



Being our Best Selves

Ludworth Primary School

Ludworth Life

11th
September
2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to Ludworth for the new academic year. The school has been full of energy, enthusiasm and smiling faces, and I would like to say how incredibly proud we are of the children following their first full week back in school.

The children have settled quickly into routines and are already demonstrating our Ludworth Values both in class and around school. We have seen excellent examples of **Adaptability, Independence, Commitment, Problem Solving, Communication and Determination**, in every year group. Whether it has been welcoming new classmates, tackling new learning challenges or showing kindness and respect to others, our pupils have made a fantastic start to the term.

Fun on the Field

It was lovely to see so many families at our **Fun on the Field** event last Friday. Welcoming back children and families, whilst also meeting many of our new children and parents, is always one of the highlights of the year. Despite the rather windy weather, everyone seemed to have a wonderful time and there was such a positive atmosphere across the school grounds.

A huge thank you goes to our incredible **PTA Team** for all their hard work in organising the event. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated group of volunteers who regularly give up their time to support our school community.

We are always looking for new volunteers to join the team and next **Monday at 5pm** we will be holding the AGM, where we will also discuss events for this coming year. Please come along and join us. The team are friendly and fun and your support would be greatly appreciated by school and families alike.

Communication with School

A reminder that if you have any questions, concerns or queries, please do get in touch. You can:

- Pop into school and speak to the class teacher.
- Contact the school office.
- Send a message via Class Dojo.
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We will always do our best to get back to you as quickly as possible and would much rather address any concerns early before they become bigger issues.

Respecting Our Neighbours

May I politely remind everyone to be considerate when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Please:

- Park legally and safely.
- Avoid blocking driveways or access points.
- Be respectful to local residents and other road users.
- Refrain from getting into disagreements or altercations.

None of us knows what somebody else may be going through or dealing with. At Ludworth, we encourage our children to be mindful, respectful and empathetic, and it is important that we model these behaviours as adults too. Thank you for helping us maintain positive relationships within our local community.

School Collection Arrangements

Thank you for your support with the recent correspondence regarding our collection policy.

The procedures shared this week were originally introduced last year; however, there appeared to be some confusion around expectations. We have therefore reissued the guidance and tightened procedures in line with **Martyn's Law**, safeguarding guidance and advice from organisations such as the **NSPCC**.

Our primary responsibility is to keep children safe, and the measures we have in place are designed to support this.

Key reminders include:

- **Year 6 pupils may walk home independently at the end of the school day only if written permission has been provided to the school office.**
- **No child of any age will be dismissed independently from Stay and Play, after-school clubs or evening activities. An adult must collect them.**
- **Older siblings collecting children must be aged 14 or over.**
- If another adult is collecting your child, the school office must be informed in writing beforehand and permission provided.

While there is no specific legal age at which a child can walk home alone, our school policy reflects current safeguarding expectations and guidance. As evenings become darker and weather conditions change, we do not feel it is appropriate to release children independently from extended provision later in the day.

I appreciate the resilience, flexibility and problem-solving shown by families as we work together to ensure all children remain safe.

Coats and Naming Belongings

The weather is certainly becoming more unpredictable, so please ensure children bring a coat to school each day.

We would also encourage parents to put names in all items of clothing and belongings. This makes it much easier for misplaced items to be returned quickly to their owners.

Attendance Matters

A reminder that holidays during term time are very rarely authorised.

The expectations from both Government and Local Authorities remain clear: every day of education matters, and missed learning can have a significant impact on children's progress and future opportunities.

Please think carefully before making term-time holiday bookings. I will be sharing further information about attendance and its importance over the coming weeks.

Thank You

Finally, thank you for all the smiling faces and positive greetings we have seen at the school gates this week. Starting the day with encouragement and positivity makes a real difference to children as they come into school, and it brightens the mornings for staff too!

Thank you for your continued support. Working together, we can ensure that every child continues to thrive, feel safe and be successful at Ludworth.

Have a wonderful week ahead.
Warm regards,

Mrs Walker
Headteacher

KEY DATES

PTA Meeting
 14th September - 5pm
Reception 2027 Stay and Play Session
 24th September - 9.30am-10am
Year 4 Squirrel Class Assembly
 16th October - 9.00am
Year 5 trip to Jodrell Bank
 20th October
Success Share
 20th October - 9.00am-9.30am
Year 1 Harvest Festival Assembly
 20th October - 9.00am
Year 3 Stone Age Experience
 21st October
Success Share
 21st October - 9.00am-9.30am
SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM
 23RD October

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SEPTEMBER

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OCTOBER

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ATTENDANCE



Congratulations to
 all the classes with
 100% attendance
 this week

Whole School Attendance -
 98.3%