



Lady Joanna Thornhill (Endowed) Primary School

NEWSLETTER

26th September 2025



Heart and Hand

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share several highlights from our school community this week. Our reception children embarked on a delightful Bear Hunt adventure in our designated green, fenced area, which proved to be an ideal environment for exploration and discovery.

Our recent Open Evening was a success, with the true essence of our school embodied by our exceptional children: Audra, Thomas, Sam, Sophia, Toula, and Ru, who delivered compelling speeches that truly captured the spirit of our school. Their articulate and passionate presentations demonstrated that while adults may share information, it is our children who genuinely illuminate the heart of our educational community. My sincere thanks to them for giving up their evening and for writing their speeches.

Today, we celebrate National Teaching Assistant Day, an opportunity to recognise the extraordinary dedication of our Teaching Assistants. These remarkable professionals work tirelessly to support all of our children, providing invaluable assistance that enriches their learning experiences and contributes significantly to their academic and personal development.

Our Year 5 children have been fortunate to experience an exciting educational trip to Hailsham Observatory this week, further extending their learning beyond the classroom environment.

I would like to draw your attention to an upcoming event that has been shared separately today. Please ensure you sign up in advance for the Dr Jody Walshe event scheduled for 19th November. This is an opportunity you will not want to miss.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Rachael Foster
Headteacher

RECEPTION ADMISSIONS 2026/2027

We had a wonderful turnout for our Open Evening this week, thank you to everyone who attended. If you have any queries, please do email Mrs Cox at admissions@ladyj.kent.sch.uk

If any of our parents have children due to start school in September 2026, we are delighted to invite you to join us for one of our daytime tours in November and December. To book a place on one, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/reception-admissions-2026-school-tours-tickets-1680027420239>

CHANGE TO SCHOOL MENU - THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER

Please note that there has been a change to the school menu on Thursday 2nd October to celebrate the birthday of 'Mr Nourish'.

The menu is available to view on the school website at [Lunch Information | Lady Joanna Thornhill Endowed Primary School](#)



MR NOURISH'S 7 BIRTHDAY

THURSDAY 02 OCT

Burger in a Bun 1.50
Vegetable Burger in a Bun 1.50
Jacket Potatoes with a choice of Fillings 7.50

Herby Diced Potato
Sweetcorn
Coleslaw 9

Birthday Cake 1 VG
Mr Nourish Party Rings 1 VG
Fruit Pot VG

Design a birthday card for Mr Nourish
Hand it to the Catering team
Prizes will be awarded

NOURISH

Chicks marked with any of the following numbers contain the matching allergen:
1 Walnut 2 Nuts 3 Vegetarian 4 Gluten 5 Dairy 6 Eggs 7 Dairy 8 Dairy 9 Dairy 10 Dairy 11 Dairy 12 Dairy 13 Dairy 14 Dairy 15 Dairy 16 Dairy 17 Dairy 18 Dairy 19 Dairy 20 Dairy

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

The results are in for our attendance awards for this week!



Attendance

- ◆ 3rd Place - Butterfly Class
- ◆ 2nd Place - Puffin Class
- ◆ 1st Place - Chaffinch Class

Well done to Butterfly Class and Puffin Class for a great effort - and to our winners, Chaffinch Class, who have been awarded 15 minutes of free play time and a certificate!

We are excited to see who will win each week! Please remember, attendance for every child should be above 97%.

Mrs Read, Pastoral Support Mentor

COMMUNITY INFORMATION



BROOK RURAL MUSEUM

Harvest Festival

Saturday 4th October 2025
2.00pm - 5.00pm

Entry: £5
Children under 14 go free*

Live Music & Food and Drink
Face Painting, Crafts & Donkey Rides**

Ashford Borough Council
SHEPHERD NEAME

The Street, Brook, Ashford, TN25 5PF
brookruralmuseum.org.uk

*No unaccompanied children under 14
**£25 per donkey ride. Weight limit 20kg



Wye St Gregory & St Martin Church

Teddy Bear Parachute Extravaganza!

Saturday 4th October 2025

11am - 1pm

Come and join in the fun, we are hosting a teddy bear parachute jump, where the bears will be thrown off the church tower. A fun day out, plus a tombola, raffle and some delicious cakes.

Entries just **£2.50** per family

Teddy Bear Categories:
Best Dressed: Costumes for creativity
Best Homemade Parachute: Celebrate unique designs



All donations welcome if you are unable to attend but would still like to be a part of the day. Please scan the QR code.

Apple Pie competition - entries must be in by 11am Saturday 4th October. Prizes to be won!



PERRY COURT FARM

ANNUAL APPLE FAYRE

*** SATURDAY 4TH & SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2025 ***

All proceeds to the Ashford Pilgrims Hospice

*** JOIN US FROM 10AM - 5PM ***

APPLE PIE COMPETITION ENTRIES BY 11AM SATURDAY - WIN DINNER AT BOYS HALL!

APPLES AND PEAR DISPLAY OF OVER 200 VARIETIES OF APPLES & PEARS • LOCAL CRAFTS STALLS
• APPLE REFRIGERATORS • JUICE TASTING • GORGEOUS WALKS • RAFFLE •
FARM SHOP • TEAROOM • SHIRE HORSES • STEAM ENGINES • MORRIS DANCERS

PERRY COURT FARM • CANTERBURY ROAD • ASHFORD • KENT • TN25 4ES
SEE WWW.PERRYCOURTFARM FOR MORE DETAILS AND TIMINGS



E-scooters – are you breaking the law?

Can I ride my e-scooter to school or work? No, it's illegal...

E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles and are required to be taxed and insured. It's not possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it's illegal to use them.

Can I ride my e-scooter on the pavement? No, it's illegal...

You cannot use e-scooters on public footpaths, cycle lanes or roads.

What happens if I'm caught using my e-scooter in public spaces? The scooter may be seized and as a result, destroyed.

If stopped by an officer, you may be asked to complete a breath and drugs test. You also risk a £300 fine and six penalty points on your licence for no insurance.

Kent Police

Think before you buy:
The number of electrical scooters being used on our streets has risen, as well as reports of serious injury and fatalities. For more information and advice on the use of e-scooters visit [www.kent.police.uk/e-scooters](#)

ASHFORD MUSLIM ASSOCIATION

OPEN HOUSE & EXHIBITION ABOUT ISLAM

VISIT MY MOSQUE

Exhibition about Islam.
Visit the Mosque.
VR Display.
Artifacts.
Models.
Poster Display.
Free Book stall.
Listening station.
Brief interactive presentations.

Free Activities:
A translation of the Quran & Books for you to keep.
Kids' Corner.
Face Painting, Henna.
Tea/coffee & Scrumptious Snacks.
And much more.

Also includes an exclusive opportunity to hear the 'Call to Prayer' and observe Muslims Praying.

Free parking at Ashford International Car Park E
(Designed outlet overflow Car Park E)
Vehicle registration is a must for free parking.
☎ +44 7876766212 (Messages only)
✉ education@ashfordmosque.org



For RSVP, please scan the QR code and fill in the form.

ASHFORD MOSQUE

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DATE: Saturday, October 4th, 2025
TIME: 09:00 AM - 07:00 PM
VENUE: 79 Torrington St, Ashford, Kent, TN25 5TG

Who Can Attend: We welcome everyone: Ladies, Gentlemen, Children, People from all faiths and No faith.



Have your say on the draft Ashford Local Plan 2042

Ashford Borough Council is now consulting on the draft Local Plan. You can have your say on the plan by attending one of the public consultation events. If you can't attend in person, we are also holding one virtual event.

View our draft Local Plan in person

We are holding a series of events where you can come and view the draft Local Plan. Simply drop in to any of the following events. If you can't attend in person, we are also holding one virtual event.

Event	Date	Time
Ashford Cinema, Elwick Road, Ashford, TN25 1AB	Thursday 21 September 2025	3 - 5pm
Weston Leisure Centre, Recreation Ground Road, Tonbridge, TN10 0BA	Tuesday 16 September 2025	3 - 5pm
Grangeville Village Hall, Church Hill, Grangeville, TN25 3PT	Friday 20 September 2025	4 - 8pm
Grangeville Sports & Social Club, Grangeville Lane, Ashford, TN25 4ET	Tuesday 23 September 2025	3 - 5pm
Heathen Village Hall, Church Road, Heathen, TN25 4JG	Thursday 25 September 2025	3 - 5pm
Stave Village Hall, Bridge Street, Stave, TN25 5AA	Monday 29 September 2025	3 - 5pm
Virtual Event via Microsoft Teams	Thursday 2 October 2025	5 - 6pm

To find out more visit: www.ashford.gov.uk/emerging-local-plan

Ashford Borough Council

KENNINGTON JUNIORS FC

Saturday Morning Football Coaching - Invite to all Children in School Year Groups 1-5

Kennington Juniors Football Club are again offering the following Football Training sessions, to all children within the Ashford community.

School Year 1 Group - 08.30 - 09.35
School Year 2 Group - 09.45 - 10.50
School Year 3-5 Group - 11.00 - 12.05

A fully qualified Coach, with appropriate Child Welfare certification, will manage the sessions. Cost per session will be £6.00 cash, payable prior to the start of the session.

Sessions will take place every Saturday Morning, commencing Saturday 13th September 2025, to be held at the Ashford Hockey Club, Ball Lane, Kennington TN25 4EB.

KJFC ask that your Child wears Football Boots and Shin Pads to each session. The Club will not stop your Child participating if they are not wearing these items, the responsibility / accountability, standing entirely with the Parent/Carer.

If you requires any further details, please contact Graham Jordan - Mobile 07934349666 or email him at g.jordan459@btinternet.com



KENT COLLEGE CANTERBURY

CROSS COUNTRY

Fri 19th Sept Fri 3rd Oct Sat 22nd Nov

4:15pm 4:15pm 10:00am

Individual races for pre-school to year 6
Registration from 45mins before first race
Refreshments served throughout
Results available on the kcjunior Instagram



Kent College Junior School, Church Hill, Harbledown, CT2 9AQ

SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 5

Year 5 had a fantastic day at the Science Observatory in Hailsham this week. The children explored a range of hands-on activities, including exploring the Discovery Park. The highlight of the day was visiting the star-

gazing dome. Everyone was amazed as the roof retracted, giving the children a truly unique view of the sky.



They learned all about the stars, planets and rotation of our moon, bringing our space topic to life in the most exciting way.



Pupils were praised for their curiosity, teamwork and excellent questions throughout the day. They returned to school buzzing with new knowledge and plenty of inspiration for our science lessons.



FREE SCHOOL EVENT - TALK WITH DR JODY WALSH ON DEVELOPING RESILIENCE IN CHILDREN

Join us for an enlightening event with Dr. Jody Walshe, a published Educational Child Psychologist who will share valuable insights on nurturing resilience in children and emotional wellbeing. Discover practical strategies to help your child navigate challenges and build emotional strength. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from an expert in the field! Please note that tickets to this event are free, but non-attendance will incur a £5 charge per ticket. Please park away from the village hall car park if possible for this event.

Please note that this event will be offered out to other schools in our Care group, so please do book early to avoid disappointment.

To book, please click on the link: [Developing Resilient Chil-](#)

The UK's biggest children's story-writing competition is back - inviting young storytellers to write the kind of story they would love to read. No pressure around spelling, grammar or punctuation—it's all about creativity! Plus, there are loads of prizes to be won!



- ◆ Opens for submissions on Tuesday 23rd September at 8am
- ◆ **Entry deadline: Friday 7th November at 9pm**
- ◆ Could you be a volunteer judge? 500 Words are looking for teachers, teaching assistants, SEND staff, and library staff to help read and judge entries.

Find out more: www.bbc.co.uk/500words

The prizes include the opportunity to win books for your school, an invite to a star studded grand final hosted by Her Majesty, Queen Camilla, and much more.

Book Nook!

The new reading shed has become a popular hangout for children during OPAL play as a quiet place to read, play and chat with friends. We'd love to make it feel a little cosier... so we'd be very happy to receive any of the following items:

- Fairy lights (battery powered)
- Battery/USB table lamp
- Lightweight curtains
- Small dustpan and brush - to keep things tidy!
- Comics and puzzle books



The items do not need to be new - second-hand is ideal!

Please contact Tamsin Roberts t.roberts@ladyj.kent.sch.uk if you have any questions.

Year 1 Outdoor Area – Donations Welcome!

We're excited to begin developing our brand-new Year 1 outdoor area, and we would love your help! If you have any resources at home that could support our new space, we'd be so grateful. These items don't need to be brand new – second-hand or pre-loved items are perfect. The more sustainable, the better!

If you're able to donate any of the following, please bring them to Miss Bodle or Mrs Irle in Year 1. Thank you in advance for your support. Items we're looking for:

- Mini blackboards
- Chalk
- Puppets
- Magnetic letters and boards
- Pebbles
- Wooden discs
- Etch A Sketches
- Light boards
- Wooden pegs
- Baskets (all shapes and sizes - wicker or plastic)
- Tins

Junk Modelling Donations

We're also always on the lookout for regular donations for our junk modelling station. If you have any of the following items, please drop them off in the labelled wooden container located beneath the green tuff tray in the Year 1 playground. Miss Bodle or Mrs Irle will be happy to show you where it is during drop-off or pick-up times.

Junk modelling materials:

- Cardboard boxes
- Pots
- Toilet roll tubes
- Egg boxes
- Masking tape

Thank you so much for your continued support.

Miss Bodle: a.bodle@ladyj.kent.sch.uk

Mrs Irle: m.irle@ladyj.kent.sch.uk



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DIARY DATES

see school calendar for times and information

[Calendar](#) | [Lady Joanna Thornhill Endowed Primary School](#)



Learning for the Head, Heart and Hand

Sep-25	
Monday 29th September	Individual / School age Sibling School Photos
Oct-25	
Monday 6th October	Year 1 Autumn Book Share 3:15pm-3:45pm
Monday 6th October	Year R Parent Consultations 3:30-5:30PM
Tuesday 7th October	EYFS YR walk around Wye
Wednesday 8th October	Year R Parent Consultations 3:30-5:30PM
7th-10th October	Year 6 IOW PGL Residential trip
Thursday 9th October	Friends' Association AGM 2:30pm in the Hub (option to join online)
Friday 10th October	World Mental Health Day
Friday 10th October	Harvest Festival Food collection before and after school
Date to be advised by Friends' Association	Xmas Cards order forms returned
Date to be advised	Mindful Mud run
Monday 13th October	EYFS Stay and Play Session 2-3pm
Tuesday 14th October	EYFS Stay and Play Session 2-3pm
Wednesday 15th October	EYFS Stay and Play Session 2-3pm
Thursday 16th October	Year 1 Autumn Book Share 2.30-3pm
Thursday 16th October	Flu Vaccinations, all years
Friday 17th October	End of Term 1
Monday 27th October	Staff Development Day 1
Tuesday 28th October	Staff Development Day 2
Wednesday 29th October	Staff Development Day 3
Thursday 30th October	Staff Development Day 4
Friday 31st October	Staff Development Day 5

Nov-25	
Monday 3rd November	Start of Term 2
Wednesday 5th November	National Childcare Measurement Programme YR 7 Y6
Thursday 6th November	New Entrants – 1:30pm
Monday 10th-Friday 14th November	Anti Bullying Week
Wednesday 12th November	New Entrants – 9:30am
Thursday 13th November	Parent Consultations Y1-Y6 4-6:30pm
Friday 14th November	We'll Meet again workshop and WW2 day - Year 6
Friday 14th November	Children in Need
Tuesday 18th November	Parent Consultations 4-6:30pm
Wednesday 19th November	New Entrants – 9:30am
Thursday 20th November	New Entrants – 1:30pm
Friday 21st November	Fox Class Assembly
Wednesday 26th November	New Entrants – 9:30am
Thursday 27th November	New Entrants – 1:30pm
Friday 28th November	Swift Class Assembly
Friday 28th November	Food bank collections before and after school
Dec-25	
Monday 1st-Friday 5th December	Y6 Bikeability
Wednesday 3rd December	New Entrants – 9:30am
Thursday 4th December	New Entrants – 1:30pm
Friday 5th December	Blackbird Class Assembly
Monday 8th December	Year 1 Trip to Wye church
Monday 8th December	EYFS Cinderella Ball
TBC	Carols By Candlelight
TBC	Year 1 visit to Wye Church
TBC	EYFS trip to Wye Cafe
Wednesday 10th December	RockSteady concert - parents will be invited
Monday 15th December	Nativity Dress Rehearsal pm
Tuesday 16th December	Nativity AM
Thursday 18th December	Nativity PM
Thursday 11th December	Christmas jumper day
Friday 12th December	Woodpecker Class Assembly
Friday 12th December	Food bank collections before and after school
Wednesday 17th December	Pupil Christmas Lunch
TBC	Choir Performance
Friday 19th December	Staff Panto pm
Friday 19th December	Term 2 Ends

Jan-26	
Monday 5th January	Term 3 Starts
Friday 9th January	Y3 Swimming (1 of 10 sessions)
TBC	Y3 Rocks and Fossils visit - Science topic
Friday 16th January	Kingfisher Class Assembly
Friday 16th January	Y3 Swimming (2 of 10 sessions)
Friday 23rd January	Rabbit Class Assembly
Friday 23rd January	Y3 Swimming (3 of 10 sessions)
Friday 30th January	Parrot Class Assembly
Friday 30th January	Y3 Swimming (4 of 10 sessions)
Friday 30th January	Food bank collections before and after school
Feb-26	
Friday 6th February	Y3 Swimming (5 of 10 sessions)
Wednesday 4th February	Mini Reports sent home via Arbor
Friday 6th February	Wagtail Class Assembly
Date TBC	Danceathon with Miss Selwood
Friday 6th February	NSPCC Number Day
Monday 9th February	Y1 Parent Share 2:30pm
Friday 13th February	Y3 Swimming (6 of 10 sessions)
Friday 13th February	Term 3 Ends
Monday 23rd February	Term 4 Starts
Friday 27th February	Y3 Swimming (7 of 10 sessions)
Friday 27th February	Hedgehog Class Assembly
Friday 27th February	Food bank collections before and after school
Mar-26	
Date TBC	GBDO Dance Competition, Chatham
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day - (Literacy team)
Friday 6th March	Y3 Swimming (8 of 10 sessions)
Friday 6th March	Puffin Class Assembly
7th- 16th March	STEM Week
Friday 13th March	Y3 Swimming (9 of 10 sessions)
Wednesday 18th March	RockSteady concert - parents will be invited
Friday 20th March	Squirrel Class Assembly
Friday 20th March	Y3 Swimming (10 of 10 sessions)
Friday 13th March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 24th March	Parent Consultations 4-6:30pm
Friday 27th March	Chaffinch Class Assembly
Thursday 26th March	Parent Consultations 4-6:30pm
Friday 27th March	Chaffinch Class Assembly
Friday 27th March	Food bank collections before and after school

Apr-26	
Thursday 2nd April	Term 4 Ends
Monday 20th April	Term 5 Starts
Friday 24th April	Food bank collections before and after school
May-26	
Monday 4th May	May Day Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Monday 11th May	KS2 SATS
Tuesday 12th May	KS2 SATS
Wednesday 13th May	KS2 SATS
Thursday 14th May	KS2 SATS
Monday 18th-Friday 22nd May	Y6 Intensive swimming catch up sessions (all week)
Date TBC	Y5 Parent Meeting - Secondary Transfer (PESE) 6:30pm
Tuesday 19th May	Sports Day
Friday 22nd May	Food bank collections before and after school
Friday 22nd May	Term 5 Ends
Jun-26	
Monday 1st June	Term 6 Start
Date TBC	Y4 Greek Day, Rainbow Theatre visit.
Monday 1st-Friday 5th June	Multiplication tables Checks
Monday 8th June	School class photos
Monday 8th - Friday 12th June	Phonics Screener
Monday 15th-Friday 19th June	Y5 Bikeability (will not be on Sports Day reserve date if this is required)
Tuesday 16th June	Sports Day reserve date
Friday 26th June	Food bank collections before and after school
Jul-26	
Monday 29th June -Friday 3rd July	Secondary School Transition Week
Wednesday 1st July	RockSteady concert - parents will be invited
Tuesday 7th July	Y6 Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 8th July	Year 6 Production 9:30am and 7pm
Friday 10th July	Year 6 Production 9:30am and 7pm
Tuesday 14th July	Class Transition Afternoon
Thursday 16th July	Open Evening 6-7:30pm (Thrive ending 5:15pm)
Friday 17th July	Y6 BBQ
Friday 17th July	Food bank collections before and after school
Monday 20th July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly
Tuesday 21st July	Term 6 Ends



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SCHOOL DAY INFORMATION



Learning for the Head,

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Attendance & Punctuality - how do you measure up?

If you have any concerns or would like to know your child's current attendance, please email Mrs Cox at office@ladyj.kent.sch.uk

Children are required by law to attend school for 190 days or 38 weeks per school year. The Government states that every pupil's absence should be at least 95%

Attendance during one school year	Equals - days absent from required 190 days per school year	Equals - sessions absent from required 190 days per school year	Approximate number of weeks missed per school year
95%	9.5 days	19 sessions	2 weeks
90%	19 days	38 sessions	4 weeks
85%	28.5 days	57 sessions	6 weeks
80%	38 days	76 sessions	7.5 weeks
75%	47.5 days	95 sessions	9.5 weeks
70%	57 days	114 sessions	11.5 weeks
65%	66.5 days	133 sessions	13 weeks
60%	76 days	152 sessions	15 weeks
55%	85.5 days	171 sessions	17 weeks
50%	95 days	190 sessions	19 weeks

PUNCTUALITY It is really important to ensure your child is arriving on time to school each day. Arriving late causes disruption to the whole class and can be stressful for your child, and may mean that your child misses out on vital learning sessions, including phonics.

The school gates open at 8:35 each morning and children are expected to be at their desks, ready to learn by no later than 8:45am. Children arriving after 8:45am will have their minutes late recorded and will be marked as late on the register. Children arriving after 9am when the registers have closed will have their minutes recorded and will be marked as an unauthorised absence.

TIME / APPROXIMATE DAYS MISSED OVER SCHOOL YEAR (190 DAYS/38 WEEKS)					
No. Minutes Late	1 x per week	2 x per week	3 x per week	4 x per week	5 x per week
5	190 minutes 3 hours 10 minutes half a school day	380 minutes 6 hours 20 minutes 1 school day	570 minutes 9 hours 30 minutes 1.5 school days	760 minutes 12 hours 40 minutes 2 school days	950 minutes 15 hours 50 minutes 2.5 school days
10	380 minutes 6 hours 20 minutes 1 school day	760 minutes 12 hours 40 minutes 2 school days	1,140 minutes 19 hours 3 school days	1,520 minutes 25 hours 20 minutes 4 school days	1,900 minutes 31 hours 40 minutes 5 school days
15	570 minutes 9 hours 30 minutes 1.5 school days	1,140 minutes 19 hours 3 school days	1,710 minutes 28 hours 30 minutes 4.5 school days	2,280 minutes 38 hours 6 school days	2,850 minutes 47 hours 30 minutes 7.5 school days
20	760 minutes 12 hours 40 minutes 2 school days	1,520 minutes 25 hours 20 minutes 4 school days	2,280 minutes 38 hours 6 school days	3,040 minutes 50 hours 40 minutes 8 school days	3,800 minutes 63 hours 20 minutes 10 school days
25	950 minutes 15 hours 50 minutes 2.5 school days	1,900 minutes 31 hours 40 minutes 5 school days	2,850 minutes 47 hours 30 minutes 7.5 school days	3,800 minutes 63 hours 20 minutes 10 school days	4,750 minutes 79 hours 10 minutes 12.5 school days
30	1,140 minutes 19 hours 3 school days	2,280 minutes 38 hours 6 school days	3,420 minutes 57 hours 9 school days	4,560 minutes 76 hours 12 school days	5,700 minutes 95 hours 15 school days

Walking home permission - (Year 5 & Year 6)

If you are happy for your Year 5 or Year 6 child to walk themselves home from school, you will first need to let us know by completing the online form at <https://forms.office.com/e/rGpbWZtywP> or by scanning the QR code. We would ask that all parents in these year groups complete the form so that we have your preference recorded correctly. A new form must be completed each school year.

Please note that if your Y5 or Y6 child has a mobile phone for their walk to school, they must hand this in to the teacher each morning and collect at the end of the school day.

CLUBS. If your child attends a club after school and is unable to attend one week, you must ensure that you have let the school office know either by telephoning the office or emailing clubs@ladyj.kent.sch.uk

SCHOOL LUNCHES Could we remind parents that school lunches must be ordered first thing in the morning. If your child is coming into school late because of an appointment, you need to let us know first thing if they need a school meal. The Kitchen work to small margins and may not have spare meals available if you have not booked them in, especially for specific requirements such as gluten free or vegetarian. Please also note that we try to be nut free as we have several children who are allergic. Please check labels for packed lunches and snacks.

***Please also check your ParentPay accounts and make sure that these are in credit at the start of each week. The caterer has a no debt policy.**

LATE ARRIVALS

If your child will be late to school (after 8:45am) please ensure you have advised the school office. Upon arrival your child must sign in at the school reception so that their lunch option can be recorded and they are added to the fire register.

DROPPING OFF / PICKING UP

We ask that parents let the office know if you will be late dropping off to school or collecting your child from school or Wraparound care.

We would also ask that parents refrain from dropping off on Bridge Street, park considerably in and around the village and village hall car park and do not block driveways or other cars. Disabled bays should only be used by people who have authorisation to do so and the staff car park should not be used by parents dropping off or picking up at any time, including for Thrive Wraparound Care. Please remember that there are children walking around these areas and drive slowly. The Village Hall Committee have requested that parents parking in the Village Hall Car park leave quickly and that the car park is clear by 9am

To avoid congestion in the car park, you may wish to park further away and walk to school. There is a free car park near the train station and next to Co-op, and plenty of road side parking around the village. Tom at the Tickled Trout has also said that he is happy for parents to use the pub car park for drop offs and pick ups (and he's also on hand if you need a coffee).

APPOINTMENTS/VISITS

We would ask that parents book all appointments for pupils outside of school hours, including routine GP, Optician or dental checks. There are 13 weeks of holiday per year and evenings and weekends, so please do utilise these times for routine appointments. We do understand that it can be difficult to re-arrange hospital appointments, but if it is possible to make these outside of school hours, this would be helpful.

For all unavoidable appointments, and for any Y5 & Y6 School/transition visits, you must complete an 'appointment absence form' which is available from the school website at www.ladyj.kent.sch.uk/attendance-punctuality or from the school office.

All appointment requests must be submitted to the school office, to avoid absences being recorded as unauthorised, and as much notice as possible should be given. **Please note that copies of appointment letters should be submitted with absence requests.

ABSENCES DURING TERM TIME

Absence during term time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and may result in a fine and we cannot authorise time off for term-time holidays. Should an absence be unavoidable, please fill in the Absence form, giving as much notice and detail as possible, and attach a copy of any hospital letters confirming appointment. Forms are available from the school office or via www.ladyj.kent.sch.uk/attendance-punctuality and should be either sent in with your child or emailed to the absence email at absence@ladyj.kent.sch.uk.

ABSENCE DUE TO ILLNESS

If your child is going to be absent from school due to sickness, you do need to let us know by no later than 9am on **each** day your child is going to be absent.

If your child is unwell, or if there is a reason why your child cannot attend school, please either telephone on 01233 812781 or email the school at absence@ladyj.kent.sch.uk, otherwise an unauthorised absence may be recorded.

We have, following requests from parents and from NHS and Gov.uk, updated our guidelines regarding absences due to vomiting and/or diarrhoea. If you child has either of these symptoms they must remain at home until they have had 48 hours clear of symptoms.

SCHOOL CROSSING. To ensure safety for all of our pupils, we would ask that all children cross Bridge Street with Mr Nettleship at the designated school crossing opposite the school.



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CONTACTS & TERM DATES 25/26



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TEACHER CONTACT DETAILS

You may contact your child's teacher(s) by emailing at the below addresses

Reception

Mrs Banner	Bumblebee Class	n.banner@ladyj.kent.sch.uk
Mrs Oliver	Butterfly Class	p.oliver@ladyj.kent.sch.uk
Mrs Hollingworth	Butterfly Class	r.hollingworth@ladyj.kent.sch.uk

Year 1

Mrs Irle	Hedgehog Class	m.irle@ladyj.kent.sch.uk
Miss Bodle	Fox Class	a.bodle@ladyj.kent.sch.uk

Year 2

Mrs Ward	Rabbit Class	s.ward@ladyj.kent.sch.uk
Miss Lewis	Rabbit Class	l.lewis@ladyj.kent.sch.uk
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2025 - 2026

START OF TERM 1	Monday 1 st September 2025
END OF TERM 1	Friday 17 th October 2025
Staff Development Day 1	Monday 27 th October 2025
Staff Development Day 2	Tuesday 28 th October 2025
Staff Development Day 3	Wednesday 29 th October 2025
Staff Development Day 4	Thursday 30 th October 2025
Staff Development Day 5	Friday 31 st October 2025
START OF TERM 2	Monday 3 rd November 2025
END OF TERM 2	Friday 19 th December 2025
START OF TERM 3	Monday 5 th January 2026
END OF TERM 3	Friday 13 th February 2026
START OF TERM 4	Monday 23 rd February 2026
END OF TERM 4	Thursday 2 nd April 2026
START OF TERM 5	Monday 20 th April 2026
MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 4 th May 2026
END OF TERM 5	Friday 22 nd May 2026
START OF TERM 6	Monday 1 st June 2026
END OF TERM 6	Tuesday 21 st July 2026