



5th September 2025

Good afternoon to all our families and carers.

We have had a wonderful start to the term and we, as a team wish to Thank You all for supporting us in encouraging the pupils to come into school independently from the start of the term. This has made a significant difference to the start of the day, enabling a purposeful start in all classes and around the school site.

Thank you also for supporting our slight change in PE uniform, pupils will now wear their house colours in PE lessons and activities, please keep the t shirts plain, no football shirts or designer brands. Along with other planned activities within the Autumn term, we hope this is the start of a rejuvenation of the house System. Additionally, we are replacing the Dojo point system with a House point system. All pupils in school will be working as individuals, contributing to their house total, and working as school community to collectively achieve 6,000 house points. They will then receive a whole school reward.

In respect of uniform, please ensure pupils are in full school uniform on the other days of the week. Boys, in school trousers/shorts, polo and a jumper or fleece. Girls, school dress/ skirt/ summer dress/ playsuit, polo, jumper or fleece. We do not insist that branded wear is worn but would like either a jumper or fleece if this is possible. As you may have seen with our own staff fleeces, we have had ours named and embroidered. We are more than happy if you wish to have your child's **initials** embroidered on the fleece, but please **no full names** (safeguarding issues) or **nick names** please.

The children settled back into the routines of school quickly and effortlessly. The classrooms look bright and colourful, and we are very thankful of the work Mr Wilkins completed in the school holidays in painting and freshening up our spaces, such as the classroom's, cloakrooms and Hall. We have had a slight swap in classrooms to suit the size of the classes, and one class has had a complete makeover to include a warm and inviting reading area with its own fireplace and even a fish tank with zebra fish as their class pets.

Another bit of exciting news...

As a school we were delighted to be given a pair of season tickets at Hereford United home games. We are going to pick at random a family for each of the home games and will contact the lucky recipient to see if you wish to attend the match. We will contact you at the beginning of next week and we plan to allocate games up until the end of half term.

School Notices

Can I ask you to be mindful of the parking situation when dropping off and parking in front or on resident's drives. I will forward you any information in respect of the changes in parking and drop off zones, when it is formalised and sent to me.

Your teachers will be available on Dojo for informal queries. Teachers will share with you the class timetable and any special activities coming up. Next week we will share with you your child's class newsletter.

Please contact your teacher on their school email should you have any educational or conduct queries, alternatively, you can contact myself or Mr Goodarzi. We will then arrange a convenient time to meet. We will endeavour to reply to an email within 1 working day. Please email me in respect of attendance or absence requests.

I would like to start the term off with a shared expectation. I appreciate that we all have differing working patterns and there are times that you need to contact me in respect of a safeguarding or welfare issue, but can we please be mindful of the timings of emails to staff. If you need to send an email, can I request that you schedule the sending of the email to arrive within working hours. I do not expect staff members to respond to emails received after 6pm on a school evening or at weekends. Should you need to contact school in the evening or in an emergency, please contact me on klane@lugwardine.hereford.sch.uk.

Upcoming Events and Reminders

Year 5 Swimming Sessions – Starting Monday 8th September

Year 5 will begin their swimming sessions on **Monday 8th September**.

Please ensure your child brings the following each Monday:

- Swimming costume
- Towel
- Goggles
- Swimming hat (for children with long hair)

Payment must be made via the School Money system before Monday morning.

Year 4 Trip to Caerleon – Tuesday 23rd September

Year 4 will be visiting Caerleon on **Tuesday 23rd September**.

Year 6 Visit to Winchcombe Station – Tuesday 30th September

Year 6 will be going to Winchcombe Station on Tuesday 30th September.

Please ensure payment is made through the School Money app before the trip. If you have any questions about either trip, please contact your child's class teacher.

Year 6 Residential – Condover Hall, June 2026

Our Year 6 residential will take place at Condover Hall in June 2026. Parents should have received full details and a consent form via email. Please ensure:

- The consent form is returned to school
- The deposit is paid via the School Money app

Deadline: Friday 26th September 2025

We need to confirm final numbers with Condover Hall by the end of September. If your child will not be attending, please inform Mr Church as soon as possible.

Kim Lane and the LPA Team

Term dates 25/26

	Autumn Term 2025	Spring Term 2026	Summer Term 2026
Term Starts	Wednesday 3 rd September	Tuesday 6 th January	Tuesday 14 th April
Half term	Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October	Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February	Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May
Term Ends	Friday 19 th December	Friday 27 th March	Friday 17 th July

Bank Holidays:

25th December 2025 – Christmas Day

26th December 2025 – Boxing Day

1st January – New Years Day

3rd April 2026 - Good Friday

6th April 2026 - Easter Monday

4th May 2026 – Early May Bank Holiday

25th May 2026 - Spring bank holiday

INSET:

Monday 1st September 2025

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Monday 13th April 2026

Monday 20th July 2026