Lugwardine Primary Academy

19th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

After a very busy half term we finally break up today for our Christmas break.

We have been immensely proud of our pupils and the wider community as we have taken part in several sporting fixtures. Our Choir, had their first performance at the Remembrance Service at St Peters Church which was also supported by an Art installation by our year 6s. We have recently performed our Christmas medley in All Saints Church and Hereford Cathedral and today we had a very special request to visit the Acute Stroke Unit at the County Hospital and the year 4 and 5 Choir members performed to the staff and patients.

Charitable endeavours
As a wider community, the support for our charitable events has been overwhelming. Through the sales of the poppies at school we raised £79.85 for the Royal British Legion.

With St Michaels Hospice being so close to all of our hearts and on our doorstep, we were delighted to take part in the Reindeer Run again this year. You raised a staggering £1285!

Our chosen charity for the school Nativity was the Child Brain Injury Trust, another charity that is close to us and that we are holding dear. The proceeds and donations raised £300. We will continue to support this charity in the New Year.

Our School Fayre, organised by our PTFA was a great hit and it was a pleasure to welcome so many of you into our school. We were very pleased at the items the children made and sold.

As well as their wonderful performance in the Nativity 'Robin's so excited,' Reception and Year 1 have also been to see Father Christmas this week. We have also had our Christmas lunch, where all the pupils and staff were able to gather in the hall.

Our eco Christingle service took place this year with Rev. Tiffany. Instead of the traditional orange and candle, we used a plant pot decorated with a red ribbon and inside we planted a wildflower seed bomb. These have all now been planted in an area of the school, and we look forward to seeing them grow in the summer.

The talent show, which has been planned and talked about for the past 3 months had its Grand Finale on Thursday. Well done to Lena in year 5 for an incredible rendition that captivated the whole school.

Memory Tree
I am returning your memory baubles for you to treasure and put on your own tree. Thank you for sharing these with us, it was very powerful and, on the tree, your memories and loved ones, shone bright and proud.

School Calendar and dates
You will notice that we have linked up the school calendar to Dojo and you will be able to filter whole school events and your own specific year groups. Any messaging of teachers on here and via email please to be between the hours of 8 am – 6pm.

School uniform
Please ensure school uniform is worn to school daily and that on non-PE days, that full uniform is worn. Sport shorts and sport socks and trainers are creeping in especially with the older year groups…

Safer Streets to Schools
We began this trial initiated by Herefordshire Council on 3rd November. I understand there are frustrations, especially when the weather makes journeys and supporting other children a challenge. Thank you to those who have brought their concerns to me in respect of the road safety issues and in relation to the accessibility issues on the footpath.

We have spoken at length to the pupils who walk in year 5 and 6 and have reiterated road safety practices. Staff members have been accompanying them to the crossing on occasion.
I know that some residents are still finding people partly parked across or impeding their driveways, please be mindful that access may be needed, the Council have indicated that traffic enforcement officers may have a presence in the New Year. Please continue to contact Herefordshire Council with any concerns. Please see accompanying letter.

Polite Notice
Can I ask that no parent approaches any of my pupils in respect of a conduct or pastoral issues they believe may have happened at school**.** It is imperative that all concerns or reports of incidents are brought to me and I can investigate and support, as necessary.

Out of school hours contact
During the school holidays, I will be your point of contact for any queries, pastoral or safeguarding concerns. Christmas can be a difficult time for some, please know that we are here to help. Klane@lugwardine.hereford.sch.uk

I have instructed my staff to put their out of office messages on.

Staff will put out any class notices on Monday 5th January when we have inset and our First Aid courses. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 6th January.

It has been a very busy first term. We have welcomed new colleagues who already seem to be part of the furniture. As a team we are honoured to work with you and your families at this beautiful school. A heartfelt thank you from all the team for the incredibly generous gifts and treats you have sent for us over this Christmas Period.

Please take this opportunity if you can, to have some downtime and have some quality time with your loved ones.

A very Merry Christmas to you all and a Healthy and Happy New Year

Mrs Lane and the LPA Team

Key Dates

Date	Event	Year Group
6th January 2026	First day of Spring Term	Whole School
8th January 2026	Swimming begins	Year 4
13th January 2026	Young Voices	Choir
15th January 2026	Swimming	Year 4
22nd January 2026	Swimming	Year 4
29th January 2026	Swimming	Year 4
5th February 2026	Swimming	Year 4
12th February 2026	Swimming	Year 4
16th – 20th February 2026	Half Term	Whole School