

Newsletter January 2026

Welcome to our brand new monthly newsletter, the first one for 2026!

Take a peek at the wonderful things that have been happening at Ladybridge Primary School this month - there is so much to celebrate!



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LADYBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL



HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

We have had a fantastic January with lots of exciting things happening. Look out for the 'Classroom Highlights' section where we will be showcasing some of the wonderful things that have taken place from two featured classes. Also included in the newsletter is information on whole school attendance and the upcoming brand-new lunch time menu starting Monday 9th February.

This half term we have been focusing on the learning behaviour of 'collaboration' across the school. Children have been developing their oracy skills and learning how to work effectively together towards a shared goal. We are so proud of the work they have been doing.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Just a reminder, all pupils are expected to wear school uniform everyday, children should not wear sportswear or shoes that are not completely black.

SAFETY

Whilst we would like to encourage our pupils to come to and from school on a bike or scooter, please ensure that these are not ridden whilst on the school premises. There is a bike/scooter shed near the park gate for those pupils who wish to leave their bike or scooter in school during the school day.

Please remember that helmets should worn at all times



WEDNESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY WEAR BRIGHT COLOURS TO SCHOOL - THE BRIGHTER THE BETTER!

Ladybridge is proud to support Rainbow Day helping promote inclusivity, kindness and visibility in our community, allowing us to celebrate and welcome diversity.



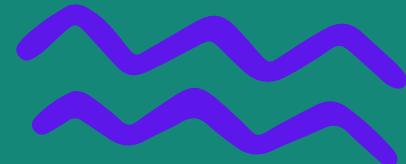
KEY DATES

Changes and new dates added are in red:

Tuesday 3rd February - Y5&6 Ancient Greece Workshop Day
Tuesday 3rd February - EYFS Welly Walk
Wednesday 4th February - Rainbow Day
Tuesday 10th February - Y5 Assembly 9 - 9:30am
Tuesday 10th February - Safer Internet Day
Friday 13th February - Front Row Music Concert 2.45pm (Parents)
Friday 13th February - Half term break begins
Monday 23rd February - INSET - closed for pupils
Tuesday 24th February - pupils return to school
Friday 27th February - Chinese New Year Celebration in school
Tuesday 3rd March - Y1 Assembly 9 - 9:30am
Monday 9th March - Parents Evening
Tuesday 10th March - Y3/4 Assembly 9 - 9:30am
Thursday 12th March - Parents Evening
Wednesday 18th March - School Council trip to the Houses of Parliament
Monday 23rd March - Eid Celebration in school
Tuesday 24th March - Easter Service All Hallows
Friday 27th March - Easter break begins.



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SCHOOL DINNERS Get your forks ready! We are thrilled to launch our brand-new school lunch menu starting Monday, 9th February.

Seasonal favourites

Vegetarian options

Warming winter warmers

Healthy snacks to fuel the school day

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WEEK 1

Day	Option One	Option Two	Jacket Option	Sides & Veg	Desserts
Monday	Sweet Pepper & Tomato Pasta (VE) G	Hand Stretched Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) G, MK, S	Jacket with Various Fillings & Chopped Salad MK, E, F	Garlic and Herb Spud Bites Sweetcorn	Fresh Fruit Fruity Yoghurt MK
Tuesday	Hearty Savoury Mince (VE) G, S	Chinese Chicken Curry (H) G, M	Jacket with Various Fillings & Chopped Salad MK, E, F	Mash Potato Boiled Rice Broccoli	Lancashire Cookie G Fresh Fruit
Wednesday	Puff Pastry Sausage Roll (VE) G, S	Roast Chicken (H) with Yorkshire Pudding G, E, MK	Jacket with Various Fillings & Chopped Salad MK, E, F	Roast Potatoes Stuffing G, Gravy Peas & Carrots	Daty Apple Slice G with Custard MK Fresh Fruit
Thursday	All Day Vegetarian Breakfast (V) G, E, S, SD	All Day Breakfast (H) G, E, S, SD	Jacket with Various Fillings & Chopped Salad MK, E, F	Hash Browns G, E, MK, Tomatoes, Mushrooms & Baked Beans	Homemade Chocolate Sponge G, E, MK Fresh Fruit
Friday	Golden Cheesy Pinwheels (V) G, MK	Fish Friday G, F	Jacket with Various Fillings & Chopped Salad MK, E, F	Oven Baked Chips Baked Beans	Strawberry Whip MK Fresh Fruit

(H) Halal options available (VE) Vegan (V) Vegetarian
For allergens please refer to our allergen key

Allergen Information
 G=Gluten
 MK=milk
 M=mustard
 SE=soya
 SE=Sesame
 E=Egg
 D=Sulphur dioxide
 C=Celery
 F=Fish

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WEEK 2

Day	Option One	Option Two	Jacket Option	Sides & Veg	Desserts
Monday	Italian Tomato Pasta (VE) G	Homemade Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) G, MK, S	Jacket with Various Fillings & Chopped Salad MK, E, F	Southern Style Mini Roasts Peas & Sweetcorn	Fresh Fruit Fruity Yoghurt MK
Tuesday	Crunchy Roasted Dippers (V) G	Beef Keema Curry (H)	Jacket with Various Fillings & Chopped Salad MK, E, F	Savoury Rice Broccoli	Shortbread Finger G Fresh Fruit
Wednesday	Oven Baked Vegetarian Sausage (VE) G, S, SD	Roast Chicken (H) with Yorkshire Pudding G, E, MK	Jacket with Various Fillings & Chopped Salad MK, E, F	Mashed Potatoes Stuffing G, Gravy Country Mixed Veg	Golden Flapjack G Fresh Fruit
Thursday	Macaroni Cheese (V) G, MK	Beefburger (H) in a Bun G, S, SD	Jacket with Various Fillings & Chopped Salad MK, E, F	Mini Roast Potatoes Chopped Salad	Ginger Biscuit G Fresh Fruit
Friday	Homemade Cheese Whirl G, MK	Fish Friday G, F	Jacket with Various Fillings & Chopped Salad MK, E, F	Oven Baked Chips Baked Beans	Rice Pudding MK with Fruity Topping Fresh Fruit

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CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS



YEAR 5 - RNLI VISIT

On Thursday 22nd January, Years 5 and 6 had a visit from an RNLI volunteer. Mike spoke to the children all about water safety and how they can make sure that they are safe if they ever visit the seaside. We looked at the different colour flags that we may see on the beach, what they mean and how we should respond to each colour.

The children also spoke about how the weather can change the safety of the sea and how they can escape from a rip current if they ever found themselves in one (swim sideways out of the current and not against the current).

At the end of the session, the children were able to say what they should and should not do in order to keep themselves safe.

Ideas included:

- Download the 'what3words' app so their exact location is known.
- Always stay close to family/friends.
- Do not take inflatables to the beach as they can be carried out to sea on them.
- Wear sun cream and stay hydrated at the beach.
- Do not go in the sea if the red flag is showing.
- Call 999 and ask for the coastguard if there is someone in trouble in the water.



CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 2 - MOSI VISIT

What a brilliant trip to the Museum of Science and Industry! Year 2 became scientists for the day, learning how white light is created using all the colours.

We also explored our city's heritage, finding out why Manchester is so famous for textiles and clothes. It was an action-packed day, full of learning, but the highlight for many was simply having fun and spending time with friends.

Thank you to all the helpers who made the day possible!



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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Regular attendance is vital for your child's academic success, confidence, and friendships. Aiming for 100% attendance helps children build essential life habits, while missing school disrupts learning.

The school doors open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am when the register is taken. Arriving late disrupts the start of their day, meaning they will miss vital learning in Maths and English.

If your child is too ill to attend, please report this via school spider as soon as possible. Even if one child is poorly, it is vitally important that siblings still come to school on time.

Mrs Pickford works closely with our Educational Welfare Officer to identify families who are persistently absent or late to school and offer support to improve each child's percentage attendance.

MEET JACK...

Jack goes to school **90%** of the time. His parents think this is good. But:

- Jack misses **half a day** of school every week
- Over a year, he misses **4 full weeks** of lessons
- Over his school career, he could miss **209 days** - more than a full year of school



Even though 90% sounds okay, Jack is spending more time out of school than in it. This is called persistent absence.

OUR SCHOOL TARGET: 95%



Attendance Wheel

The children have been **VERY** excited by our Wheel Spinner. Each week, the wheel is spun during our celebratory Going for Green assembly. The classes who achieve our target of **95%** will receive the reward shown on the wheel - this usually happens on a Monday. The more each child comes to school, the more likely they are to receive that reward with their classmates.

JANUARY'S ATTENDANCE

- Week 1: 92.5% (95%+ Y2, 5 and 6)
- Week 2: 91.9% (95%+ Y1 and 5)
- Week 3: 93.1% (95%+ Y2 and 6)
- Week 4: 93.1% (95%+ Y2 and 3/4)

January Overall: 92.6%

SIGNPOSTING FOR SUPPORT SERVICES

Disability Stockport

Offers advocacy, information, and support for disabled people, with a focus on autism, mental health, and independent living. They operate services like Primus Day Centre and the Connect social group.

<https://disabilitystockport.org.uk/>



Autisk

Autisk is an organisation offering social groups, workshops, advice, and signposting for families who have children with additional needs.

<https://www.autisk.co.uk/>



Chelwood Foodbank Plus

Offers, food parcels, toiletries, and baby items from Brinnington Community Church, 2c Castle Street (Edgeley), and Adswood Road (Cheadle Hulme)

For urgent help or to find where to get a voucher, call Stockport Foodbank at 07483 115349 (Mon-Fri) or email info@chelwoodfoodbankplus.org.

Stockport Refugee Group

Provides a weekly drop-in with English conversation classes, hot meals, and food bags.

<https://allenlane.org.uk/stockport-refugee-group/>

Stockport City of Sanctuary

A grassroots initiative and part of a UK-wide movement dedicated to making Stockport a welcoming, safe, and inclusive town for refugees and asylum seekers



Hong Kong Fellowship

Located at Edgeley Community Church, they offer an English workshop for Hongkongers, focusing on beginners to help with integration and employment.

<https://www.stockportcircuit.org.uk/about/hong-kong-fellowship-1.html>

Arc Centre

An arts and mental health charity offering sessions to practice English informally through creativity.

<https://arc-centre.org/>

Stockport Interpreting Unit

If English is not your first language, the council can provide free interpreters for meetings, which can also be used for speaking with local charities, Stockport Homes, or the NHS.

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/stockport-interpreting-unit>

Support for the grown-ups guiding growing minds

Want to know more about supporting
your child's Mental Health and
Wellbeing?

Drop into the Family Hub for a brew and
a friendly chat with local services.

Thriving from Tots to Teens

Thursday 12th February
9:30-11:30am

One Stockport Family Hubs Garners Lane,
Adswood, SK3 8QW



This drop in session will
include; showcase of
resources plus
professionals providing
useful information and tips

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Working together with communities
to support children, young people and families