



Newsletter
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Together



Life at Lutley



Our school has continued to be lit up with the magic of Christmas this week with a variety of events.

At the start of the week, we held our Christmas Mini Market and raised £1191.65 to be donated to our Trust charities.

Throughout the week, the children have enjoyed Christmas discos, Christmas lunch, Christmas Jumper Day and many wowed the school community with their musical gifts at Lutley's Got Talent.

We wish you a Happy Christmas with your loved ones and we look forward to seeing you all in 2025.

School will reopen on Monday 6th January.

Important Dates Coming Up

January 2025

- Monday 6th January – Spring term starts for children
- Monday 13th January – EYFS RHH Inspire workshop – 9:15am
- Tuesday 14th January – EYFS RJG Inspire workshop – 9:15am
- Monday 20th January – 1LI Inspire workshop – 9:15am
- Monday 20th January – 2TF Parent lunch – 11:30 – 12:10
- Tuesday 21st January – 1SB Inspire workshop – 9:15am
- Tuesday 21st January – 2KR Parent lunch – 11:30 – 12:10
- Wednesday 22nd January – 1KH Inspire workshop – 9:15am
- Wednesday 22nd January – 2LO Parent lunch – 11:30 – 12:10

February 2025

- Monday 3rd February – 6EG Inspire workshop – 9:15am
- Tuesday 4th February – 6BR Inspire workshop – 9:15am
- Tuesday 4th February – 3EG Parent Lunch – 11:30 – 12:10

Learning

Attendance

9th – 13th December 2024

Class	%	Class	%	Class	%
RJG	97.14	RHH	94.76		
1KH	97.69	1LI	91.67	1SB	88.26
2KR	93.00	2LO	97.33	2TF	96.67
3EG	88.89	3AC	92.14	3ES	91.38
4GO	94.52	4KM	98.00	4LH	92.67
5LO	97.42	5ZB	97.59	5SM	97.33
6BR	96.88	6EG	96.67	6AO	99.35

Worker of the Week
20th December 2024

Class	Name	Class	Name	Class	Name
RJG	All of RJG	RHH	All of RHH		
1KH	All of 1KH	1LI	All of 1LI	1SB	All of 1SB
2TF	All of 2TF	2KR	All of 2KR	2LO	All of 2LO
3EG	Elena S	3AC	Lucas J	3ES	Freya C
4GO	Isabella P	4KM	Joshua H	4LH	Evelyn D
5LO	Naiya S	5ZB	Lottie S	5SM	Ayva A
6BR	Olivia M	6EG	Zach H	6AO	Francesca H



Learning

'A Behaviour Champion'

Well done to all children who were selected as this half term's 'A Behaviour Champion'. On Wednesday, they were rewarded with a festive forest school afternoon.

Class	Name	Class	Name	Class	Name
RJG	Elsie V	RHH	Elsie R		
1SB	Kyra J	1LI	Oliver B	1KH	William D
2LO	Ronnie T	2KR	Jessica F	2TF	Eleanor C
3EG	Hunter H	3ES	Freya C	3AC	Toby D
4GO	Althea S	4KM	Thomas W	4LH	Harry G
5ZB	Lottie S	5LO	Thomas S	5SM	Laela A
6BR	George S	6EG	Ruby W	6AO	Sophia B

School Council

Our school council have been exploring feeling safe at school this week. They have worked with their teachers and classes to discuss adults and members of the junior leadership team they could go to if they need help.

Trips and Visits

We are excited about the upcoming trips and visits linked to our school curriculum:

EYFS – Walk around the local area and police visit

Year 1 – British Ironwork Centre

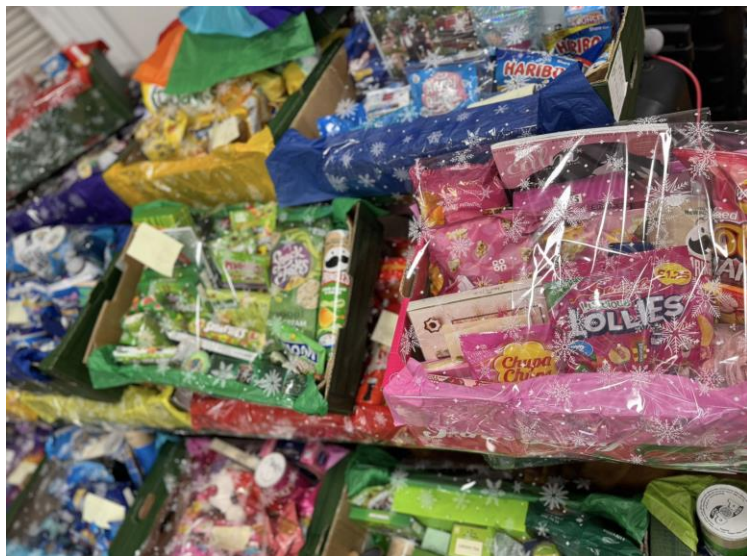
Year 2 – Walk to Halesowen

Year 3 – Stone Age Immersive Workshop

Year 4 – St Margaret's Church

Year 5 – Explorer Dome

Year 6 – Botanical Gardens



PTFA Raffle

Thank you to all of those who purchased a raffle ticket and won a PTFA hamper.

£800 has been raised by our wonderful PTFA.



Well done to the whole of Year 4 for 97% and above usage. Well done 6AO at 94% and 3ES at 90%. Congratulations to our star class 4GO for 100% usage and an average of over 4,000 correct answers in the last week of term! Keep aiming high!



Aiming

High



Ben took part in the DPA Christmas Concert at Stourbridge Town Hall on Monday; he's now in the intermediate keyboard ensemble and is the youngest member of the group. This was his 9th performance with DPA, including an appearance at Symphony Hall last March.

Ben also submitted a story to the BBC 500 Words competition, and his story has been chosen to go through to the next stage of the competition.

Finally, back in September, Ben took the entrance examination for King Edward's High School, Birmingham. From over 600 applicants, he did brilliantly to be offered a place at KEHS. This follows on from being ranked 5th in the OSH entrance exam and achieving a score of 242 in the King Edward's Grammar Schools entrance exam where the passing grade was 205.

Congratulations, Ben!



Harry has been awarded his Chief Scout's Bronze Award. He has worked so hard during his time at Romsley Beaver Scout Group and we are all proud of him.



Francesca has recently competed at the Oireachtas Rince na Iar Breataine, a qualifying event for the Irish dancing world championships.

Francesca came 3rd out of 24 dancers from all over England, qualifying for the second time for Worlds 2025. Well done, Francesca - we're very proud of you!

Each week, we will share a useful parent guide on a range of online safety topics. These are also available free to you if you sign up to National Online Safety. Keep your children safe by staying up to date! Also, take a look at <https://parentzone.org.uk/> for more.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Top Tips for SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's our rundown of what to look for when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

IPHONE

If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen addiction and unsuitable content. Go into the settings and scroll down to 'Screen Time'. From here you can customise important settings including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

ANDROID

With Android devices, Google's Family Link app is your friend. You'll need a Google account – and a separate one for your child, which you should use when first setting up the device. Then, in Family Link on your own device, select 'Add Child' and enter their account details. This lets you specify limits on daily usage, restrict certain apps, block particular content and more.

PLAYSTATION

You can prep for a PlayStation before it's even unwrapped. At my.account.sony.com, create an account, then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add Family Member to set up your child's account, which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and who they can talk to. On the PS5, you can make exceptions for any games you think are acceptable despite their high age rating.

IPAD

iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones. However, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children aren't seeing anything age-inappropriate after you hand them the device, there's a feature called Guided Access (under Settings > Accessibility > Guided Access). With this switched on, young ones can only use the app that's currently open.

XBOX

The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when). You'll need to set up the console with your own account and then add a child profile. Make sure your account's password protected, so your child can't alter your choices later. You'll be walked through the functions at setup, but you can also reach them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

NINTENDO SWITCH

Download the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app on your phone, and you'll be shown how to link it to the console. Once that's done, you can limit how long your child can play each day, decide what age ratings are permitted and more. You'll also get weekly updates on how often they've used the device. These controls are accessible through the console itself, but the app is usually easier.

WINDOWS 11 PCS

On Windows 11, account management is key. Set up the device with your own account as the admin. Then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and Other Users and create your child's account (if you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details). Microsoft Family Safety (either the app or the site) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks' parental controls are managed via the Family Link app. Unlike an Android device, however, you need set up the Chromebook with your own account first, then add your child's. Go to Settings > People > Add Person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can monitor what they're up to via Family Link.

MACS

Like iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the crux here is to set yourself up as the administrator before adding any child accounts. In the settings, look for Users & Groups to create your child's account, then – while on their profile – use the screen time options to place any boundaries around apps, usage and who your child can communicate with (and vice versa).

SMART TVS

Smart TVs typically have their own individual parental controls. One of the most popular brands is Samsung – and on their TVs, you can control the content available to your child. In the Settings menu, under 'Broadcasting', you can lock channels and restrict content by its age rating. Even this isn't foolproof, however: some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

Meet Our Expert

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