



Ladbrooke Primary School

Friday 7th November



HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Our Focus next Term.

At Ladbrooke, we believe that every child and adult has the right to feel safe, valued, and respected. Our school is a community where everyone belongs, and where kindness, understanding, and acceptance are at the heart of all we do. We are committed to creating an environment where differences are celebrated, voices are heard, and everyone can learn and grow with confidence.

The world around us can sometimes feel divided or negative, but within our school we make a conscious choice to bring kindness, respect, and positivity through our words and actions. By leaving negativity at the gate and focusing on care and understanding, we can make our school a place where everyone truly feels they belong. During the next half term, we will be focusing on this message and reminding children of the importance of manners and empathy towards others so we can continue to provide a safe haven for everyone. I hope that you will support us with this by reinforcing this message at home.

School Uniform

As we head into the second half of the Autumn Term, thank you for ensuring all the children are now in the winter uniform however there are still few children wearing polo shirts and some children without ties. Please also ensure that black trainers are only worn on PE days. Black school shoes should be worn on other days. We are also already gathering a huge pile of clothes without any names on them. So much time is being wasted by staff trying to locate lost jumpers and coats that do not have names. Please help us by ensuring your child's clothing and accessories are named clearly!



Attendance Data

Here are the % for attendance in the first half term.
Remember our target is over 96%!

Class	%	Class	%
F1	86.3%	Y3	97.6%
F2	92.7%	Y4	94.9%
Y1	96.4%	Y5	93.9%
Y2	94.6%	Y6	97.7%

Congratulations to Y1, Y3 and Y6 on their fantastic attendance last half term.

As a school our attendance was 95.5%

As always we have high expectations and are aiming for 96% so let's try and achieve this next half term.

Dates For Your Diary

MONDAY 10th NOVEMBER
Flu Vaccinations

FRIDAY 28th NOVEMBER
Y4 Class Assembly

FRIDAY 28th NOVEMBER
Winter Decoration Day

FRIDAY 12th DECEMBER
Winter Fair

**MONDAY 24th NOVEMBER
SCHOOL CLOSED**

MONDAY 8th DECEMBER
Whole School Pantomime

TUESDAY 9th DECEMBER
Foundation Stage Show

MONDAY 15th DECEMBER
KS1 Show 2pm

TUESDAY 16th DECEMBER
KS1 Show 9.15am

WEDNESDAY 17th DECEMBER
Christmas Dinner Day

WEDNESDAY 17th DECEMBER
6pm - KS2 Carol Concert

FRIDAY 19th DECEMBER
Term Ends FS 1pm
Term Ends KS1 1.15pm
Term Ends KS2 1.30pm
(siblings can be collected at the same time)



**TERM STARTS
TUESDAY 6TH JANUARY
8.45AM**



Dear Parents and Carers

We are excited to announce that we will be moving our Management Information System (MIS) & payment system (School Gateway) to a new platform called **Arbor** in **November 2025**.

Adopting Arbor will allow us to communicate with you more efficiently and will eventually bring all our core school data and workflows into a single, seamless system.

Key Information Regarding Payments

Changing to Arbor means that our current payment system, **School Gateway**, will **eventually be switched off**. We will inform you well in advance of the final switch-off date.

However, please note the following crucial dates regarding dinner money:

- **School Gateway Dinner Money Payments End:** Dinner money payments on School Gateway will be **turned off from Wednesday, 13th November 2025**.

Arbor Dinner Money Payments Start: Parents will be able to access and make dinner money payments on the new Arbor system starting **Tuesday, 25th November 2025**. Dinner money is now **£3.50** a day

Action Required:

Please ensure your child's dinner money account has **at least £28 credit on 13th November** to cover the **8-day period** (13th November – 24th November) when no payments can be made.

Children without sufficient credit must be provided with a home packed lunch for this period.

Getting Started with Arbor

We are really looking forward to getting started with Arbor and invite all our parents to familiarise themselves with the system now:

[Getting started - Log into the Parent Portal and the Parent App](#)

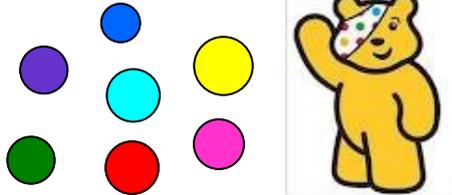
We will send further communication shortly on how to download the **parental app** and how to **register** on **Arbor**. Please look out for this information and register your child when prompted.

We hope you are looking forward to using this new feature as much as we are!

If you have any queries, please contact **Mrs MacCormack** or **Mrs Field** in the school office.

Children In Need

On Friday (14th Nov), we will be raising money for Children in Need. Please donate through our Just Giving Page. Children can come into school with spotty clothes on. Please see posters around the school.



Christmas Raffle Hampers

As in previous years, we are asking parents to donate luxury goods to be made into class hampers. Each class will produce a hamper and these will become the raffle prizes at the winter fair. Children can start to bring in items from Tuesday 25th November to Friday 28th November. Items will be collected in the classrooms. Things that could be included are biscuits, cookies, crackers, chocolate, jams, preserves, chutney, olives, tea, wine etc. Anything that has a good shelf life and will last until the end of December.



Thank You for your support!



Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 12th December, the children can come into school dressed in their Christmas jumper. If your child does not have a Christmas jumper, they can come to school dressed in red, green or gold party clothes (no football kits on this occasion) I look forward to seeing all the festive, party outfits filling our school.



Reception and Nursery Play



The foundation stage Christmas play will take place on

Tuesday 9th December

9.30am



Please would you let a member of staff know if you would like to bring more than 2 people to the performances. We need to ensure that we do not exceed the maximum capacity in the hall.

There will be a collection at the end of the performance to go towards props and costumes.

Thank You

Key Stage 1 Play



The key stage 1 play will take place on

Monday 15th December

2.00pm

or

Tuesday 16th December

9.15am



Please would you let a member of staff know if you would like to bring more than 2 people to any of the performances. We need to ensure that we do not exceed the maximum capacity in the hall.

There will be a voluntary collection at the end of the performance to go towards props and costumes. Thank You

Key Stage 2

Carol Concert



The KS2 carol concert will be held on

**Wednesday 17th December
St Mary's Church
at 6pm.**

If you would like your child to participate, please sign up on the gateway.

Winter Fair



The Winter Fair will take place on

FRIDAY 12th DECEMBER

It will follow the same format as last year and run throughout the school day. More information will be sent out shortly.

There will be a Santa's grotto and a games room for the children to visit.

