



23rd July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support throughout the year. Your partnership with the school has been invaluable in creating a positive and enriching learning environment for your children.

There have been many changes this year and some of you may be aware that I am now employed by Lugwardine Primary Academy as your Headteacher. I no longer hold a role within the trust and all my time is dedicated to the school community of LPA. The planned merger with the Three Counties Academy Trust will be taking place within the Autumn Term. You may see some signage changes in addition to a new website when we return.

On Friday we were able to celebrate the achievements of some of our students with the introduction of our two end of school year awards, The Spirit of Excellence Award and the Oak Award. We also said a final goodbye to our year 6's and wish them the very best as they begin their journey into secondary education. We have also chosen our Head boy and Head girl for next academic year.

We also said goodbye to some staff, Miss Buckingham has been a TA here for 18 months as an apprentice. I am thrilled to say that she has successfully passed her course and has secured a role at one of our local schools. We wish her well.

Miss Hattingh has been at this school for a couple of years as a teacher and we are thrilled that she is going to be following her dream by training as a Speech Therapist. We know that she will be popping in from time to time for a catch up, so this is a good luck wish than a proper goodbye.

Mr Morris has been working with Year 2 this past year. We wish Mr Morris the very best in his future endeavours as he continues with his teaching career.

Miss McColl has been supporting us and covering Year 3 for the past 2 terms. We wish her well in September in her new role.

Miss Wisdom who supports the wrap around provision has also left for pastures new.

During the summer break, we encourage you to continue supporting your child's learning by encouraging them to read, engage in educational activities, and maintain a healthy routine. We would like to remind you that our high expectations regarding behaviour, attitude, and attendance will continue into the new academic year. We will continue to work closely with you to ensure that every student has a positive and successful learning experience.

There will be a slight change to our PE uniform, from September onwards we would like children to wear a t-shirt in their house colours instead of the current white t-shirt. Children must wear a plain t-shirt in their house colours, strictly no football tops or branded wear. We are planning more interhouse activities in the new academic year and feel this will support the sense of belonging and participation.

The school uniform requirements are below as a reminder to all parents:

Uniform can be purchased from:

Schoolwear Direct – www.schoolweardirect.co.uk/

Monkhouse - www.monkhouse.com/ - They also have a shop in Hereford.

School Trends – www.schooltrends.co.uk

Lugwardine Primary Academy uniform consists of:

- White polo shirt
- Navy V-necked jumper or cardigan with school logo
- Grey trousers, pinafore dress or skirt (please note – leggings or jeans are not to be worn in place of trousers)
- Navy fleece with school logo (**optional – only available from Schoolwear Direct**)
- Black, sturdy shoes (no trainers or multi-coloured shoes)
- Grey, black or white socks or grey or black tights
- Summer – navy and white checked dresses or grey shorts
- Long hair should be tied up and no extreme haircuts
- Wrist watches are allowed but we do not allow smart watches
- Strictly no jewellery, nail varnish or make-up (except plain ear studs which must be removed for PE)

Lugwardine Primary Academy PE kit consists of:

- Black or navy shorts or jogging bottoms for colder weather
- Plain t-shirt in your child's house colour (Arrowsmith – Red, Hollylea – Yellow, Burdon – Green, Wilcroft – Blue) * **Football or branded tops will NOT be allowed**
- Black pumps or trainers
- Black or navy plain jumper / hoodie for the colder weather

If you would like clarification on which house your child is in, please contact the school office.

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

The school will be closed other than for essential repairs and maintenance over the holidays. If you have any concerns or need someone to talk to please contact:

Mrs Kim Lane - klane@lugwardine.hereford.sch.uk

Any replies will be made within 2-3 working days.

Alternatively, if you have an emergency and believe that a child may be at risk of significant harm please contact - **Police on 999**

If you have concerns for a child or family please contact – Herefordshire Childrens Services on **01432 26080**

The LPA team wish you and your families a safe and enjoyable summer break.

Mrs Kim Lane & the LPA Team