Newsletter Lydbury North Primary School

2ND OCTOBER 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am very proud of all the achievements of our pupils this week. Their hard work, positive attitudes and commitment to learning continue to contribute to the life of our school. It has been particularly pleasing to see pupils taking responsibility for their learning and participating positively in the wider opportunities available to them.

I would also like to recognise the pupils who attended the sport events and represented our school so well. They demonstrated teamwork, respect and determination, both during the events and in their conduct as representatives of our school community. Please take the time to read the reports written by Mr Arthur and Mrs Chambers, which provide further details about these events and the pupils' participation.

Thank you for supporting our uniform policy. The vast majority of pupils are looking very smart, and this helps so much with our sense of belonging. When pupils wear their uniform correctly and take pride in their appearance, it strengthens our shared identity and reinforces the expectations that help our school community to work effectively. Your continued support in this area is greatly appreciated.

The dates for our parents' evenings and harvest services have now been added to our list of dates. These events provide valuable opportunities for us to work in partnership, share information and celebrate the progress and achievements of our pupils. It would be great to see as many of you as possible at these important occasions, so please make a note of the dates and plan to attend where you can.

Important Changes to Morning Drop-Off Arrangements

We are introducing a new way of dropping off children in the mornings. To keep our children safe, parents should not come into school due to safeguarding protocols. If your child attends breakfast club, please use the side door to drop them off. There will be a door bell for you to ring, and a member of staff will come to collect your child and accompany them into school. Please do not enter the building when using this arrangement. Nursery children who are not in breakfast club can be dropped off at the external nursery door. This will enable nursery staff to receive children directly and will support a clear separation between the different morning drop-off arrangements. We ask all families to follow these procedures consistently and to ensure that children are handed over only at the appropriate entrance. Staff will be available to provide support and guidance where necessary, while maintaining the safeguarding protocols that apply across the school. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us to ensure that arrivals and collections are organised, secure and suitable for all children.

Thank you also to all parents and carers for supporting us with picking children up from the back of school. Please come right on to the playground when collecting your child, as this helps us to manage the end-of-day arrangements safely and efficiently.

With love,

Mrs Geddis

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Parents Evening is on the 20th and 21st of October and booking is through Arbor and opens today at 3.30pm. If you have any problems booking, please contact the office and we will be happy to help.

Maple Class will be walking up to Walcot on Monday and Tuesday as part of their lessons. Please can they bring their wellington boots and forest school outdoor clothing on both days. Please ensure they have their school uniform/school shoes to change back into.

On Tuesday, children from years 3 and 4 attended a cross-country event at Cardingmill Valley. The children's behaviour was excellent, and their sportsmanship shone through in all that they did. They showed perseverance around a tricky course, even needing to use a rope to help them get up one part as it was so steep. Well done Years 3 and 4!

Over the past 2 weeks, both Onny and Lydbury North children have participated in a number of events. Firstly, lots of Y5/6 children then Y3/4 children took part in a football competition at Church Stretton secondary. Our boys did amazingly in both events, scoring some great goals and our 2 keepers making some amazing saves against really good opposition. Our girls in Y 3/4 did so well and represented the school with great sportsmanship, and for many it was their first time playing football. Girls at 5/6 level were incredible, getting to the county finals in February - we are so proud of you

Well done to Alex and Noah who completed their training to become Bronze Ambassadors in Sport this week at St Georges.

School photographer will be in school on Tuesday Morning.

Change of Time! Please do come along and join us for Celebration Assembly, every Friday at **3.00pm**. If your child is receiving an award these will be given out on this day and its lovely for them to share this special moment with family.

Instrumental Music Tuition – Cornet, Violin and Piano 🎵 Suitable for children from Year 1 to Year 6

We are delighted to be able to offer children the opportunity to receive **instrumental music tuition in school through Shropshire Music Service**. Children can currently choose to learn:

🎺 **Cornet**
🎻 **Violin**
🎹 **Piano**

Lessons are taught in school by professional music teachers from **Shropshire Music Service** and are available as either group tuition (where a suitable group is available) or individual lessons.

Autumn Term 2026 Costs

There are 12 teaching weeks in a full Autumn Term:

Group lesson: £8.92 per lesson (£107.04 for 12 lessons)
15-minute individual lesson: £13.38 per lesson (£160.56 for 12 lessons)
20-minute individual lesson: £17.83 per lesson (£213.96 for 12 lessons)
25-minute individual lesson: £22.29 per lesson (£267.48 for 12 lessons)
30-minute individual lesson: £26.75 per lesson (£321.00 for 12 lessons)

As we are already part-way through the term, you will not be charged for lessons that have already passed. The cost will be calculated pro rata according to the number of lessons remaining when your child starts.

Shropshire Music Service will contact you to confirm your child's place, the number of lessons remaining and the amount due. **Please wait for this confirmation before making any payment.**

Please note that group lessons are subject to availability. If a suitable group is unavailable, the Music Service will advise you of the available options.

Instrument Hire and Financial Support

Instruments can be **hired from Shropshire Music Service** where required.

Reduced-cost tuition may also be available for children from families experiencing challenging financial circumstances. Further information is available through the Music Service when enrolling.

How to Enrol

If you would like your child to learn **cornet, violin or piano**, please complete the **Shropshire Music Service Instrumental Lesson Enrolment Form** using the link below:

Complete the Shropshire Music Service Enrolment Form

Once the form has been submitted, Shropshire Music Service will contact you to confirm your child's place and the amount to pay. **Please do not make payment until you have received this confirmation.**

Please be aware that instrumental tuition is an ongoing commitment. Shropshire Music Service requires **six weeks' notice if you wish to cancel lessons**.

We are really pleased to be able to offer this opportunity in school and hope that many of our children will enjoy developing their musical skills and perhaps discovering a new talent!

If you have any questions, please speak to us at school.

Awards

Recognition

Olivia For great work in English and Phonics

Alexander for excellent historical facts shared on our forest walk to Walcot Hall arboretum.

Ready Respectful and Responsible

Haven for always showing respect and being ready to listen.

Elijah for always helping others in class.

Attendance Sycamore 91.5% Maple 92%

Reading

- **Strengthening Independence and Choice**
- **Week 21 – Readers Make Choices**
- Choosing books builds ownership and motivation.
- **At home:** Let your child decide what and when to read.
- **Recommended read:** *Varjak Paw* — a gripping adventure.

Breakfast Club

Special Menu W/C 5th October 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—Scrambled Egg on Toast

Tuesday – Sausage and Beans

Wednesday –Crumpets and Fruit

Thursday-Granola, Yoghurt, Fruit and Honey

Friday-Fruit Bowl

BREAKFAST CLUBS

FOR THE BEST START

Youth Hub @Lydbury North

All-Age After-School club
First Thursday of the month

Crafts, Games, Refreshments

- 1st October Shield making
- 5th November Bonfire crafts
- 3rd December Christingle

TNT Youth Club

Year 6 + Third Thursday of the month

- 15th October
- 19th November
- 17th December

Chill n Chat with Games, Activities, Snacks & Tea N Toast

Contact: Suzanne
suzanne.gurney@hereford.anglican.org
Youth Hub Phone: 07413 929732
www.hereford.anglican.org/ministry/youth-hubs

Diocese of Hereford YOUTH HUB

Baby Stop

Saving the planet one baby step at a time

Next Babyshare!

Saturday 24th October 2026
2.00pm-3.30pm

Harlescott Grange Community Hub
Kynaston Road
Shrewsbury SY1 3JR

www.babystop.uk

Campaign to Protect Rural England Shropshire

Free entry for under 16s & all activities are free too!

Hedgerows in the Hills For Kids!

Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 October 2026, 10-4
Acton Scott Heritage Farm, Church Stretton

We are delighted to have received a grant from the Shropshire Hills National Landscape Conservation Fund to deliver free children's nature activities for this event.

Welly Wanders

Cath Landles will be leading **Welly Wanders for children and families** looking at the hedges on the farm site and doing some fun Nature ID.

Welly wander timings each day:
11am and 2pm (wanders last about one hour)
Gather at the PlayTent to start.

There will also be drawing, colouring and other paper-based activities under cover in the PlayTent, and a chance to try on a wild animal costume.

Be a Dormouse Detective!

Lucy Grove will open the **Dormouse Detection Den** in the New Shepherds Hut near the heavy horse working area.

Here you can step into the secret and fascinating world of dormice and become a wildlife detective. Discover the clues dormice leave behind—from nibbled nuts and natural nests to tiny footprints—and learn how to spot these elusive creatures in the wild. Get ready to put your detective skills to the test and see if you can uncover the hidden signs of a dormouse.

Big Hedge Hunt: Try your hand at finding and solving the clues in the hedges at Acton Scott which lead you to the ultimate treasure! What will you find?

More info & tickets: www.cpreshropshire.org.uk/hith

Shropshire Hills National Landscape

Calendar

Next Week	
Monday 5th	Music KS2 PE
Tuesday 6th	School Photographs
Wednesday 7th	KS1 PE Cross Country Y5/6
Thursday 8th	Sports PM Sports Club KS2 3.15pm
Friday 9th	Celebration Assembly 3pm everyone welcome
Advance Notice	
15th October	**Friends of Lydbury North AGM** 6-7pm – School Hall
20th October	**Harvest Festival** 2.15pm in the Church – All welcome **Parents Evening**
21st October	**Parents Evening**

Calendar 2026-2027

Diocese of Hereford Multi Academy Trust

September 2026

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November 2026

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December 2026

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March 2027

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April 2027

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May 2027

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June 2027

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July 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