toby went to visit the
biomedical lab at Bristol Royal
Infirmary.



Class 4

SCIENCE

Thursday 20th November 2025

Over the past few weeks the children in Year 4 have been learning about and building electrical circuits.

This week they built a 'Shaky Hand Game' to show how switches in a circuit can be used as part of the game.

A light would show when a child had not managed to get to the end of the challenge!



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Class 5



Class 6





TERM 3 CLUBS



05/01/26 - 13/02/26

Monday Years 5 & 6 -
Netball

Tuesday Years 1 & 2 -
Fundamental Games (Prostars)



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



Wednesday Years 5 & 6 -
Girls Football (Prostars)

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

Thursday Years 3 & 4 -
Gymnastics

The clubs will be going live on Friday 12th Dec 6pm
on Parentpay (Closes Wed 17th)

LIMITED PLACES ON EACH CLUB

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.

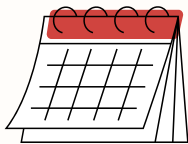
Please see the link below for advice on healthy snacks.

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

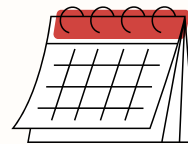


At Lydney C of E, we use Studybugs to help parents easily log absences and ensure good communication between home and school.

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.



CALENDAR DATES



January 2026

05.01.26 – Pupils return to school

16.01.26 My Plans sent home

February 2026

13.02.26 Mid-year reports to parents

Half Term 16.02.26 – 20.02.26

March 2026

25.03.26 1:45pm and 26.03.26 6pm Year 3/4 performance

27.03.26 My Plans sent home

27.03.26 Easter Service at St Mary's

Easter Holidays 30.03.26 – 10.04.26

April 2026

13.04.26 pupils return to school

14.04.26 and 16.04.26 Parents' evening

May 2026

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

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