LADYBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Welcome to Our October Update! NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2026

What a fantastic October we've had! From our vibrant Halloween disco and heartwarming All Hallows Harvest celebrations to the beginning of our exciting 'Surprising Starts' across the school, there has been so much to celebrate.

As we look ahead, attendance remains our top priority. The single best way to help your child succeed and thrive in school is to ensure they are in on time, every day. Thank you for your continued partnership and support in making every school day count!

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FREE BREAKFAST CLUB

We are proud to offer a completely free Breakfast Club for all pupils across the school, provided they are toilet trained, opening our doors at 7.45 am with the last drop-off time at 8.30 am. This club provides children with a positive, nutritious start to the day that can help improve attendance and punctuality, while also offering wonderful opportunities for socialisation and playing games with their peers. To ensure we have the correct number of staff and can cater for specific dietary requirements, we kindly ask that parents book their children on by the Friday of the week before. However, we have recently had a number of days where children have been booked in and not attended, leading to wasted food particularly for those with specific dietary needs, so please only book when attendance is certain.

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.





For health and safety reasons, earrings should be studs only – nothing below the ear lobe. Watches are also acceptable.

PE kits This year, children have received a new PE kit and PE bag. This is their PE kit to keep. Unless it gets dirty, it should only need to come home once a half term for washing, but please ensure it is returned to school.





PE kits consist of: white t-shirt, shorts, tracksuit – these need to be wash at home. Trainers/pumps need to be brought in from home.



KEY DATES FOR NEXT YEAR

Changes and new dates added are in red:

Mon 2nd Nov – BACK TO SCHOOL
Wed 4th Nov – EYFS Open Evening 4pm – 5pm
Fri 6th Nov – Diwali Celebrations
Mon 16th Nov – Odd Socks Day +Anti-bullying week
Wed 18th Nov – In-school Panto
Tues 1st Dec – St George's Carol Service evening
Wed 9th Dec – EYFS Christmas Craft – 2pm – 3pm
Mon 14th Dec – KS1 Nativity
Thurs – 17th Dec – All Hallows Christmas Service Y6
Fri 18th Dec – BREAK FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK

Mon 4th Jan – INSET day for staff
Tues 5th Jan – School opens 8.45 for pupils
Tues 26th Jan – Young Voices 11.30am – 9pm
Fri 5th Feb – Chinese New Year Celebrations
Tues 9th Feb – Safer Internet Day
Fri 12th Feb – Rainbow Day
Fri 12th Feb – SCHOOL CLOSES FOR ALL

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ATTENDANCE TARGET: 95%

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, and really can't attend school, 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.

✓ **Every day counts** ✓ **Every lesson matters**

Attendance Wheel



Each week, we spin our attendance wheel in our Celebration Assembly. The classes which achieve greater than 95% get to take part in a celebration activity.

SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE

Week 1: 93.1%
(95%+ Y1/2, Y3/4 and Y6)
Week 2: 93.5%
(95%+ YR, Y1/2, Y3/4 and Y6)
Week 3: 94.7%
(95%+ Y3/4 and Y6)
Week 4: 93.2%
(95%+ Y6)

September Overall: 94%

The class with the highest attendance for September was Y6 with 96.9%





SURPRISING STARTS

We were thrilled to launch our very first SURPRISING START at Ladybridge in the final week of half term, and what a start it was!

Throughout each half term, on random days, we'll be creating exciting and engaging moments to get our children smiling, bring our families into the fun and have EVERYONE looking forward to what comes next!

There'll be surprises, smiles, laughter and plenty of Ladybridge magic along the way!

We can't wait to share these special Surprising Starts with you all. Here's to making everyday at Ladybridge full of joy, laughter and unforgetable moments!









Come along and kickstart your Wednesday with a warm drink and even warmer company! We're hosting a Community Coffee Morning on Friday 13th November, 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM, and we'd love to see you there. Whether you're looking to catch up with familiar faces or hoping to forge some brand-new friendships, it's the perfect relaxed space to connect with our school community. Just head in through the hall door to join us for free tea, coffee, and juice. We can't wait to see you there!

It was lovely to see new faces at the last Coffee Morning - we hope to see you again!

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

HALLOWEEN DISCO









CHRISTMAS FAIR

FRIDAY 4th DECEMBER | 3:30PM - 5:00PM



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CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA
prizes, bottles, chocolate bars

GIFT BAGS & STALLS
festive gifts, crafts

RAFFLE!
... a draw barrel, hamper

Festive Food & Drink
hot chocolate, mince pies

Santa's Grotto
with Santo

Games, Craft Stalls
AND MANY MANY MORE!

JOIN US FOR A MAGICAL EVENING OF FESTIVE FUN!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

DO YOU HAVE IDEAS OR CAN YOU VOLUNTEER?
(We would love to hear from you!)

Contact Us: Please tell Amy Davies via Class Dojo or Call: 01614285445
or Email: headteacher@ladybridge.stockport.sch.uk

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 asylun seekershttps://stockport.cityofsanctuary.org/



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

REVERSE ADVENT

It's time to look at Advent differently!

We all enjoy having a treat from our advent calendar - but maybe this year we could all give something back and help those in need

Could you add a daily food item into a collection bag as part of Advent?

We welcome donations of:

- Long-life milk
- Long-life juice
- Tinned meats
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned desserts
- Tinned fruits
- Coffee jars
- Christmas treats
- Tinned rice pudding
- Tinned fish
- Biscuits
- Shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes and soap
- Sanitary products
- Baby milk formula

PLEASE NO CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS!

Your donations can be dropped off at:

Stockport Foodank's Warehouse, Hazel Grove Baptist Church, SK7 4EX
Monday - Friday 10am - 2pm

Or at any of our six centres across Stockport during a food session. Find details of centre timings and locations on our website.

07383115349 foodbank@stockportfoodbank.org.uk
www.stockport.foodbank.org.uk

Stockport Foodbank







strengthening families strengthening communities

New for Stockport Families

FREE Parenting Programme

Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities is an inclusive parenting course. Running over a 13 week period during term time. The 3 hour sessions are suitable for parents of children aged between 10 and 16 years.

Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities Expression of Interest

To find out more and enrol please scan the QR code

Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities supports parents to:

- Strengthen family relationships
- Build positive parenting skills
- Understand child development
- Boost children's confidence and social skills
- Manage challenges and improve family wellbeing

BEST START IN LIFE

STOCKPORT METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

ONESTOCKPORT Family Hubs

YOU'RE INVITED

1ST CHEADLE HULME

Games • Crafts • Faith • Challenges



ANCHORS
5 to 8 years
Fridays 6:30 to 7:45pm



THE BOYS' BRIGADE & GIRLS' ASSOCIATION
> the adventure begins here



JUNIORS
8 to 11 years
Fridays 6:30 to 8pm

A fun, welcoming group where children make friends, play games, get creative, learn new skills and explore faith.

We meet on **Fridays** for children in **school years 1 – 6**
At Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church

Find out more:
linktr.ee/1stcheadlehulmebbga