LUDDENDEN CE SCHOOL

Newsletter

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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...



In the news this week:

- It's been another busy week here with all classes settling into lots of great learning.
- We have already been showing families round for places in Reception next September.

If you know of anyone looking for places in Nursery or Reception (or any other years!) please tell them to get in touch to arrange a visit - every day is open day here!

- The teachers have been busy refining our this year's curriculum plans. The long-term overviews will be published on the website over the coming days so you can see what topics the children will be studying in all subjects.
- They have also been planning a range of extra-curricular clubs more information to follow.
- Year 6 Watch out for a letter from Mr Charnley with more information about the Year 6 residential.
- FREE SCHOOL MEALS please check to see if you have received a letter from Benefits Support We've heard from a couple of families that their FSM have unexpectedly ended - you may need to reapply. Please ring Sharon if you have any questions or need any help.

Excellence through Equity, Inclusion and Love

As you may remember, we did lots of work last year reviewing our school aim and vision to reflect our school's distinctiveness and ambition. As part of our work this year, we are enhancing our collective worship (assemblies) to make sure we make the most of these opportunities to foster the spiritual, moral, social, and cultural development of pupils. With this in mind, as a starting point, we thought it would be useful to explain what collective worship is all about...

DID YOU KNOW?

- **ALL schools**, including academies **must** provide a daily act of collective worship
- This requirement comes from the Education Reform Act 1988, which mandates that the worship be "of a broadly Christian character"
- 'Collective Worship' is a daily assembly or gathering that takes place in all state-funded schools in the UK - Its core purpose is to foster the spiritual, moral, social, and cultural development of pupils
- The "broadly Christian character" involves promoting universal values such as compassion, respect, and love, which are shared by many faiths and beliefs. For church schools it also reflects Anglican traditions & offers an opportunity for pupils and staff to engage with faith and the teachings of Christ.
- Acts of worship are inclusive and invitational, encouraging reflection and exploration of big questions for all pupils, regardless of and without compromising their beliefs.
- The aim is for collective worship to be reflective, engaging, and community-
- It is a space for pupils and staff to be still, reflect on their lives, and respond to national and global events.
- It offers an opportunity to encounter faith and values, regardless of whether a pupil or staff member has specific beliefs

IN NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER - Learn about the 4 elements of collective worship; THE 'GERS'!





Can you claim a little extra help for you, your child and their learning? See p2 to find out more...

So far, over half of our families have successfully claimed!



Love Trust **Friendship Endurance**

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.

eals APPLY NO

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...







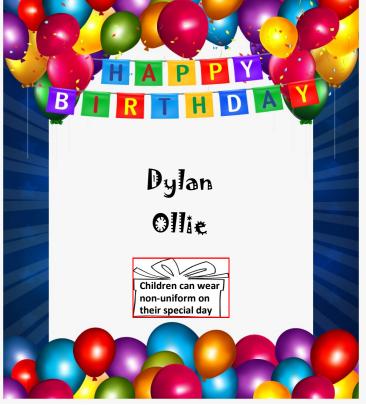
WELL DONE TREASURES!!!



BRILLIANT BLUE PUPILS

Joe





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

Oak

- Oscar for an amazing start to Year 6! A great attitude towards all teachers and classmates as well as producing some excellent Year 6 work. He is rocking it!
- Emelia for always listening well in class and trying harder to put her hand up to take part in class discussions.

Elm Class

- Jack for his kind, patient and friendly attitude. This week, when a child from year 3 was feeling wobbly about coming into Elm class for geography and history, Jack helped them to feel welcomed and settled. He is also confident and joins in with our learning with determination, resilience and a smile. We're ever so lucky to have a boy like Jack in our class!
- Esmae for her loud voice when reciting our daily times tables. Esmae can be heard as clear as a bell when we're practising our times tables and I know this will help her when it comes to our multiplication times table check later on in year 4.
- George for always being prepared to give an answer when discussing our learning as a whole class. George hasn't felt 100% this week, but he has persevered and tried his very best to stay committed to his education. I know I can always rely on George to engage with discussions across the curriculum and he is an excellent role model of learning behaviours.

Sycamore Class

- Rosalina for a wonderful piece of art sketching a split self portrait. Great observational and sketching skills. It's like looking at a real photo!
- Ezra for superb writing this week great ideas and encollent handwriting.
- Vinns for a super week in class, listening to our class story and drawing a fabulous picture.

Willow Class

- Jacob For having an amazing attitude to learning this week! He has shown great determination in completing his Phonics tasks. Amazing!
- Lukas for having a fabulous start to Year 1. He has shown kindness and patience when accessing our outdoor environment.
- Riley For an amazing effort made during all carpet sessions this week.
- Alacey-Mai, Charlie, Hudson, Zia, Lottie, Harley, for a fabulous start to their new school

Acorns

• Everybody! - for settling well into Nursery. They have been very busy exploring their environment and making friends.



& FREE Breakfast Club

Child care available in school every day.

8:00 to 8:30 am = £2

8:30 to 9:00 am = 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 TER	2M 2025				
AOTOMIN TEN	101 2023				
CLOSED	Monday 1st 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 19th December 2025 (Christmas)				
SPRING TERM	1 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 TER	M 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!

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

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

All fish products are M.S.C accredited



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 O 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.