# Lynsted & Norton Primary School

# Newsletter

School Newsletter 9.10.26

## Dear Parents/Carers

We have had another lovely few weeks at Lynsted and Norton Primary School! Foxes enjoyed their visit to Wildwood, and Hedgehogs went on a fantastic local visit to Lynsted Kitchen Gardens today. It's wonderful to see our children enjoying these enriching experiences and making the most of opportunities to learn beyond the classroom.

Our lost property box is looking very full! It is located outside the school office, so if your child is missing any items, please do pop by and have a look. As always, please ensure that all clothing and belongings are clearly named to help us reunite lost items with their owners.

We also have two more open day tours this term for prospective families looking to join us in September 2027. These will take place on 15th and 20th October. Please do encourage any friends or family members who may be interested in joining our school community to book a tour.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Bowler







Events coming up:

Wednesday 14 - FLU Vaccinations in school

Friday 16 - School Photos - all children must wear school uniform (not PE kits)

Friday 23 - Non School Uniform Day in exchange for chocolates for our Tombola Stall at Chrimstas Fair

- Last day of term

Monday 26 - Friday30 - October Half Term Holiday

Monday 2 November - INSET Day - no children in school

Tuesday 3 November - Term 2 starts - children back to school

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## Foxes Class



This week, we have started a new genre of writing – we will be learning how to form recount texts. Our own recounts will be based on our recent trip to Wildwood.

In maths, we have been challenging ourselves to solve 2-digit by 3-digit multiplications. We found this tricky but persevered well.

We are very excited to share that Foxes school council members this year are Jazzy (year 6) and Scarlett (year 5).

## HEDGEHOGS



We have been looking at what makes a plant healthy or unhealthy in Science this term and what plants need to survive. We have enjoyed experimenting with plants to gain more knowledge. We have covered a section of our grass on the field, to see if it makes a difference having no light and have planted some seeds with different amounts of water, ranging from none at all, to lots! We are looking forward to going to Lynsted Kitchen Gardens this week, to explore this topic further!

In French this term, we have been working on numbers, days of the week, months of the year and have been talking to each other in French about our birthdays!

## DUCKLINGS CLASS

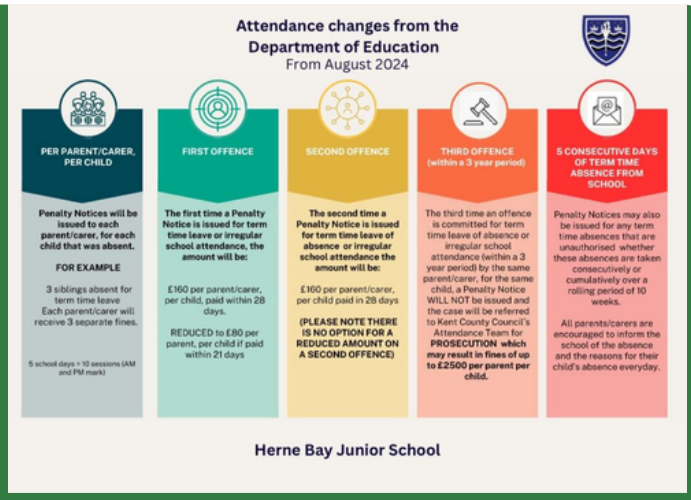
The Ducklings have had a fabulous time learning about Harvest, exploring what helps plants grow and what they need to thrive. We have also enjoyed discussing the changes we notice in autumn and discovering some of the celebrations that take place at this time of year.

In maths, we have been exploring number bonds and the 'oneness of one', developing our understanding of what one looks like and how numbers can be combined in different ways.



# ATTENDANCE

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| 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 inappropriate 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

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| **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 |




## 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.







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# 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 FUN AT LYNSTED

Starting on
Friday 11 December 2026

SCHOOL DISCO

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

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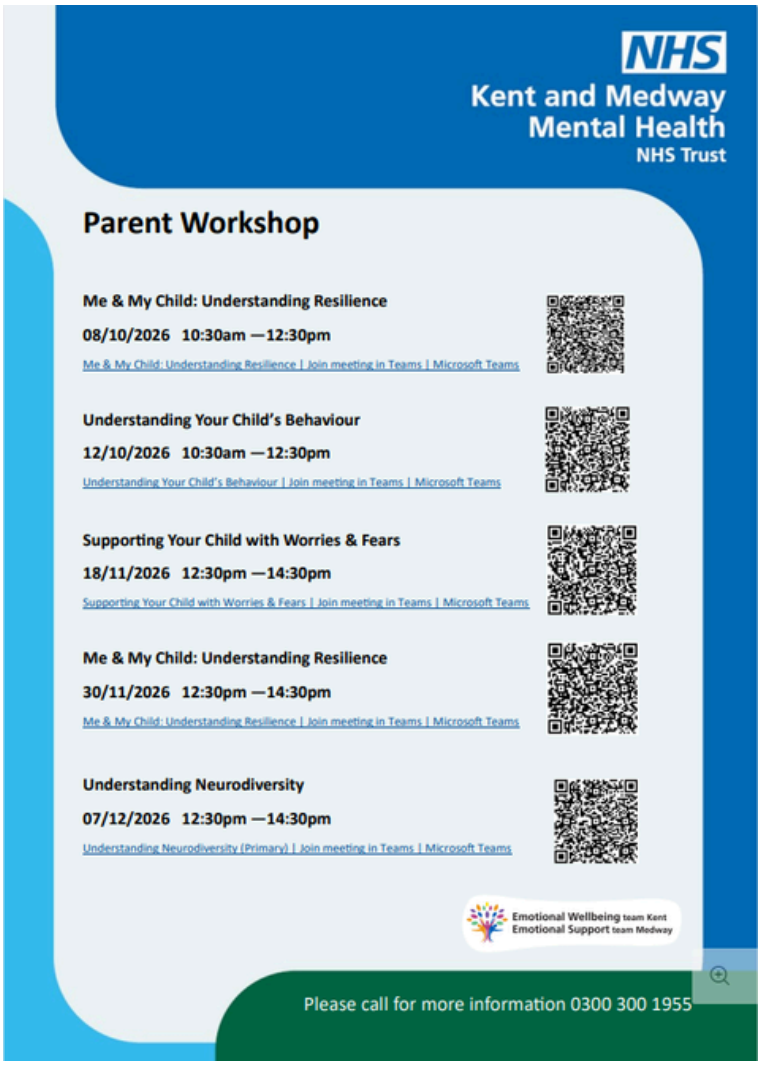
# Things going on around Kent




'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


NHS
Kent and Medway
Mental Health
NHS Trust
Parent Workshop
Me & My Child: Understanding Resilience
08/10/2026 10:30am —12:30pm
Me & My Child: Understanding Resilience | Join meeting in Teams | Microsoft Teams
Understanding Your Child's Behaviour
12/10/2026 10:30am —12:30pm
Understanding Your Child's Behaviour | Join meeting in Teams | Microsoft Teams
Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears
18/11/2026 12:30pm —14:30pm
Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears | Join meeting in Teams | Microsoft Teams
Me & My Child: Understanding Resilience
30/11/2026 12:30pm —14:30pm
Me & My Child: Understanding Resilience | Join meeting in Teams | Microsoft Teams
Understanding Neurodiversity
07/12/2026 12:30pm —14:30pm
Understanding Neurodiversity (Primary) | Join meeting in Teams | Microsoft Teams
Emotional Wellbeing team Kent
Emotional Support team Medway
Please call for more information 0300 300 1955