Lynsted & Norton Primary School

Newsletter

School Newsletter 23.10.26

Dear Parents/Carers

What a fantastic term we have had!
It has been wonderful to see the children enjoying a range of exciting trips and local visits, creating special memories and enriching their learning experiences.

Our Young Voices choir have also begun their rehearsals this week with Mr Smith, as they prepare for what promises to be an amazing experience performing at the O2 in February.

I would like to thank all our staff, children and families for their continued support throughout the term. I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break, filled with lots of fun!
We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on
Tuesday 3rd November
Mrs Bowler



Events coming up:
OCTOBER
Friday 23 - Last day of term
Monday 26 - Friday30 - October Half Term Holiday

NOVEMBER
Monday 2 - INSET Day - no children in school
Tuesday 3 - Term 2 starts - children back to school
Friday 6 - McDonalds Treat for those with 98-100% attendance last year
Sunday 8 - Remembrance Service at Lynsted Church - Join Miss Ingram and lay a wreath on behalf of the school -children in school uniform please
Monday 9 - Remembrance service for school at Lynsted Church
Thursday 12 - Parents Evening 3.30-6.30pm - please book via Arbor
Friday 13 - Children in Need day - more info to follow
Thursday 19 - Parents Evening - 3.30 - 6.3pm - please book via Arbor

INSET DAY
School Closed to Students

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Foxes Class



We have had a busy week in Foxes!

In English we have been writing descriptive text using an image. Foxes have been upleveling their work and thinking of how to improve their writing.

Maths we have been multiplying and dividing by 10,100 and 1000, we have also began looking at square and cube numbers.

In Art we have been working on two topics- Vincent Van Gogh and Rainforest paintings. We drew sunflowers with a piece missing in the centre. In the missing part we drew things that made us happy. We also thought about what different colours make us feel and think about.



HEDGEHOGS

As we are approaching the end of term, we are very proud to celebrate our achievements so far!

Our new Year 2 members have settled in well to Hedgehogs class. We have completed a narrative, poetry and diary entries in English. We have explored the importance of our environment, thought about how we can be considerate of others and learnt numbers and dates in French. We have been learning about plants in Science, and we will continue this work next term. We have also explored place value, addition, and subtraction and have increased our fluency and knowledge greatly in maths. As well as this, we have created model ferris wheels in DT, and we have studied the artist Andy Warhol this week, creating our own pop art version of ourselves. See if you can spot our work in our reception, next term!

DUCKLINGS CLASS

Ducklings have had a wonderful week full of learning and exploring! We enjoyed a visit to Forest School, where we explored the natural materials that had fallen to the ground and went on an exciting hunt for insects.

In Maths, we have been learning about doubling numbers and practising how to find double the amount. In English, we have been enjoying the story Harry and the Dinosaurs Go to School, which has inspired our writing and drawing activities.

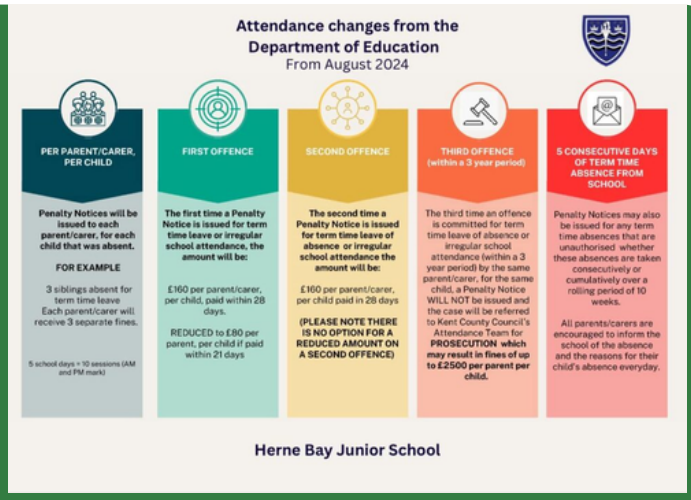
In Art, we explored our inner and outer selves by creating self-portraits, thinking about what makes each of us unique. In History, we thought about our own special memories and drew pictures of memorable celebrations and events, including birthdays, Bonfire Night and Christmas.

Well done, Ducklings, for another fantastic week of learning, creativity and discovery!



ATTENDANCE

100% Attendance	0 Days Missed
95% Attendance	9 Days Absence **1 week & 4 days of learning missed**
90% Attendance	19 Days Absence **3 weeks & 4 days of learning missed**
85% Attendance	28 Days Absence **5 weeks & 3 days of learning missed**
80% Attendance	38 Days Absence **7 weeks & 3 days of learning missed**
75% Attendance	46 Days Absence **9 weeks & 1 day of learning missed**









Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to remind all families that holidays during term time are not permitted, in line with national and local authority guidance. Regular attendance is vital for your child's education, and we appreciate your support in ensuring that they are in school whenever possible.

Requests for leave during term time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and ***must*** be requested in advance. Please note that informing the school of a planned absence is not the same as seeking permission, and retrospective approval cannot be granted.

Our full Attendance policy is available on the school website.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me via your school office.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Amanda Adcock
Trust Attendance Manager

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https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61566905611376

LOST PROPERTY



We have a lot of Lost Property being left behind and it is not named so we can't return it

Please check the Lost Property bin if your child has lost something and please name ALL uniform

SCHOOL UNIFORM AND P E KITS

Please can we remind you that the correct colour of school uniform and PE kits must be worn to school.

·Bottle green sweatshirt or cardigan*
·White or green shirt/polo shirt
·Dark grey trousers/shorts/skirt/pinafore
·Green and white summer dress
·Green fleece (optional – for outdoor wear)*
·White or grey socks
·School shoes (not trainers or boots)

P E KITS

All children must wear a Plain House colour tshirt in Blue, Purple / Yellow, Red or Green depending on the house your child is in (see below for Houses)
Black/navy jogging trousers/leggings, or knee length shorts
Black/navy jumper/zip up hoody
Trainers

Please do not send your child in wearing multi coloured, branded or football clothing, please leave these for outside of school



'Free School Uniform Hub'
Available Friday mornings from 10-4
find them on Facebook for more information
They are located at the rear of Sittingbourne Methodist Church
High Street Sittingbourne



P E DAYS

Ducklings - Wednesday
Hedgehogs - Wednesday and Friday
Foxes - Monday and Wednesday

HOUSES

Dover - Blue
Rochester - Red
Hever - Green
Walmer - Yellow or Purple

Lynsted & Norton Primary School
Term Dates: 2026/27

Term 1:	
Tuesday 1st September 2026	INSET DAY – school closed to child
Wednesday 2nd September 2026	INSET DAY – school closed to child
Thursday 3rd September 2026	Term 1 starts
Friday 23rd October 2026	Term 1 ends
Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026	Half Term
Term 2:	
Monday 2 November 2026	INSET DAY – school closed to child
Tuesday 3rd November 2026	Term 2 starts
Friday 18th December 2026	Term 2 ends
Monday 21st December 2026 to Friday 1st January 2027	Christmas Holidays
Term 3:	
Monday 4th January 2027	Term 3 starts
Friday 12th February 2027	Term 3 ends
Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2027	Half Term
Term 4:	
Monday 22nd February 2027	Term 4 starts
Thursday 25th March 2027	Term 4 ends
Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April 2027	Easter Holidays
Term 5:	
Monday 12th April 2027	Term 5 starts
Monday 3rd May 2027	Bank Holiday (UK) school closed
Thursday 27th May 2027	Term 5 ends
Friday 28th May 2027	INSET DA
Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027	Half Term
Term 6:	
Monday 7th June 2027	INSET DA
Tuesday 8th June 2027	Term 6 st
Wednesday 21st July 2027	Term 6 e



Parents Evening Dates:-

Thursday 12 November

Thursday 19 November

both are 3.30-6.30pm

Please book a slot via Arbor







In the heart of our village community, Lynsted & Norton Primary School is a small school with a big heart, where every child is known, valued and encouraged to thrive.

Rooted in nurture and wellbeing, we provide a calm, happy and inspiring environment with high expectations, endless encouragement and a strong partnership between home and school.

From soft landings and lunchtime nurture provision to Forest School and inclusive support for all, we help children grow in confidence, curiosity and resilience.

With small class sizes, excellent Early Years provision and a caring school family, children flourish both academically and personally.





TOUR DATES:

15 September, 9.30am
30 September, 9.30am
15 October, 9.30am
20 October, 9.30am
1 December, 9.30am
7 January, 5.00pm

BOOK TODAY!

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LYNSTED CHURCH - REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

On behalf of St Peter and St Paul Parish Church, Lynsted.

We would like to invite you to join us for our Remembrance Sunday service on the 8th of November at 10:40 am.

At St Peter and St Paul Parish Church, Ludgate Lane, Lynsted, Sittingbourne, ME9 ORQ



The Tuck Shop



The Tuck Shop
is open Fridays
after school

Don't forget your change
Everything is 50p
(some items 3 for 5op)

All proceeds go back into the school
So far we have put money towards
* books for the school
*PE Equipment
*Playtime games and toys



LOCAL LIBRARY INFORMATION



Our libraries have been busy over the summer holidays with children eager to join this year's Summer Reading Challenge. We are so grateful for all your support in successfully promoting this year's challenge, and we certainly saw the results across Swale Libraries this Summer. We had 1223 local children taking part in this year's challenge - of these 649 children finished reading their 6 books and were awarded their medal and certificate, which is a fantastic achievement!

We have some exciting freecycle events at Sittingbourne and Faversham Libraries to share -

Sittingbourne Library: Halloween Costume Swap

Drop off your clean, good quality costumes and accessories at Sittingbourne Library from now onwards, and pick up something new to you from 5 October until 31 October!

Faversham Library: Welly Boot Swap

Please drop off good condition, clean boots (all ages welcome) at Faversham Library any time from now onwards, and swing by during October half-term to pick up something new to you.







LYNSTED AND NORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

DO YOU HAVE ANY UNWANTED GIFTS AT HOME?

PLEASE DONATE THEM FOR OUR GIFT STATION AT OUR CHRISTMAS FAIR

ANY ITEMS MUST BE NEW AND UNUSED
SMALLER ITEMS ALSO ACCEPTED WHICH WE CAN MAKE INTO A HAMPER



CHRISTMAS FUN



Christmas EVENTS

Donate your unwanted gifts for our Gift station - leave in office

Friday 23 October - Non School Uniform day in exchange for chocolates for the Tombola Stall at Christmas Fair

Wednesday 25 November - Tuesday 1 December - Book Fair in School - pick up some presents

Friday 27 November - Non School Uniform in exchange for Raffle Donations

Friday 11 December - Non School Uniform day, Christmas Disco, Christmas Fair - meet SANTA!

Wednesday 16 December - Christmas Jumper Day/ Christmas Lunch

Friday 18 December - Last day of term
Open Afternoon for parents starting at 1.30pm

CHRISTMAS FUN AT LYNSTED

SCHOOL DISCO

Starting on
Friday 11 December 2026

Christmas Fair

NON UNIFORM DAY



COME AND MEET SANTA £2

All children who visit Santa will receive a gift!

then continuing Christmas celebrations on
Wednesday 16 December 2026



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Christmas Dinner

LYNSTED AND NORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Things going on around Kent



'Parents, carers and loved ones can find support and answers to common questions on the Kent Family website. It brings together trusted information and advice for families before and after birth, through childhood and up to age 19.'





Kent Fire and Rescue Service has launched a brand new YouTube Kids mini-series, 'Be Safe with Us'. We know children love watching their favourite programmes and videos, so we've created something that's both fun and educational!

Our short videos are designed to help teach children important safety skills including understanding fire engines, what to do in an emergency, and the importance of smoke alarms.

They're a great way for the family to learn together about staying safe at home. We hope you enjoy them!

You can watch the videos here: https://www.kent.fire-uk.org/besafewithus

ROAD SAFETY

we are part of the KCC Road Safety scheme that is looking at parking around schools, congestion, and how people drive near schools.

We are looking into initiatives that involve

*car sharing,

*park and stride,

*walk once a week,

*parking more thoughtfully, and

*parents not parking or stopping for any reason on the zig zag lines for the safety of all children

For more information see:-

https://www.responsibleparking.co.uk/useful-information-for-parents/





Safer parking around our school

Please stop and think before your journey to school.

As a driver you have a responsibility to park in a safe and considerate manner, if you don't you could be endangering a child's life.

Please park with care and help make the area near and around the school a safer place for pupils.

Please see the reverse of this leaflet showing you places NOT TO PARK when dropping your children off at our school.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

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If you need to drive your child to school, for their safety, please remember:

- No parking on single or double yellow lines
- No double parking
- No stopping, dropping or parking on the School Keep Clear yellow zig zags
- No stopping, dropping or parking on the pedestrian crossing white zig zag lines
- No parking on corners or junctions especially near the school entrance
- Please do not block driveways.

By remembering these points not only will you improve the safety of the area surrounding your child's school, but you will also avoid receiving a parking ticket.

What can I do instead?

Fewer cars at the school entrance will help make it safer for you and your children.

Park and Stride - consider walking part of the way to school by parking away from the school entrance and walking the last 5 or 10 minutes. Walking half a mile only takes between 8 and 17 minutes. How many calories you burn depends on how fast you walk!

Try Car Sharing - consider sharing the school run. If you have to drive to school then get together with other parents who need to go by car and take it in turns to drive.

Walking Bus - organise a small group of parents to share the walk to school and take it in turns with other parents to do the school run. You could even combine this idea with Park and Stride.

Walking to school contributes to the recommended daily physical activity for you and your children. It also helps to reduce congestion around the school and helps to improve air quality, providing benefits for everyone.

Kent County Council
kent.gov.uk

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Happy Half-Term Holiday

Wishing you all a Happy Half Term holiday

Monday 2 November is an Inset day - no children in school

We return to school on Tuesday 3 November





