Ludwick Nursery School Newsletter
January 2026

"Nurturing Individuals; Growing the Community"

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been delighted to welcome everyone back for the Spring term, and the children have settled back into routines beautifully. Since January, classrooms have been full of enthusiasm, curiosity and purposeful learning as the children have immersed themselves in a wide range of new experiences. We have seen lots of exciting learning taking place, including hands-on cooking activities that have supported independence, communication and practical life skills. As the days slowly begin to feel lighter, we are enjoying the fresh start that Spring brings and the opportunities it offers for growth, exploration and working together. Thank you for your continued support as we move through the term.

Best wishes, Helen Ackerman - Headteacher



Welcome to all our new families and children who have joined us this term. We are so pleased to have you as part of our school community and look forward to sharing many happy learning experiences together.

<u>Staffing</u>

A big welcome to Vicky, Angela and Shardi who joined us at the start of January.

We have also welcomed Hannah back from maternity leave - it is good to have you back in the office, Hannah! Hannah is in the office everyday from 8.15-11.30am.

Core Books

We have enjoyed reading our core books for this half term. Have you got any of these books at home? Perhaps you could borrow them from the library.



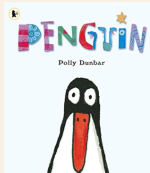






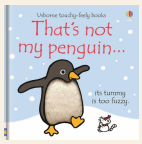












Love Ludwick

Love Ludwick is a voluntary initiative that gives parents and carers the opportunity, if and where they are able, to support our setting by donating everyday items we regularly use. These include toilet rolls, wet wipes, plain flour, granulated and caster sugar, washing-up liquid, dishwasher tablets, kitchen roll, compostable food-waste bags, cream crackers and cereals such as Rice Krispies and Cornflakes. There is absolutely no expectation to contribute, and we are always extremely grateful for any support families are able to offer. Next week, we are asking for donations of toilet rolls, tissues, and wet wipes.

Birthdays

To support healthy eating and consider children's dietary needs and allergies, we have decided that we will no longer be able to accept cakes or sweet treats in school for birthday celebrations. This will help us keep our children safe. We know birthdays are very important to children and their families, so please be reassured that we will continue to recognise and celebrate each child's special day in fun and meaningful ways, and we are exploring ideas to keep them feeling magical and memorable. If families would like to mark a birthday in a different way, an optional idea is to donate a book to your child's class or group for everyone to enjoy together. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support.

Dropping off and Picking up

To help keep all children safe, we would like to clarify arrangements between Squirrels Day Nursery and Ludwick Nursery School for families who attend both settings. If you need to collect a forgotten item from the Ludwick side, please speak to a member of the Squirrels team who can accompany you, or access the area via the Ludwick office. For daily drop-off and pick-up, we ask that all families use the Ludwick entrance. Thank you for your support and understanding as we work together to keep everyone safe.

What are we learning?

Since we returned in January, the children have been busy learning all about birds, with a special focus on UK garden birds, owls and penguins. They have enjoyed hands-on activities such as making bird feeders, exploring nests and creating their own binoculars for bird watching, which has sparked lots of curiosity and discussion. We have also been learning about different species of owls. Did you know that not all owls are nocturnal? After half term, we are very excited to be welcoming owls into school, so please make sure your child is in to enjoy this special experience and not miss out!















Have you spotted any birds on your way to school?

Did you enjoy feeding the birds with your family?

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Half term **Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February**

Owls Visit Monday 23rd February

'Nite Owls' will be visiting our school with different species of owls and teach us all about these amazing birds. The children will learn interesting facts about owls and will also get the exciting opportunity to have their photo taken with them.

Eggs Arrive Monday 16th March

We are very excited to be welcoming 'The Happy Chick Company' into school. They will be leaving us with some eggs in an incubator. The children will have the opportunity to observe the chicks as they emerge from their eggs and learning about each stage of their early life. It is going to be a wonderful hands-on experience for everyone involved.

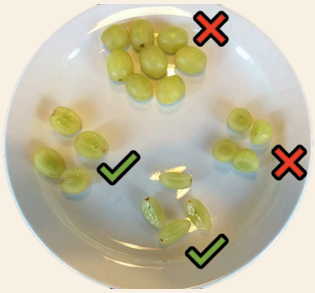
Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer at our school, whether as a one-off or on a more regular basis, we would love to hear from you. Your time and support makes a real difference, so please get in touch with us to find out how you can get involved.



Lunches

If your child has lunch with us, please remember to cut grapes, cherry tomatoes, blueberries, sausages, hot dogs, olives, and firm, raw vegetables like carrots or celery and other similar foods. If you have any questions please come and speak to us.



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