

# Lydiard Millicent CE Primary Newsletter

Friday 30th January 2026



Believe ~ Learn ~ Grow



## Calendar

2025 -2026 Term 3

- 5/2/2026 - FOLMs dress down day
- 10/2/2026 - Safer Internet Day
- 12/2/2026 - Birch Collective Worship (Time TBC)
- 13/2/2026 - Term 3 ends for all pupils

## ATTENDANCE

### Year to date

96.30%

### This week

95.4%

### Congratulations

Beech - 98.85% this week

Attendance continues to climb school wide. Thank you for your support in ensuring our children maximise their time in school for important learning.

## Mr Farmer's message

Dear families,

### Use of the School Lane

I need to remind everyone that the school lane must only be used by parents who have prior permission from me. The lane is narrow, busy at drop-off and pick-up, and not designed for regular traffic. When cars drive down the lane without authorisation, it puts children, staff, and other parents at unnecessary risk.

There is no parking available in the school car park for parents. The car park is for staff only, with the exception of the two disabled parking spaces, which may be used by families who hold a valid Blue Badge. I also need to keep the lane and car park clear for our two school buses, which transport a number of children safely each day.

This week, a parent was clipped by a car's wing mirror. Thankfully, they were not hurt, but they were understandably upset—and particularly relieved it wasn't their child who had been struck. This incident highlights why I must insist that parents do not drive down the lane without permission.

I appreciate everyone's support in keeping our school community safe. Please help me ensure we prevent any further incidents.

**Have a great weekend.**

**Kind regards,**

**Mr Farmer**

# This term's value is: **Courage**

- C**arrying on when things are difficult
- O**vercoming fear
- U**nderstanding and facing a challenge
- R**isking being out of your comfort zone
- A**lways believing in God's promises
- G**oing for a goal
- E**mpowered by encouragement



## Church Links

Our weekly Sunday services are in the **Parish Hall** at 8.00am and 10.30am.

1st Sunday - Morning Worship

2nd Sunday - Holy Communion

3rd Sunday - Service of the Word more time for worship and Testimony

4th Sunday - Holy Communion

5th Sunday - Morning Worship

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## Happy Birthday to:

Florence Hazel

Chatwin Oak

Arlo Acorns

Lexi Oak

Sofia-Grace Birch

DON'T FORGET TO WEAR  
NON-UNIFORM ON THE  
FRIDAY OF THE WEEK OF YOUR  
BIRTHDAY!

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**This week's winning house is:**

## Eagle Owl



## Focus on: E-Safety - Whatsapp

As children grow more confident with technology, many begin exploring messaging apps such as WhatsApp. While WhatsApp can be a convenient way for families and friends to stay in touch, it's important for parents and carers to understand how to help children use it safely and responsibly. WhatsApp's minimum age is 16, but some younger children may still access it, often to keep in contact with classmates. Group chats can be fun and supportive, but they can also become overwhelming. Messages can circulate quickly, feelings can be hurt unintentionally, and misunderstandings may arise when lots of children are messaging at once. It's helpful to remind children to pause before posting, be kind in their wording, and avoid sharing photos or information without permission.

Parents can support their children by regularly discussing who they are chatting with and how those conversations make them feel. Encouraging "device-free time" in the evenings can also reduce pressure to respond immediately. Privacy settings should be checked together, ensuring children only interact with people they know and trust. With guidance, children can learn healthy digital habits that will support them well beyond primary school. Open conversations at home and school make all the difference.