

Lydiard Millicent CE Primary Newsletter

Friday 4th September 2026



Believe ~ Learn ~ Grow



Calendar

2026 – 2027 Term 1

- 10/9/2026 – EYFS Stay and Play for 2027/2028 Reception children @1:30pm
- 11/9/2026 – EYFS Stay and Play for 2027/2028 Reception children @2pm
- 5/10/2026 – Y6 Residential to PGL – All week
- 14/10/2026 – Harvest festival @ All Saints Church (provisional date)
- 15/10/2026 – Sycamore Collective Worship – Parents welcome to attend @2:30pm
- 20/10/2026 – Term 1 ends for all pupils

2026–2027 Term 2

- 2/11/2026 – Term 2 begins for all pupils
- 11/11/2026 – Parents evening 3:30pm till 6:30pm
- 12/11/2026 – Parents evening 3:30pm till 6:30pm

Mr Farmer's message

Dear families,

A very warm welcome back to all of our pupils and families, as we begin another exciting academic year together!

We are also really happy to welcome Mrs Kinnersley, who has returned from Maternity leave, Mrs Lambert who joins us as a teacher and Miss Fry who will be working with us as an ITT trainee in Birch class.

We hope you all had a wonderful, restful summer break and enjoyed spending quality time with loved ones. We kicked off our first week with a special collective worship centered on the Parable of the Mustard Seed and our core school ethos: Believe, Learn, Grow.

During worship, I shared some reflections from my summer trip to Florida, where I had the incredible opportunity to visit the Kennedy Space Center. I was deeply inspired by NASA's famous ethos, "Failure is not an option"—a reminder of what human determination, faith, and perseverance can achieve when faced with big challenges.

Just like the tiny mustard seed that grows into a magnificent tree, big achievements begin with small, faithful steps. When we believe in ourselves and each other, commit to learn from every step (even our mistakes!), and embrace every challenge, we can grow beyond what we ever thought possible.

We are looking forward to guiding and supporting your children through another fantastic year of believing, learning, and growing!

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr Farmer



This term's value is: Thankfulness

"Everytime I think of you I give thanks to my God" – Philippians 1.3



Church Links

Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m., which is followed by refreshments.

1st & 3rd Sundays: Morning Worship

2nd & 4th Sundays: Holy Communion (if ordained ministers are available otherwise Morning Worship)

5th Sunday (where applicable): Joint service with St. Mary's Purton

School Run Café – term time Wednesdays 8:45–10am. Free stay and play and refreshments

<https://www.allsaints-online.org.uk>

Happy Birthday to:

Shree Birch
Noah Sycamore
Arina Acorns

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We have several children in school with severe Nut allergies. Please ensure any snacks or lunch you send your children with do not contain nuts.

Focus on: Updates

Attendance Policy Update:

Illness Absence Guidelines

We have updated our school attendance policy for the new academic year. The core requirements for regular attendance and punctuality remain the same, but we have updated our guidelines regarding illness absences.

Sickness & Diarrhoea Clearance: Children must now remain at home until they have been clear of sickness or diarrhoea for at least 24 hours before returning to school.

Gastroenteritis Exception: If your child has Gastroenteritis, the full 48-hour clearance period still applies.

Please remember to notify the school office by 9:00 AM on the first day of any absence.

Punctuality – The school gates shut at 8:40am – **ALL children should be in the school grounds by this point**

Mobile Phones

In line with new Government guidance we continue to be a mobile phone free school. As with existing arrangements should your child need to bring a mobile phone to school it **MUST** be given to the office before school starts and not collected until school finishes.

Photographs of children

Child safety is our highest priority. Due to emerging risks with Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools being used to collect and manipulate online images, national safeguarding organizations—including the UK Safer Internet Centre and National Crime Agency—advise schools to restrict identifiable photos of children online.

Following careful consideration with The Blue Kite Trust and their Safeguarding consultant, we are removing existing photos from our website and Facebook page where children's faces are clearly visible. Going forward, we will align with national guidelines by only using images where faces are obscured, taken from a distance, or non-identifiable. This does not impact photographs you may see on Seesaw.

Uniform

As we begin the new term, a quick reminder of our school uniform expectations, which foster pride and identity across all year groups:

Regular Uniform

- Tops: Bottle green fleece, sweatshirt, or cardigan; white polo shirt.
- Bottoms: Grey skirt, pinafore, or trousers (Y5–Y6: black or grey).
- Summer: Green and white check/stripe dress.
- Tights: Grey or bottle green (Y5–Y6: black or grey).

PE Kit (Worn on PE Days)

- Tops: White t-shirt; green hoodie/sweatshirt
- Bottoms: Green shorts; green or black jogging bottoms.

Footwear

- Dark trainers.

There is no expectation that any of the uniform is "school branded".

For health and safety children must not wear jewellery to school. Any earrings **MUST** be "studs" and be removeable by the children for PE or please send the children with plasters to put over them that can apply themselves.

Please ensure long hair is up and out of the children's faces to ensure it is not a distraction whilst they work.

All Saints, Lydiard Millicent



Sunday 4th October

ALL AGE HARVEST CELEBRATION

Come and Celebrate God's Goodness!

Everyone is welcome as we celebrate God's provision and give thanks for all that He provides.
Do join us if you would like to for a Harvest lunch and enjoy good food, fellowship and fun together.

Refreshments from 10am

Service at 10.30 with lunch at about 12noon

