

Newsletter / November 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,

A huge thanks to those of you who came in to speak to our children during aspiration week. We had some really inspiring speakers in. The children learnt about a wealth of carers and useful skills for the world of work. I also wanted to thank you for all your generosity to our chosen charities from filling shoe boxes to donating for Children In Need.

READING SUGGESTIONS

- ☒ Funny Bone by Janet & Allan Ahlberg, Grace Payne Year 1
- ☒ The Day I Fell Into A Fairytale by Ben Miller, Penny Baldwin Year 2
- ☒ Stormin Normans by Terry Deary, Kamil Malik Year 6

Reading



Reading is such a valuable life skill. Please listen to your child read regularly at home. If you want to know more about how to support your child with phonics, then please attend our parent session this Thursday at 2:40pm.

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/>

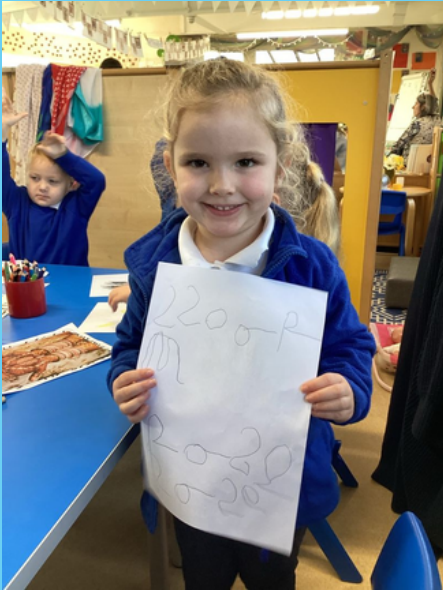


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Reception



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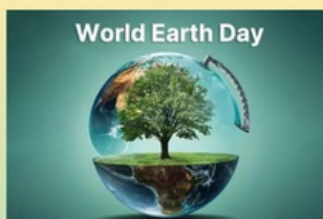
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Class 1 – Outdoor and Adventurous Week

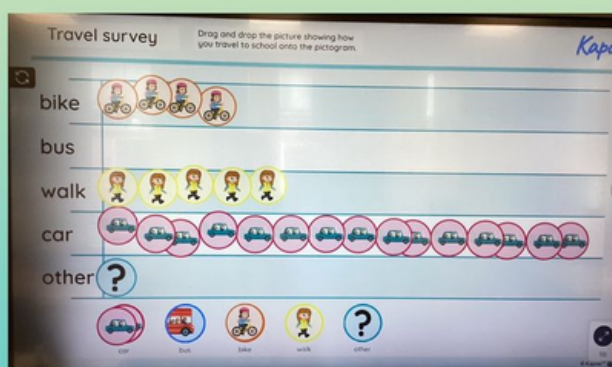


Class 2

Friday was
one of our
3 Earth
Days that
we focus
on in
school.



In Year 2 we looked at how
we get to school and
thought about the benefits
of walking/cycling/
scootering and the
negatives of coming by car.



Benefits of
cycling and
scootering.



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Class 3

The children took part in three experiments to explore contact forces. They discussed push, pull and twist actions. Here is one of the experiments.



Class 4

Outdoor and Adventure Week

Instead on their normal PE lessons last week, Year 4 took part in outdoor and adventure activities. This focused on working together as a team to complete certain tasks.



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Class 5



Class 6

Outdoor and Adventure Week

Last week, some children went to an indoor sports event and the rest of the class took part in our Adventure Week at school. We played team building games, working on our communication with each other and how to communicate effectively.





Jesus said, "I tell you, I have never found faith like this, not even in Israel!"

Find 10 Shields

Think, Reflect on pray, Reflect

What did you learn about trust from this story?

What is your favourite part of the story? Why?

How could you be more trusting this week?

Luke chapter 7 Verses 1-10

STAY

Dene Magna School

Thursday 6th November 2025



**FOD Primary
Sportshall
Athletics**

(8th out 17 schools)



Dene Magna School

Tuesday 7th November 2025



**ESFA Football
Small Schools
Forest of Dean
Qualifier**



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/>

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/>



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.



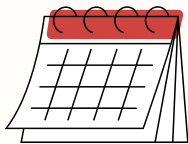
Keep an eye on Seesaw.

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.

Studybugs

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

November 2025

20.11.25 School Photos

December 2025

15.12.25 Christmas performance EYFS 1:45pm

16.12.25 1:45pm and 17.12.25 6pm KS1 Christmas performances Y1/2

17.12.25 Christmas performance EYFS 1:45pm

18.12.25 Whole School Christmas Panto Monmouth

19.12.25 Christingle Service at St Mary 2pm

Christmas Holidays 22.12.25 – 02.01.26

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