

LUDDENDEN CE SCHOOL

Newsletter

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TREETOPS - Book
Before & After
School Care
here...



SCHOOL DINNERS
£2.55 a day (£12.75pw)
Please pay in advance
Via [SchoolMoney](#)
Read on for menu...



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

And a big, warm



to all our new starters!

WEEKLY Roundup

We've had a spectacular start to the new school year and have enjoyed welcoming new children, adults and staff into our school family!

In the news this week...

- We hope you all had a wonderful summer. We've had **the most amazing week** here! School has been calm, positive and a hive of activity. All the children have already impressed their teachers with their **outstanding behaviour, learning and attitudes** - we know this is going to be the best year ever!
- Year 5 & 6** are getting excited about their upcoming **residential visit to Robinwood** on 22nd September - please keep those payments coming in, thanks!
- We have loved hearing about **past pupils' successes** in GCSEs, A levels, college courses, new jobs etc, etc. Our school family continue to do us proud many years into the future & we wish everyone congratulations on all their varied achievements.
- Mainstream Inclusion Calderdale want to find out about your experiences of the support your children receive in mainstream school. See page 7 & click the link to have your say.



On the next page we've put together a few general reminders about regular Luddenden CE School events etc...

PUPIL PREMIUM



Can you claim a little extra help for you, your child and their learning?

See p3 to find out more...



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We know lots of you are already familiar with all things Luddenden CE School but thought a reminder about the essential need-to-knows would be helpful.

Here goes... in no particular order...



- School starts at 9:00 and finishes at 3:20pm
- We have a **FREE BREAKFAST CLUB (Freetops)** from 8:30 until 9:00am
 - everyone is welcome every day
 - children can be dropped off anytime from 8:30 - booking is helpful but not essential
- **TREETOPS** is our **Before and After School Club**– childcare is available from 8:00am and after school until 5pm at minimal cost
 - Please book via [School Money](#)
- **School dinners** are £2.40 per day - see p8 for the latest menu. We're very flexible and all dietary requirements can be catered for. Meals are booked daily. Fussy eaters welcome! - just talk to us about your child's needs. Also, don't forget you might be eligible for **FREE SCHOOL MEALS** - [apply here](#)
- **Gold Book Celebration Assembly** - every Friday morning about 9:10am. Everyone is welcome to attend. Children are put in the Gold Book in recognition of their excellent achievements, actions or attitudes over the week. Families will receive a secret text on Thursday afternoons to let you know if your child is in the Gold Book.
- **Newsletters** are the **main source of news and information for families**. They are published on the school website every Friday. **Please make sure we have your most up-to-date email address.**
- The [School Website](#) - contains all sorts of information about school such as our policies, curriculum, term dates, admissions, useful links, etc
- **Whole school Church service and Awards celebration**- Children take part in and help deliver a service in St Mary's Church (in Luddenden village) on the last Friday of each half-term. We set off about 9:15 and all walk down to church & back together. Everyone is welcome to join us. Families will receive a text to let them know if their child is receiving an award.
- **Birthday non-uniform days** - Children can come to school wearing whatever they want on their special day. If their birthday is at the weekend or in the holidays they can choose another day nearest to their birthday.
- **Parents' evenings** - we hold a parents' evening each term (usually in October, March & July). We send letters out nearer the time and organise appointments for the first two. The July parents' evening is optional and carried out on a drop-in basis. That said... we welcome families into school all year round! Please feel free to catch us any time to talk about your child and their learning or any other matters you need to. We are always here for you.
- **PE Kits** - All classes have 2 PE sessions per week and although they are usually on the same day things can change - therefore it's best to send PE kits into school and leave them there all week, ready for action at any time.



Hope that helps.

Even if you forget all that please remember one thing... if there's anything you need, want to share or want to ask, no matter how small, please just get in touch!

Pupil Premium – What is it and why is it so important?

Is your child eligible for free school meals?



As well as getting **free, healthy, hot lunches**, if your child is eligible for free school meals, and you claim for them, **our school receives extra funding** called ‘**pupil premium**’.

Pupil premium is funding from the government that is given to schools to help children to reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. Our school receives **an extra £1,455 for each pupil who is registered for free school meals**. We then use the funding to give those pupils an extra helping hand and to enhance their learning. We use the money in many ways including:



- Extra one-to-one or small group support within classrooms
- Employing extra teaching assistants to work within classes
- Running catch up sessions for those who need extra help
- Providing breakfasts, snacks and help with uniform
- Providing extra tuition
- Providing enrichment activities for families who cannot pay for them
- Funding educational visits
- Investing in resources that boost learning i.e. laptops or tablets

Pupils who are registered for free school meals do not have to eat them (i.e. they can continue to have packed lunches if you like) and cannot be identified as being registered for free school meals in anyway within the school. However, the school can only claim the extra funding for those pupils that are registered. **At this school there is no stigma attached to having free school meals and we are very proud to say that over two thirds of our pupils are currently registered for free school meals and pupil premium.**

We know that times are hard for all of us and the financial squeeze on our families and our school keeps getting tighter and tighter -

Why not see if you can claim a little extra help for you, your child and their learning?

Your child is eligible for free school meals, and therefore pupil premium funding for our school if you access:

- Universal Credit - your net earned income must be less than £7,400.
- Income Support.
- Job Seeker's Allowance (income based).
- Employment and Support Allowance.
- Child Tax Credit. (With an annual income of less than £16,190. As assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs.)
- Guarantee Credit element of Pension Credit.
- Support payments under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Working Tax Credit Run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

Register your child for free school meals using the link to the application form below, or fill in the form on the last page of the newsletter, to ensure the school receives the relevant funding it is entitled to.

Printed copies of the form are available from the office and school staff are more than happy to help with any applications. **So, don't hesitate - get applying as soon as possible.**

Applications can be made at any time but successful applications made **by 26 September** will guarantee that school gets the funding this year.

<https://new.calderdale.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals>



This week's Gold Book Superstars are...

OAK Class

- Khaled has impressed us so much since returning to school. In every lesson, he is putting his hand up and answering questions clearly in English. As well as this, he has already completed several books since joining Oak class. What a fantastic start to the year!
- Alfie has already demonstrated Year 6 attitudes inside school with his attentiveness in class and his willingness to put his hand up and have a go at answering questions in class. He also understands the importance of using good manners when speaking to children and adults inside school. I have no doubt he will be an excellent role model this year.

ELM Class

- Kacey –for showing maturity when returning to school this week. During busy times at our trays, Kacey has chosen to be patient and wait for the area to clear. She has also helped mend a broken book and joined in with work actively, going back over her mistakes thoughtfully to correct questions, and then helping others to understand misconceptions in maths.

SYCAMORE Class

- Louie has made a fantastic first impression. He has settled into his new environment well, and has shown some great learning behaviours. During Maths, Louie showed fantastic number recognition and even began to add them together! Well done, Louie. 😊
- Riley has come back to a school with an amazing attitude. He is always trying to improve on the work he has done, both seeking out and acting on feedback when he is given it. I was really impressed with Riley during his first French lesson, when he very confidently introduced himself to the class! Well done, Riley.
- Marshall has proven this week that he is ready for Year 3, and has shown he is a role model to the younger children in class. He has guided new pupils with routines and learning behaviours when they are unsure, and has reflected on guidance given to him to make his work even better than before. We are all so proud!
- Nevaeh has brought an infectious, positive attitude to the classroom this week! She has started every day with a huge smile, and has been determined to do her best in every lesson. No matter the target Nevaeh has been given, she has worked hard to both reach the target, and in some cases surpass it too. All whilst bringing a lovely smile to those around her. Well done, Nevaeh!

WILLOW Class

- Lottie & Ember – for being kind and caring members of our class. They have helped our Reception children find their way around our classroom and follow new routines.

TEAM POINTS



The Team Point Pixies have been flying round and adding up all the team points.

They have been counted and verified...

and the winner is...

 Diamonds	 Rubies	 Sapphires	 Emeralds

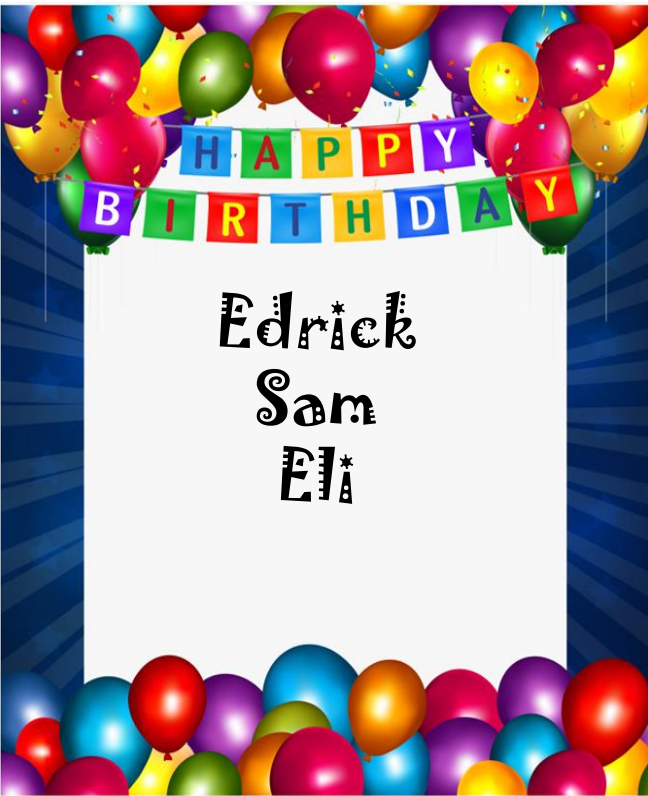


WELL DONE, TREASURES!

BRILLIANT BLUE PUPILS

Kash
Rares
Lily
Louie
Elliot
Ivy
Evelyn
Isobel

Well done for your
BRILLIANT learning,
behaviour and
effort!



LUDDENDEN CE SCHOOL MEALS



WEEKLY MEAL PLANNER:

- All meal choices are homemade, from scratch by chefs using high-quality raw ingredients that are unprocessed and where applicable, seasonal. All Milk products are made with organic milk
- All meat products are Red Tractor accredited
- All fish products are M.S.C accredited

If you have any questions or special dietary requirements please don't hesitate to get in touch!



How many planet friendly options are you choosing this week?

WEEK 1	Main Course	Vegetarian Option 	Served With	Dessert
MONDAY	Meatballs In Tomato Sauce With Pasta	Cheese and Onion Roll	Sliced Potatoes Sweetcorn	Orange Cake Fresh Fruit Salad Yoghurt
TUESDAY	Hot Dog	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Herby Potatoes Fresh Salad	Summer Fruit Crumble & Custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
WEDNESDAY	Creamy Chicken and Vegetable Pie	Veg Sausage and Yorkshire Pudding	Duchesse Potatoes Carrots, Gravy	Chocolate Cake and Ice Cream Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
THURSDAY	Chilli Con Carne with Rice	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Baked Beans	Steamed Rice	Choc Chip Shortbread Biscuit Fresh fruit Yoghurt
FRIDAY	Battered Fish	Quorn Southern Burger	Chips Peas	Arctic Roll Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
WEEK 2	Main Course	Vegetarian Option 	Served With	Dessert
MONDAY	Chicken Goujons	Veggie Hotdog	Wedges Sweetcorn	Summer Berry Traybake Fresh Fruit Salad Yoghurt
TUESDAY	Pasta Bolognaise & Garlic Slice	Cheese and Onion Pie	Herby Diced Potatoes Baked Beans	Cherry Biscuit Fresh Fruit Salad Yoghurt
WEDNESDAY	Chicken Fajitas	Pesto Pasta with Garlic Slice	Cous Cous Fresh Salad	Caribbean Sponge & Custard Fresh Fruit Salad Yoghurt
THURSDAY	Sausage and Yorkshire Pudding	Macaroni Cheese	Roast Potatoes Broccoli	Jelly and Ice Cream Fresh Fruit Salad
FRIDAY	Battered Fish	Falafel Wrap	Chips Peas	Fruit Muffin Fresh Fruit Salad Yoghurt
WEEK 3	Main Course	Vegetarian Option 	Served With	Dessert
MONDAY	Pepperoni Panini Pizza	Veggie Burger In a Bun	Wedges Spaghetti Hoops	Fruity Flapjack Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
TUESDAY	Crispy Chicken Wrap with Salad & Mayo	Pesto Pasta & Garlic Slice	Criss Cross Fries Sweetcorn	Eve's Pudding & Custard Fresh Fruit Salad Yoghurt
WEDNESDAY	Ham and Cheese Panini	Quorn Dippers	Potato Puffs Fresh Salad	Iced Sponge Finger Fresh Fruit Salad Yoghurt
THURSDAY	Sausage Roll	Veggie Ravioli	Curly Fries Broccoli	Rice Pudding & Fruit Jam Fresh Fruit Salad
FRIDAY	Battered Fish	Veggie Sausage Roll	Chips Peas	Chocolate & Raspberry Brownie Fresh Fruit Salad Yoghurt

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Parent carer survey



Mainstream
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Have your say about **SEND** in **mainstream** schools

This survey is for
parents and carers of
children and young
people with SEND
(Special Educational
Needs and Disabilities)
in mainstream
educational settings.

Tell us about your
experience of SEND
support in mainstream
schools.



Takes about
5 minutes
to complete



Closes
Friday 9th
October 26

Complete the survey

[Parent Carer Survey 2026: SEND Experiences in Mainstream Schools](#)

