

LUDDENDEN CE SCHOOL

Newsletter

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TREETOPS - Book

Before & After School Care here...



SCHOOL DINNERS

Now **£2.40** a day (£12 pw) Please pay in advance
Via **SchoolMoney**
Read on for menu...

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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

And a big, warm



to all our new starters!

WEEKLY Roundup

Welcome back everyone and a special first welcome to all our new starters. This bumper edition **newsletter** contains lots of important information, please get yourself a big cuppa and take time to read it. **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. We have loved welcoming new children and staff into Nursery, Reception, Year 1, 2 and 6. 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!
- The inside of school has been transformed by our **posh new doors** - they are very sturdy and as well as looking great they have also increased our fire safety and draught proofing. The new external doors will be coming soon.
- Our new **Star Room** is up and running, providing extra support, interventions, personalised learning and booster groups for children throughout school. The room is also a safe space designed to promote positive social, emotional & mental health and well-being.
- Year 6** are getting excited about their upcoming **residential visit** to Robinwood on 22nd September - please keep those payments coming in, thanks!
- Over the next few weeks, once our Reception pupils have settled in, Miss Bardsley will be carrying out the **Reception Baseline Assessment** - you can find out more about it [here](#).
- See **page 8** for a useful parents' **guide to Social Media & Mental Health**. See **page 7** for this year's **term dates**.
- As you know, once you are part of our school family, you are always part of it. Over the summer we have been delighted to hear about the successes of so many of our **former pupils who have excelled in their A levels and GCSEs** and are off to colleges, apprenticeships, jobs and universities. We are very proud of all our past pupils & love hearing about what they're up to. Please do keep sharing your stories.



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



We have begun work on enhancing our collective worship... we'll share more over the coming weeks



Can you claim a little extra help for you, your child and their learning?
See p3 to find out more...

PUPIL PREMIUM



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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** (see p6)-
 - 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 their child is in the Gold Book.
- **Newsletters** are the **main source of news and information for families**. They are emailed to families and 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>



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
380	285	125	311

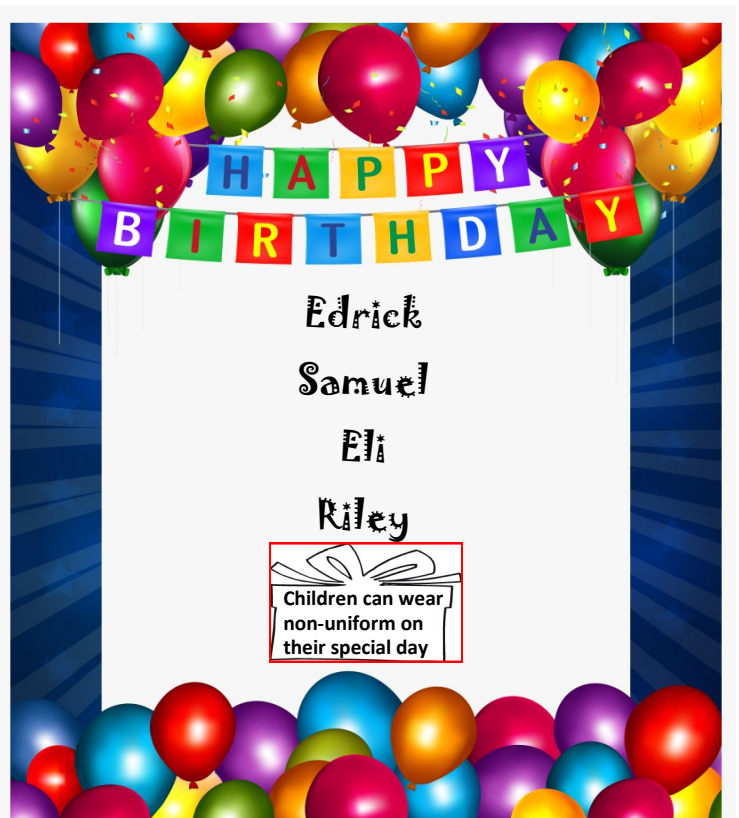


WELL DONE TREASURES!!!



BRILLIANT BLUE PUPILS

Dougie, Jacob



This week's Gold Book Superstars are....

Oak

- Leo & Raea - for an amazing start to their new school and Year 6! We are so happy they have joined us!

Elm Class

- Leon - for his excellent attitude to work on our return to school - he's really impressed me with how engaged he has been when writing about what we didn't do this summer.
- Sara - for her wonderful attention to detail when drawing and her consistently polite manners.
- Lyan - for her thoughtful interpretation of her own identity when creating flags that represent us - she blended the British and Syrian flags to show that, whilst she was born in Britain, she is still Syrian too.
- Isobel - for coming back to school with more confidence, more readiness and more smiles. We've loved Isobel's positive attitude to coming to school this week.

Sycamore Class

- Marshall – for having an amazing first week in Sycamore. He's settled in so well and made lots of new friends!
- Dougie – for an amazing first week in school, super focused and working so hard already!
- Romey – for wonderful perseverance in maths proving that asking for helping and not giving up results in success!

Willow Class

- Pippa - for being a kind and helpful member of our class
- Luca - for using mathematical language to compare size
- Charlie - for an amazing start to his new school!



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TREETOPS

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

& FREE Breakfast Club

**Child care available in
school every day.**

8:00 to 8:30am = £2

8:30 to 9:00am = FREE

3:20 to 4:00pm = £3

3:20 to 5:00pm = £8

Flexible & bespoke options available to meet your needs

No joining fee

Quick & easy online booking

Varied & healthy menus

Childcare vouchers welcome

Book on SchoolMoney or talk to Sharon



HOLIDAY DATES

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/2026

AUTUMN TERM 2025	
CLOSED	Monday 1 st September 2025 (Training Day)
RE-OPEN	Tuesday 2 nd September 2025
CLOSED	Friday 24 th October 2025 (Training Day)
RE-OPEN	Monday 3 rd November 2025
CLOSE	Friday 19 th December 2025 (Christmas)
SPRING TERM 2026	
CLOSED	Monday 5 th January 2026 (Training Day)
RE-OPEN	Tuesday 6 th January 2026
CLOSE	Friday 13 th February 2026
CLOSED	Monday 23 rd February 2026 (Training Day)
RE-OPEN	Tuesday 24 th February 2026
CLOSE	Friday 27 th March 2026 (Easter)
SUMMER TERM 2026	
OPEN	Monday 13 th April 2026
CLOSED	Monday 4 th May 2026 (May Day)
CLOSE	Friday 22 nd May 2026 (Half Term)
RE-OPEN	Monday 1 st June 2026
CLOSE	Friday 17 th July 2026 (Summer Holidays)
CLOSED	Monday 20 th July 2026 (Training Day)

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SOCIAL MEDIA & MENTAL HEALTH

An estimated one-third of children have a social media account, so it's important that trusted adults know what content young people are consuming, what they're posting and the interactions they're having. On social media, it can be easy to go down 'rabbit holes' that aren't beneficial to our wellbeing. As platforms grapple with managing such 'legal but harmful' content, lives are being impacted – sometimes to tragic effect. We might be daunted by the scale of the tech giants and their content which so enthralls young people, but we can still help children to be aware of their mental wellness: recognising when something isn't OK... and knowing what to do about content that upsets them.

1. UNDERSTAND THE ALGORITHM

Algorithms rank content by user interest: someone who regularly interacts with sports news, say, will see the latest results at the top of their feed. Likewise, if a user browses content that can cause harm, that's what will be recommended to them in future. Someone who's had a bad day and looks for posts which reflect their mood will find similar content being suggested to them more and more.

2. AVOID THE MAIN FEEDS

Avoiding the default feeds on social media platforms limits the amount of recommended content that's shown. Users can opt to only scroll through the accounts they follow, use restricted modes, or highlight posts that they don't want to see more of. Explore the platform safety settings to see how you can take control of what your child's phone shows them when they open the app.

3. DISCUSS WHAT THEY'VE SEEN

Chatting about what your child's seen online keeps you aware of the content they're interacting with. Don't assume that platforms are screening out inappropriate material, or even that your child would recognise content as being harmful. Discuss who they follow, what posts they like and what comes up in their feeds: if alarm bells ring, it could be time for a more in-depth talk or to seek support.

4. LEARN HOW TO HIDE CONTENT

If your child stumbles across unsuitable content on social media, there's the option to hide that post as well as indicating you'd prefer any similar material not to be suggested in future. On some platforms, you might also be able to block posts that contain specific words, which is an excellent way to start taking control of what your child sees online.

5. SET DAILY LIMITS

Phones and most apps can tell you how much they're being used. Spending too long online can mean a child misses out on other activities that are important to all-round wellbeing. You could set some family rules – for everyone to follow – around device use, such as screen time limits and tech-free spaces: involving your child in creating this agreement makes them more likely to stick to it.

6. MONITOR THEIR ACTIVITY

Keeping a discreet eye on how your child is using social media can help ensure they're not entering potentially dangerous situations. As they grow up, of course, children need space to exercise their independence – but you can still occasionally ask to see what they're looking at. Be transparent about your own social media use and try not to sound judgemental about your child's.

7. TURN OFF PUSH NOTIFICATIONS

Even for adults, it's tempting to check an email or message as soon as the alert sound pings. Push notifications encourage people to open their apps and spend time on their device, so turning them off will help your child to practise mindful use of tech. Most of us have other things that we need to focus on as a priority – and those notifications will still be there later, when we have more time.

8. USE DEVICES TOGETHER

Giving children internet-enabled devices and complete freedom to explore platforms on their own can result in exposure to hugely damaging content. You could consider making a particular area at home a designated space to use phones, tablets and so on – making it much easier to monitor what content your child is viewing and (if necessary) steer them away from any potentially harmful paths.

9. ENCOURAGE OTHER ACTIVITIES

Mental health professionals often highlight the importance of exercise, quality time with loved ones, a balanced diet and restful sleep for our mental wellbeing. Spending hours on social media can cause us to sacrifice other activities that our brains need to feel well – so encouraging your child to put down their phone and enjoy something that doesn't involve a screen can be immensely beneficial.

10. TALK ABOUT PEER PRESSURE

Most platforms default children's accounts to private, so only people they've accepted as friends can see their posts. This reduces the risk of bullying or unkind comments, but – just like offline life – the digital world can still make children feel as if they need to act or look a certain way to fit in. Talk to your child about peer pressure, and listen to any concerns so you can provide the support they need.

Meet Our Expert

Shazia Sarwar-Azim is executive headteacher at a specialist primary school and, as an emotional therapy coach, works with school leaders to focus on the SEND, mental health and wellbeing agenda. A passionate advocate for vulnerable learners, Shazia is a Fellow of the Chartered College of Teaching and the author of *The Rainbow Within*, a book which supports children with SEMH needs.



Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-55203955>
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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	Ham and pineapple panini pizza	Tomato and mascarpone pasta bake with herby bread	Saute potatoes Salad	Fruity Flapjack Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
TUESDAY	Sausage and Yorkshire pudding	Cheese Lattice	Roast potatoes and carrots	Chocolate Sponge and Mint Custard Fresh fruit Yoghurt
WEDNESDAY	Pork Gyros with Yoghurt Sauce	Veggie nuggets	Savory Rice Broccoli	Cherry Shortbread Biscuit Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
THURSDAY	Chicken pasta in tomato sauce Garlic slice	Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans	Duchess potatoes Beans	Jelly and Ice cream Fresh fruit Yoghurt
FRIDAY	Battered Fish	Veggie meatball melt in a flatbread	Peas & sweetcorn Chips	Carrot Cake Fresh fruit Yoghurt
WEEK 2	Main Course	Vegetarian Option	Served With	Dessert
MONDAY	Meatballs and Pasta	Quorn Dippers	Twister Fries Salad	Jam Slice and Orange Segment Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
TUESDAY	Hot Dog	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Wedges and Sweetcorn	Chocolate and Cranberry Cookie Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
WEDNESDAY	Cheese and Tomato Puff	Mac and Cheese	Potato Nuggets Baked beans	Bakewell Tart and Custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
THURSDAY	Minced beef and veg pie	Red Pesto Pasta with Garlic Slice	Duchesse Potatoes Salad	Mini Donuts & Sauce Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers	Quorn Southern Burger	Chips Peas & Sweetcorn	Chocolate and Raspberry Brownie Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
WEEK 3	Main Course	Vegetarian Option	Served With	Dessert
MONDAY	Cheese and Pepperoni Panini	Pesto Pasta with Garlic Slice	Herby Potatoes Salad	Orange surprise and custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
TUESDAY	Chicken Goujons	Veggie Ravioli	Cous Cous Sweetcorn	Chocolate Fudge Cake with Cream Fresh fruit Yoghurt
WEDNESDAY	Pasta Bolognaise	Cheese and Tomato Puff	Potato Nuggets Spaghetti hoops	Marble Cake Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
THURSDAY	Sausage Roll	Vegan Goujons	Criss Cross Fries Salad	Rice Pudding Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
FRIDAY	Battered Fish	Pizza Twist	Chips Peas & Sweetcorn	Arctic Roll Fresh fruit Yoghurt

**The supplier reserves the right to change, modify, substitute or remove, without notice, any item on this menu as deemed necessary.*