



Lydford Primary School – Nurture, Inspire and Achieve

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September

24th - Junior Life skills 9.30am-
12pm for Year 6 children

October

2nd – Flu Vaccinations
10th – World Mental Health Day
28TH – 1ST Nov Half Term

November

4th – First Day Back

December

23rd – 3rd January Christmas
Break

January

6th – Inset Day
7th – First Day Back

February

17th – 21st Half Term

April

4th Inset Day
7th – 17th Easter Holiday
18th & 21st Bank Holidays
22nd – First Day Back

May

5th – Bank Holiday
26th – Bank Holiday
27th – 30th Half Term

July

17th – 22nd Inset Days

Dear families,

I hope you have had a great summer break. Firstly, I would like to welcome our new parents and children to our school, it has been lovely to see some new faces around the school.

This week the children have returned to school excited, rested and ready to learn which has been a delight to see. They have jumped straight into their learning which is a fantastic start to the new academic year. It has been a pleasure to see the children settling into new routines with ease. Please keep an eye on your emails for any upcoming dates and events, I will endeavour to share these as early as I can.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Mrs Brendon

ATTENDANCE: 93.59%

STAFFING

We would like to welcome Sharon Shannon to our team. Sharon has very kindly offered to volunteer at our school. She will be working across both classes throughout the week and will also be taking on the role of mealtime assistant in the coming weeks.



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PE will continue on Tuesday afternoons with our specialist sports coach Tallan – PE sessions will also take place throughout the week. Please can you ensure all children always have their PE kits in school.

Mr Arnold has very kindly offered to continue with the Monday singing assembly for which we are very grateful.

SCHOOL START TIMES

A reminder regarding school start times. Children need to be in school by 8.45am. The school gates will be opened at 8.40am and closed at 8.50am. If you arrive after this time, please ring the bell and a member of staff will let you in.

CLUBS

Clubs are open to children from Reception to Year 6 and can be booked via school gateway, it is however a first come first serve basis. We are extremely lucky to have variety of after school clubs available to the children. If your child is booked into a club and is unable to attend, please can you let me know as soon as possible as this space could be opened to someone else. Thank you for your support with this.

Autumn 1 -After school clubs

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| LEGO CLUB Danielle | All Year Groups | Monday 3.30 – 4.30 |
| MULTI-SPORTS Tallan | All Year Groups | Tuesday 3.30 – 4.30 |
| FOREST SCHOOLS Tess | All Year Groups | Wednesday 3.30 – 4.30 |
| DANCE Taylor | All Year Groups | Thursday 3.30 – 4.30 |



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OFFICE NEWS

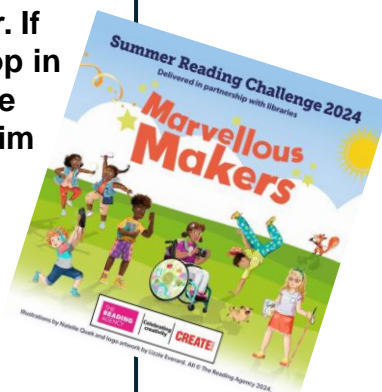
- If you need to report a pupil absence, can you please either telephone the school or email admin@lyfordprimary.org.uk, on each day of absence, this is to bring all schools in the DMAT in line with reporting absence.
- Communication will be going out through Arbor in the future please see next page for details. If you haven't downloaded the app yet and need an activation email sent to you, please let me know.
- If you are not sure if you qualify for Free School Meals even if you currently are in KS1 please apply. You have nothing to lose and your child and the school benefit.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2024

There is still time to join the Summer Reading Challenge and collect stickers, medals and certificates from your local library before the challenge ends on Saturday 14th September. If you have already finished, don't forget to pop in to collect your stickers, medal and certificate and enter our prize draw. There is a free swim voucher for each child who finishes at Okehampton Library!

Why not join our year round challenge "The Secret Book Quest" online or in your local library.

<https://www.librariesunlimited.org.uk/projects/the-secret-book-quest/>





We're using Arbor's free Parent Portal and Parent App

We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our school.

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Parent App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Parent App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

How to get started

1. Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready - you won't be able to log in before
2. Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
3. Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
4. Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
5. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
6. Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday

The Sunnyville School of Magic
W10 5BN, London, GBR

Enter your password

Log in

Forgotten password?

Need help using Arbor?

Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or Parent Portal. Tell us the type and model of your phone, e.g. an iPhone SE, and include screenshots or screen recordings.

To safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.

Some tips to try:

1. Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor. Ask us to **check the email address** linked to your account.
2. **Reset your password** from the login page, or ask us to do this.
3. If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the **password link will have expired**. Ask us to send it again.
4. Ask the school office to check that your email address has not been used twice - e.g. on another guardian or child's profile.
5. **Enter the birthday** of one of your children to log in.
6. Only relatives who are **Primary Guardians** of a child can access the Arbor App. Ask us to check you can access Arbor.

