

Being our Best Selves

Ludworth Primary School



Ludworth Life

10th
October
2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the final two weeks before half term, there's lots happening in school and plenty of opportunities to get involved in your child's learning and our school community.

✓ Flu Vaccines – A Success!

We're pleased to share that our recent flu vaccine clinic went smoothly, with many children receiving their vaccinations. Thank you for your support in keeping our school community healthy. There will be a catch up session on **15th October** for those who were absent or missed the consent deadline.

🇪🇸 Spanish Assembly & New Lunchtime Clubs

This week's Spanish-themed assembly was a vibrant celebration of language and culture! We are also introducing exciting **new lunchtime clubs** that will begin **after half term**. More details will be shared soon—keep an eye out!

🧥 Wrap Up Warm!

As the weather begins to change, please ensure your child comes to school with a **coat** each day. Outdoor play continues throughout the term, and we want everyone to stay warm and dry.

💎 PTA Events – Tickets Available!

- **PTA Disco** tickets are now available—don't miss out on this fun-filled event – more details are below!
- **Wreath Making Workshop** tickets are still on sale and more information can be found via **Class Dojo** and the PTA Facebook page. A lovely way to get festive and creative!

📅 Success Share Mornings & Values Assembly

With just two weeks left, we invite you to join us for our **Success Share mornings**, where you can explore your child's **maths learning** and celebrate their progress, these will take place on **Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st October**, please check Dojo for the day your child's class is welcoming you in.

Our special **Values Assembly** will take place on **Friday 24th October** – a wonderful way to end the half term together.

🕒 Attendance & Punctuality Reminder

As we settle into the school year, we want to remind all families that **every day counts**. Children are **legally required** to be in school **on time** each day.

We understand that mornings can be challenging, and while we offer support for children arriving late, it's important to recognise the impact this can have on their **wellbeing, social development, and academic achievement**.

All parents and carers have a **legal responsibility** to ensure their child attends school regularly and is picked up on time. **Educational Neglect** is taken seriously, and we urge families to take every opportunity to support their child's attendance.

Letters and emails regarding absence and lateness will continue to be shared, and we will work with you to improve this where needed. If you require support and are not already receiving it, please do get in touch.

This weeks Spotlight highlights the importance of punctuality and attendance so please read this.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement. Let's make these last two weeks before half term full of learning, celebration, and community spirit.

Kind regards,

Mrs Walker

KEY DATES

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

Flu Vaccination catch up
15th October

Year 6 Height and Weight Checks
Parent Advice Sessions
16th October - 9am-11am

Year 5 visit to Jodrell Bank
17th October

Maths Success Share 1
20th October - 8.45am-9.15am

Maths Success Share 2
21st October - 8.45am-9.15am

Year 3 Stone Age Day
22nd October

PTA Halloween Disco
22nd October

Values Assembly
24th October - 2.30pm

SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HALF TERM
24th October

SCHOOL OPENS FOR AUTUMN 2
3rd November 8.40am

OCT 2025

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14	15	16	17	18	19
21	22	23	24	25	26
28	29	30	31		

ATTENDANCE



Well done to Verdi,
Williams and Dean
classes for achieving
100% attendance this
week

**Whole School
Attendance 97.5%**

Spotlight on Attendance and Punctuality

Your Responsibility:

You have a legal duty to ensure your child receives a regular education at school or otherwise than at school, which will help give them the best possible chance of success in life.

If your child is of compulsory school age and registered at a school, but absent without good reason, the school may choose not to authorise any of those days.

This could result in the council taking action against you for each child absent, including:

- A fine (fixed penalty notice)
- Attendance Prosecution through the Magistrates' Courts which could lead to a fine of up to £2500 or a parenting order being issued.
- An Education Supervision Order (ESO) through the Family Courts.

Your child's school may apply for the council to issue a fixed penalty notice to you if:

- Your child goes on holiday or takes leave of absence for other reasons without permission
- Your child is frequently absent or late without a suitable explanation, or none is provided.

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts...

See back page for more information on penalty fines

Attendance Matters:

Too ill to attend school?

Children can attend school with minor ailments (toothache, headache, stomach ache, cold, sore throat). If you are unsure how long your child should be absent with an illness, ask your child's school, GP or pharmacist for advice.

Medical appointments

All routine appointments should be booked outside school hours. If your child is absent for medical reasons, your child's school may ask to see 'medical evidence' (e.g. copy of a prescription, medicine packaging with a label or appointment card). If you are unable to provide this, the school might not authorise the absence.

Absence during term time

Your child must not be absent from school:

- For day trips / birthdays / holidays
- If weather is bad or you are running late
- To care for other family members
- Due to the illness of a parent or sibling.

The school will only authorise an absence in very exceptional circumstances, such as in the event of a family emergency.

Reporting absences

It is a parent / carer's responsibility to notify school with the reason if their child will be absent.

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/backinto-school/resources-for-families/

Every Minute Counts:

Punctuality

Regularly arriving late to school is unsettling for your child and can have a negative impact on their engagement in school life.

Arriving late:

- Means they often miss the beginning of lessons and may miss key learning that hinders them to follow the rest of the class, affecting comprehension and retentions of learning.
- Can impact how they are seen by their peers. They may be perceived as unreliable or disorganised, which impacts their ability to form and maintain friendships.
- Can lead to feelings of stress and anxiety. This stress can build up over time and affect their overall well-being and attitude towards school. This can then lead to negative self-perceptions and a reduced sense of belonging within the school community.
- Can establish behavioural patterns that continue into adulthood, including habitual lateness in the workplace and affecting job performance and career prospects.

If your child arrives late, this will be marked in the register. If your child arrives very late, this may be recorded as unauthorised absence for the whole morning. Be sure you know the times the school marks pupils as late.



Attendance:

Persistent absence

Any child with attendance of 90% or below (regardless of the reason for any absences) is considered to be a persistent absentee by the government. This equates to missing 19 school days, 3.8 weeks and ½ a day of school every week.

Do you know what your child's attendance percentage is?

If your child is persistently absent and causing a concern, the school might organise a meeting to find out what barriers there are impacting on your child's regular attendance and what support is needed to help improve attendance. This may result in the creation of an Improving Attendance Plan or referrals to services such as Family Help, who may be able to provide your family with additional support.

During this time, it is important for you to work with the school supporting the reasonable adjustments and strategies put in place by school.

Depending on the reasons for absence and the level of engagement a referral for prosecution may be made to Stockport Council.

What do attendance figures actually mean?

95%	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

Based on 190 school days and 5-6 lessons a day.

Penalty Notice Fines

With the introduction of the new national Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force after 19th August 2024.

First Offence:

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or unauthorised irregular attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parents, per child within 28 days.
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence:

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or unauthorised irregular attendance in relation to the same child the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days

Third Offence and any further offences (within 3 years)

The third or subsequent time an offence is committed in relation to the same child for term time leave or unauthorised irregular attendance within three years of the first fine, a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and instead the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' Court fines can be up to £2500 per parent per child.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



Stockport Council working together with schools to improve children's life chances through access to full-time education.

Don't
forget to
book your
tickets for
our PTA
Halloween
Disco!



We're excited to
share that
there'll be a pop-
up bar in one of
the classrooms for
parents dropping
off their children
at the disco. A film
will also be
showing to keep
siblings
entertained while
you wait.

WEAR RED DAY 2025

Be part of our day of action. Wear Red Day - Friday
the 17th of October 2025.



Ludworth is proud to be a part of Wear Red Day to show our commitment to developing an inclusive world.

On Friday 17th October, children can come into school wearing something red. This can be a from a whole outfit to a simple hair bobble. Wearing school uniform still applies to the part of you that isn't red!

If you can, please make a donate directly to Show Racism the Red Card.

Thank you for supporting our school values.



TEXT 'RED' TO 70470 TO GIVE £1
TEXT 'RED5' TO 70470 TO GIVE £5
TEXT 'RED10' TO 70470 TO GIVE £15
TEXT 'RED20' TO 70470 TO GIVE £20

*TEXTS COST DONATION AMOUNT + STANDARD RATE MESSAGE

DONATE

Some information from SRtRC...

**CHANGE
HEARTS.
CHANGE
MINDS.
CHANGE LIVES.**

2025 is the 11th Anniversary of Wear Red Day. A landmark that we are incredibly proud of. Our first celebration in 2014 saw 7,000 people registering to take part. In 2024, that figure had exploded to become 710,000 participants celebrating with us.

For 2025, we've set ourselves a target and with your help, we think that we can achieve it.

Will you celebrate with us and be one of the 1 million?

As a supporter, you are showing your true, brave colours. As part of the team, you make us stronger.

Every heart and every mind that we change changes at least one life but has the capacity to change hundreds, if not thousands of others.

Be a proud anti-racist. Be the difference. Join us.

Wear Red