

Being our Best Selves

Ludworth Primary School



Ludworth Life

5th
September
2025

Welcome Back!

What a fantastic start to the new school year! It has been such a delight to welcome all of our wonderful children back to school this week. The classrooms are filled with energy and excitement, and it is truly a joy to see all the familiar, smiling faces.

We have been so impressed with how well the first few days have gone. The children have all settled into their new classes with such positive and enthusiastic attitudes to learning. It's also been lovely to see everyone looking so smart and proud in their new uniforms!

Our new class names are link to Musicians this year, as we have a real focus on music history, the journey and a deeper understanding of how music has developed and impacted on all our lives.

Your Child's Learning

This year promises to be a fantastic one filled with growth and discovery. To keep you fully informed about your child's curriculum, PE, swimming days, and other important events, please find the links to our year group newsletters below. These links are available on our school website for you to access at any time.

<https://ludworth.org.uk/parents/newsletters/>

Home-School Partnership

As you know, earlier this week, we sent out the Home-School Agreement to all parents. This document is a valuable contract between home and school, and it is a vital part of enabling every child to be their best self and reach their potential. A strong partnership between school and home is so important to your child's success, and we appreciate your continued support.

Gentle Reminders

- **Bags:** Please help us keep our classrooms and corridors clear and safe by ensuring children bring sensible-sized bags to school. The book bags are a great option for younger children and you can now purchase a reasonably sized rucksack from our uniform suppliers Warrens (www.mwarrens.co.uk/ludworth-primary-school)
- **Uniforms:** Haircuts should be sensible and not extreme, and if your child has long hair, please ensure it is tied back for good health and safety, particularly during learning time. No big scrunchies, large bows or hair braids. Please make sure that all items of clothing are named. Please also ensure your child has a waterproof coat with them each day.
- **Safety:** For the safety of all, please remind children with classrooms at the back of the school, not to climb on walls or run around the cars during drop-off and pick-up times.
- **Healthy Snacks:** Ludworth is a healthy school so no juice or snacks that aren't either fruit or breadsticks should be sent in for breaktimes. Please make sure to send a named water bottle in each day
- **Lunches:** Please ensure that you order lunches at home. Meals can be ordered by the week through School Grid.
- **Pedestrian Entrance:** The school drive **should not** be used for gaining access to or leaving school or Stay and Play. All parents and visitors should use the main entrance ramp the path around the front of school into the carpark.

We are truly looking forward to what we know will be our Best Year Ever! As always, if you have any questions, worries, or concerns, or if you simply want to share something positive that has worked well for your child, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Enjoy the weekend sunshine!

Warmly,
Mrs. Walker

KEY DATES

PTA AGM (new parents welcome)
15th September - 5pm

Reception 2026 open day
23rd September - 10am - 11am

Flu Vaccinations (Whole School)
29th September

Reception 2026 Parent Tour
14th October 9.30am - 10.30am

PTA Halloween Disco
22nd October

School Closes for half term
24th October

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2025

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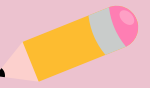
ATTENDANCE



Well done to
all the classes achieving
100% attendance

Whole School
Attendance
98.5%

Spelling and Handwriting



As part of our ongoing commitment to excellence, we are delighted to share some exciting developments in our approach to spelling and handwriting at Ludworth.

Over the past academic year, we have carefully designed a new system to support children's progress in these foundational areas. We are proud to be one of the top-performing schools in the local authority for phonics screening results, and we are now building on that success with a renewed focus on spelling.

Spelling in Key Stage 2

Starting this term, bespoke spelling lessons will be delivered at least three times a week in Key Stage 2. These sessions will focus on teaching children spelling rules and strategies, empowering them to apply these independently in their writing.

To support this shift, we will no longer be sending home weekly spelling lists or conducting traditional spelling tests. Instead, spelling will be assessed through children's ability to apply rules accurately in their independent writing. This approach reflects our belief that deep understanding and application are more meaningful than memorisation.

Handwriting Development

In addition to spelling, children will now receive daily handwriting lessons. Research shows that fluent, joined-up handwriting can significantly reduce cognitive load, allowing children to focus more effectively on spelling and composition.

To support handwriting practice at home, we have invested in Letter-join – an interactive online programme that can be accessed via tablet. Many parents have asked how they can help at home, and this tool offers clear guidance on letter formation and joining techniques, aligned with our teaching in school. A consistent approach between home and school can make a powerful difference in your child's writing fluency.

Getting Started with Letter-join

More details will follow in the coming weeks, but in the meantime, we encourage you to explore the programme by scanning the link on an iPad or tablet. You can select 'Free play' or navigate to your child's class for tailored activities.

