Ludwick Nursery School Newsletter
July 2026

"Nurturing Individuals; Growing the Community"

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe we are already approaching the end of another fantastic school year. Although there are only a few weeks left, our days are certainly not slowing down! The children have been busy taking part in transition activities, welcoming their new Reception teachers into school and beginning to understand the exciting changes that lie ahead. We also have lots of lovely end-of-year celebrations planned, giving us the chance to reflect on everything the children have achieved and to celebrate another successful year together.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all our families for your understanding and support when we made the difficult decision to close the school during the recent red heat health alert. We know this caused disruption for many of you and appreciate the flexibility you showed. The safety and wellbeing of our children and staff will always be our priority, and we were grateful for your patience and kindness.

Our caterpillars, which arrived during the heatwave and were kindly cared for at home by Claire Stackman while the temperatures were so high, successfully formed their chrysalises. We have since been delighted to watch them emerge as beautiful butterflies, and we are looking forward to releasing them today. The children have loved observing each stage of their incredible life cycle and have learned so much through the experience.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support throughout the year. With just under two weeks of term remaining, we look forward to making the most of our final two weeks together, celebrating everything our wonderful children have achieved and creating lots of special memories before the summer holidays.

Best wishes, Helen Ackerman - Headteacher

Welcome to Carly

We are delighted to welcome Carly to Ludwick as our new School Business Manager. Some of you may already have met Carly, as she spends half of her week based in the main school office. Carly has already become a valued member of the team, and we know she will be a fantastic addition to our school community. If you see her around school, please do say hello and help us give her a warm Ludwick welcome!

Saying Goodbye to Claire

At the end of this term, we will be saying a very fond farewell to Claire Stackman.

Claire has been an integral part of the Ludwick family for many years, and her passion for Early Years, commitment to our children and dedication to the school have made a lasting impact on so many families and colleagues. She will be greatly missed by us all. Claire is moving on to an exciting new role as a Nursery Teacher in a primary school. While we are incredibly sad to see her leave, we are also so proud of her and know she is going to be brilliant in her new position.

Claire, thank you for everything you have given to Ludwick over the years. We wish you every success and happiness in this exciting new chapter. We will all miss you very much.

Governors' News

This term, we say a heartfelt thank you and goodbye to Steven Musk as he steps down from his role as a Governor at Ludwick. Steven has given his time, support and commitment to the school over a number of years, championing the very best outcomes for our children. His dedication and willingness to support the school have been greatly appreciated by staff, governors and the wider school community.

On behalf of everyone at Ludwick, we would like to thank Steven for everything he has contributed and wish him every success and happiness for the future.

Donate Your Pre-Loved Uniform

As the school year comes to an end, if your child has outgrown any of their Ludwick uniform, we would love to give it a new home. If you have any clean, good-condition items that your child no longer needs, please consider donating them to us.

Book Bags and Ludwick Books

As we come towards the end of the school year, we will begin collecting in book bags and library books over the course of this week and next.
Please could you have a look at home for any Ludwick books that belong to the school and return them as soon as possible.

Ludwick Becomes a Stronger Practice Hub

We are absolutely delighted to share the exciting news that Ludwick has been designated as an Early Years Stronger Practice Hub.

Stronger Practice Hubs are funded by the Department for Education to help improve the quality of early years education by supporting settings to access evidence-informed practice, high-quality professional development and opportunities to collaborate with others across the sector.

As a Stronger Practice Hub, we will work with early years providers to share effective practice, promote the latest research and help strengthen outcomes for young children. This recognises the expertise within our team and the high-quality provision we provide every day.

For our children and families, this means we will continue to build on the excellent practice already in place, ensuring our curriculum and teaching are informed by the latest evidence and research. It also provides exciting opportunities for our staff to work alongside other early years professionals, sharing knowledge, developing expertise and contributing to improvements across the wider early years community.

We are incredibly proud to have received this designation and look forward to making a positive difference, both within Ludwick and beyond.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 9th July: Moving Up Day

End of Year Celebrations

Tuesday 14th July: Yellow badges

Friday 17th July: Main Nursery and Treetops

Please see the Class Dojo posts for group timings