

We have several sporting events for KS2 this term. Please log into Arbor to confirm permission for your child to attend.

Please see the useful information for keeping children safe online further down the newsletter.

If your child has an allergy or asthma please ensure you have told the class teacher or office staff. Thank you

We would like to welcome Miss Thomas to Maple Class and Miss Thomas to Sycamore Class - please see the attached introductions from both teachers. We would also like to welcome Mrs Blundell who also works at Onny Primary school, she has joined us as a teaching assistant and will be supporting Sycamore Class Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

We will continue to hold Celebration Assemblies on a Friday at 2.50pm and you are very welcome to join us in the school hall.

Attendance this week

Maple Class 98%

Sycamore 100%

Please see the message from Mrs Geddis on the next page

Recognition

Emily For going above and beyond in all lessons

Frank for always being ready for learning and doing his best

Ready Respectful and Responsible

Roman For always being ready for learning and doing his best

Rowan for great listening on the carpet

Congratulations to all the new reception children for settling in so well this week!



Love, Learn, Live as One

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful first week back we have had! It has been lovely to see the children return to school so positively and settle quickly into their new classes and routines. They have worked incredibly hard, approached their learning with enthusiasm and shown us just how well they can live out our school expectations. We have been particularly proud of the way the children are learning to follow our three school rules: **Ready, Respectful and Responsible**. Thank you to our families for helping us to make such a positive start to the new school year. We are very much looking forward to all that the year ahead will bring as we continue to **Love, Learn, Live as One**.

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the home learning that children will be bringing home over the next couple of weeks.

BoomReader

We are so excited to inform you that we are introducing a new reading record system called BoomReader to our schools. This is a handy app that can be downloaded on iOS and Android devices, but can also be accessed through an internet browser as well. This will replace your child's paper reading record and will allow reading to be logged easily everywhere and anywhere!

Your child will receive a QR code from their class teacher to enable them to log in to BoomReader. Once set up, this will provide a quick and easy way for you to record the reading your child completes at home. We hope this will make it even easier for families to stay involved in their child's reading journey. It also means that missing reading records become a thing of the past and one less thing for the children to remember when packing their bag in a morning! Research suggests that regular reading at home makes a significant positive difference to children's progress, confidence and enjoyment of books. We would therefore encourage all children to read **at least three times each week**. Embedding this into your routine is very important and helps children to develop fluency, understanding and a positive attitude and enjoyment towards reading that will only develop and grow as they do. We are offering a 'parent demo' for BoomReader from 3:15pm – 3:45pm on Tuesday 15th September (Lydbury North) / Thursday 17th September (Onny) and would love to see you there. These sessions will be run by Miss Chambers our English lead.

Spellings

This year, we have decided to focus on the statutory spelling lists for our weekly spellings. These are generally the 'common exception' words that don't follow any of the usual spelling patterns and rules. Children will bring home a new list of age-appropriate spellings each Friday and spelling tests will be done in school on a Friday.

We are, as always, grateful for the support that you give to your child to further support their learning journey at home. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff on drop off or pick up, or, alternatively, speak to Mrs Hunt in the office.

Kind regards,

Mrs Geddis and Mrs Chambers



Welcome to Sycamore Class

LYDBURY NORTH CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Ready
Respectful
Responsible



"Happy children learn, explore, create and achieve."



Miss Thomas

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to warmly welcome you and your child to Sycamore Class at Lydbury North CE Primary School.

My name is Miss Thomas, and I am delighted to be teaching Sycamore Class this year. Alongside my role as Sycamore Class Teacher, I am also the Executive Deputy Headteacher across Lydbury North CE Primary School and Onny CE Primary School.

I have worked in education for over 30 years, teaching both in the UK and abroad, and have been fortunate to work with children across different age groups and in a variety of school settings. I am passionate about creating an environment where children feel happy, confident and excited about their learning, and I am very much looking forward to bringing my experience to both school communities.

My Dogs



I have two dogs and enjoy taking them for long walks in the countryside. I love being outdoors and exploring new places.



My Interests



I also have a real love of art and creative writing and particularly enjoy giving children opportunities to use their imagination, express their ideas and be creative.



Our Class



In Sycamore Class, I want to create a happy, calm and purposeful classroom where every child feels valued, supported and encouraged to do their best.

Our three simple school rules –

Ready, Respectful and Responsible – will be at the heart of our classroom.

We will work hard, help each other, have a go at new things and remember that making mistakes is an important part of learning.



Ready



Respectful



Responsible

A Few Reminders



PE is on Mondays and Thursdays.

Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit in school on these days.



Please bring reading books to school each day.

I would really appreciate your support in encouraging your child to read at least three times a week.



A clearly named water bottle is needed in school each day.



Good communication between home and school is very important to me. If you have any questions or concerns, however small, please do get in touch or speak to me at school.

Let's make it a brilliant year together! ♥



Welcome to
Maple Class
Lydbury North Church of England Primary School



Miss Thomas

Class Teacher – Monday to Friday

About me: I love learning about History, reading and going on walks with my friends and family.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I just wanted to take a moment to introduce myself and say how excited I am to be joining Lydbury North Primary School and working with your children this year. I am really looking forward to getting to know each of the children and watching them learn, grow and have lots of fun along the way.

We have lots of exciting things planned for the year ahead, and I am very excited to share them with the children!

A little bit about our classroom team

I will be working with the children every day, Monday to Friday. I will be joined by two lovely teaching assistants who will also be a familiar and important part of our classroom team.



Miss Baines

Teaching Assistant – Monday and Tuesday



Mrs Llewellyn

Teaching Assistant – Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Our Classroom

We are all looking forward to working together to make our classroom a happy, safe and exciting place for the children to learn. I believe that a positive relationship between home and school is really important, and I look forward to working together with you throughout the year.

If you ever have a question, concern or simply want to have a chat, please feel free to come and speak to me. I am always happy to have a quick chat in the morning or at the gate at the end of the day, or we can arrange a convenient time to talk in more detail if needed.

A Few Reminders

PE Days

PE will take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school on these days.

Please label belongings

Please remember to label your child's coat, water bottle, school uniform and PE kit with their name.

Home & School

Good communication between home and school is very important to me. If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch or speak to me at school.

Let's make it a brilliant year together! ♥

Ready, Respectful, Responsible

Best wishes,

Miss Thomas Class Teacher

2026 - The Year of Reading



Every Child Is a Reader

Week 18 – Reading and Listening

Listening to stories supports language and comprehension.

At home: Try audiobooks during travel time.

Recommended read: How to Train Your Dragon (audiobook/print) — beloved, engaging narrative.



Bishops Castle Library

Thank you to all those that have taken part in the Summer Reading Challenge this year!! A quick reminder that the challenge finishes this **Saturday 12th September** so anyone who has been taking part can pop into the library by the end of Saturday (we are open 10 am - 1pm) to collect their stickers and prize and get themselves

Online Safety Newsletter

Sept 2026

Childline under 12s site

Childline have a separate area on their website for under 12s. The pages are written for primary school children. The area includes a section full of games and a Buddy Zone with tips, such as how to speak to a trusted adult and information on where to get extra support from.

You can access this area here:
<https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/u12-landing/>

How to manage parental controls for different ages?

Internet Matters asked online experts, Karl Hopwood and Richard Waite to share their advice on how to manage parental controls for different ages. Find out more here:
<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/question/managing-parental-controls-for-different-ages/>

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translation tool on our web version:
<https://www.knowsleylcs.org.uk/september-2026-primary/>

New guidance issued due to concern of AI-manipulated images

Photos of children that seem completely innocent can be manipulated using artificial intelligence (AI) to create sexualised or abusive images. There is a growing threat that children's images shared online are being manipulated by criminals into AI generated sexual abuse material. As concerns grow, the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) and the National Crime Agency (NCA) have issued new guidance to help you understand the risks around AI image manipulation and advice on how to speak to your child about AI and image consent.



The IWF states that child sexual abuse images or videos created or altered using AI may include:

- Everyday images of a child or young person that are manipulated into child sexual abuse imagery, including images taken from social media, websites or messaging apps, that are manipulated into sexualised or abusive imagery. These are sometimes known as 'deepfakes'.
- Images or videos that look like a real child but are completely artificial.
- AI technology that digitally removes clothing from existing images to create nude or semi-nude images, sometimes known as 'nudifying'.

[source: IWF <https://www.iwf.org.uk/resources/ai-child-abuse-imagery-parent-guide/> accessed 23.08.26]

What can I do?

The guidance provides practical advice about sharing photographs of your child online. Some useful things to consider are:

- Think before you share photographs online. The IWF suggest creating a 'close friends' group to share images.
- Check and adjust your privacy settings on all social media accounts.
- Understand the steps to take if you or your child has any concerns and the organisations you can contact.

Where can I find the new guidance?

The full guidance can be accessed at the link below. It also includes a video highlighting how everyday photos can be misused using AI tools.

<https://www.iwf.org.uk/resources/ai-child-abuse-imagery-parent-guide/>

You can find the full press release/announcement here:

<https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/news/new-guidance-for-parents-and-carers-as-ai-manipulated-images-of-children-become-a-growing-concern>

YouTube

YouTube is one of the most popular platforms, available across many different devices - phones, tablets and Smart TVs etc. YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13, however, younger children can still access YouTube with consent from a parent/guardian. There are different options available to access YouTube, depending on your child's age:



1. YouTube Kids – a separate app that includes a smaller selection of videos based on the age category you select: Preschool (ages 4 and under), Younger (ages 5–8) or Older (ages 9–12).

2. Supervised accounts – a parent-managed version of YouTube that allows you to control the content your child can access. You can select one of the following options:

- **Explore** - Generally for viewers aged 9+.
- **Explore more** - Generally for viewers aged 13+
- **Most of YouTube** - This setting includes almost everything except for videos marked as 18+.

Find out more: <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/10315420>

What do I need to be aware of?

Whilst YouTube can be educational and fun, it is important to be aware of the potential risks, such as:

- **Inappropriate content**
- **Excessive Screen time** – particularly due to the autoplay feature.
- **Unwanted contact / cyberbullying** – particularly via comments if your child is sharing videos.
- **Algorithms** – algorithms influence what we see to keep us engaged. This can lead to a user being exposed to large amounts of content about one topic/theme, which may not be helpful if it is negative.
- **Adverts** that may not be aimed at or suitable for your child's age.

What can I do?

- Set up appropriate parental controls.
- Show your child the reporting and blocking tools available.
- Watch YouTube together or supervise use.

Further information

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/entertainment-search-engines/youtube-app/>

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A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives

The Children's Commissioner has published this guide to help you support your child and make starting conversations about their online world easier. It's a useful read:

<https://assets.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wpuploads/2025/12/cc-what-i-wish-parent-guide.pdf>

Nex Playground

Nex Playground is a new video game console, which features games to get kids active. The games have no ads, no violence and no chat features, however it does rely on purchasing either a yearly or quarterly game subscription. You can find out more here:

<https://www.nexplayground.com/en-gb>

Online Safety Quiz

The NSPCC have created this quiz to test your child's knowledge on how to stay safe online. It's a great way to start a conversation with your child about their online life. You can access the quiz here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/quiz/>

WhatsApp Usernames

WhatsApp is introducing the use of usernames, so people no longer have to share their phone number. Wayne Denner provides an overview of the new features, what you need to consider and steps you can take here:

<https://www.waynedenner.com/whatsapp-usernames-what-parents-need-to-know/>



Special Menu W/C 14th Sept 2026

Free Breakfast Club from 8.20am
until school starts

All of the usual choices of cereal, fruit, yoghurt
or toast will be available with a special each
day.

Specials!

Monday—Crumpets

Tuesday – Fruit Bowl and Natural Yoghurt

Wednesday –Pancakes with Honey and Lemon

Thursday-Banana Oat Honey Muffins

Friday-Breakfast Burrito: Scrambled Egg and
Bacon

All children are welcome to join us for breakfast.

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**Bishop's Castle
Tennis Club**

Friday 25th September 2026

In aid of

Bishop's Castle Tennis Club

Sparc Theatre, Brampton Road, Bishops Castle, SY9 5AY

Doors open 6.30pm, show starts 7pm

Tickets: £6 each or 2 for £10

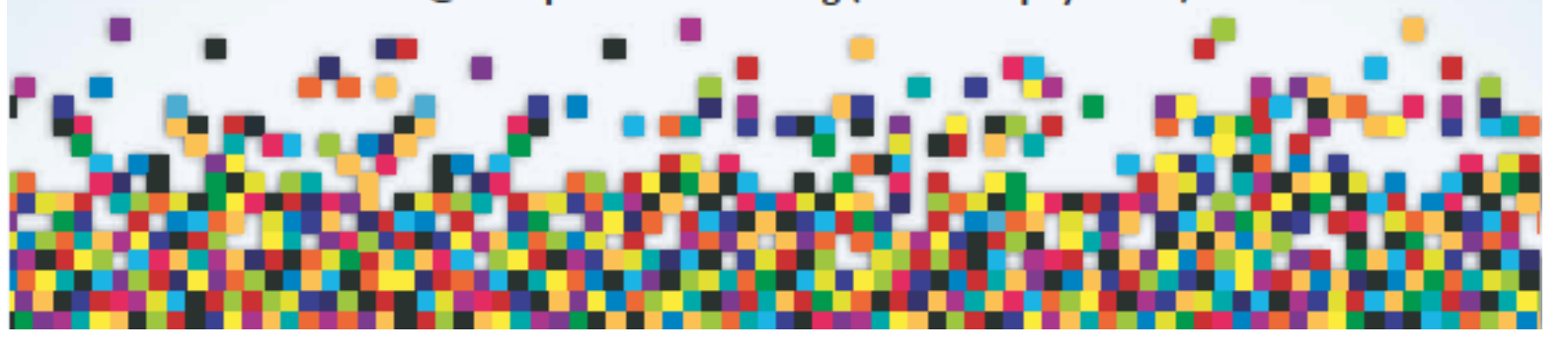
Tickets to be purchased in advance

Raffle: FABULOUS prizes to be won at the show!

For tickets and more information please contact:

Jenny Olivant 07880 334612 - Mitch O'Neill 07572 201652

Info@bishopscaletennis.org (for BACS payments)



CALENDAR

Monday 14th Sept	Music PM KS2 PE
Tuesday 15th Sept	
Wednesday 16th Sept	KS1 PE
Thursday 17th Sept	Sports PM Sports Club KS2 3.15pm
Friday 18th Sept	Celebration Assembly 2.50pm
23rd September	Football Y5/6
29th September	Cross Country Y3/4
30th September	Football Y3/4
1st October	Bronze Ambassador Training Y6 - Clun AM
7th October	Cross Country Y5/6

Calendar 2026-2027

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Notes							
Good Friday: 26 March 2027 Easter Monday: 29 March 2027 May Day: 3 May 2027 Spring Bank Holiday: 31 May 2027 INSET days - Tuesday 1st September 2026 - Wednesday 2nd September 2026 - Tuesday 5th January 2027							

Key

- Staff training (INSET day + 4 twilight sessions)
- School holidays