



LADYWOOD SCHOOL

DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and carers

What a Fantastic Autumn Term!

As we reach the end of the term, we want to say a huge thank you for everyone's support and take the opportunity to celebrate the incredible experiences and achievements we've shared. From our Y6 children learning to swim, to the School Choir visiting our local residential home to share some singing - it's been a truly special time for our school community.

Last week was the perfect time to celebrate, filled with festive cheer! Our Christmas celebrations were magical, featuring Magical Moments, a journey on the Polar Express, and the amazing performance of Lights, Camel, Action. The joy and excitement were felt by everyone, making it a week to remember. Thank you to everyone who attended and made the week so special.

We also want to extend a heartfelt thank you for the amazing support at our Christmas Fair. Together, we raised over £800, which will go directly towards enhancing our outdoor resources for the children. Your generosity and involvement make all the difference, and we couldn't be more grateful.

We are thrilled to announce that Leanne DuPreez has been appointed as our new Deputy Head. Having been a dedicated member of the Ladywood team for over 17 years, Leanne brings a wealth of experience, passion, and commitment to this role. We know she will be absolutely amazing and continue to make a positive impact on the whole school community.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas break,

Lynsey



Reminder

*School closes at **the earlier time of 2.00 pm** on Friday 19th December and re-opens on Monday 5th January*

Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to all parents and children for your kind donations and for attending our amazing Christmas Fair. It was so lovely to see everyone. We raised a fantastic £826.40!

Also, a big thank you to all parents who have bought gifts from My Child's Art, we have raised £140.00 in commission!



Ladywood Presents Lights, Camel, Action!



Thank you to everyone who came and supported our fantastic Christmas performance, the children were amazing!



LADYWOOD CHRISTMAS 2025

The children have taken part in lots of fun filled activities in the build up to Christmas. We've had a visit from Father Christmas, experienced Winter Wonderland, Polar Express, enjoyed a Christmas party lunch and had a lovely visit from the reindeers Cupid and Vixen.



LADYWOOD SCHOOL CHOIR



Our amazing Ladywood choir visited the residents at Laburnum Lodge in Brightmet and sang Christmas Carols for them and with them.

Everyone had great fun!



Texting Service - Adverse Weather Conditions/School Closure

Please can we remind parents of our procedure if we need to close the school due to adverse weather conditions or for any other reason. If school is not going to be open we will make a decision and send communication out as early as we possibly can. If for any reason transport is not running, they will contact you directly.

Please ensure that the main contact number for your child is up to date at all times and check for texts or messages via class dojo on a regular basis. School closure messages will also be put on:

<https://www.bolton.gov.uk/schoolinformation/school-closures>, Facebook and our Website



IMPORTANT INFORMATION - ALLERGY AWARE

A reminder that we are an 'Allergy Aware' school and therefore nuts should be avoided at all costs.

We have a number of children who are severely allergic to nuts and therefore these shouldn't be coming into school in any form.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Allergy Aware School



Medication Reminder

A gentle reminder that any medication that needs to come into school needs to be brought by a parent/carer to Reception. Please do not send on transport. We need this medication signing into school and a medication administration form filling out by family.

Thank you.





Exciting News: Join us on our new Facebook page!



New Facebook account, Join via QR code



Social Media at Ladywood

Join us on our new
Facebook page!



Twitter



Instagram



Attendance Awareness for Families

Ladywood is committed to promoting and maintaining high levels of attendance and punctuality, to ensure the best outcomes for all our children.

It is therefore a Parent's/Carer's responsibility to:

- Ensure your child is in school by 9:30 am and picked up no earlier than 2:30 pm unless you have an appointment (please arrange appointments outside school hours where possible)
- Report absences by 8:30 am and provide medical evidence when required
- Provide the setting with more than 1 emergency contact number

Authorised Absence Includes:

- Illness and medical/dental appointments (please make school aware of these in advance)
- Religious observance for 1 day
- Other possible 'exceptional circumstances' where the Head may grant term-time holiday. However if this is unauthorised due to attendance then a fine may be incurred.

Leave of Absence MUST be completed at least 2 weeks prior to a holiday or this will be considered UNAUTHORISED. We cannot complete this paperwork after the trip has occurred.

Unauthorised Absence could incur a Penalty Notice and fines starting from £80 up to £160. Further unauthorised absence could lead to Legal Action.

Unexplained Absence - where any pupil we expect to attend school does not attend, or stops attending, without reason, the school will:

- Day 1 and/or Day 2: Contact parents/carers by telephone to confirm a pupil's absence
- Day 3: If a pupil is still absent, and we have been unable to contact a parent/carers, a home visit will be completed.

If your child's attendance falls below 90% you may be notified in writing.

If your child's attendance falls below 80% you may be offered an attendance review meeting to discuss any support required.

We endeavour to support all our children in having a positive attendance. Should you require any further support please do not hesitate to contact school and we would be happy to work with yourselves to improve attendance.

Absences

If your child is absent from school, it is important that you contact school and report your child's absence otherwise it will be recorded as unauthorised.

Operation Encompass

Ladywood School is in partnership with Bolton Safeguarding Board and Greater Manchester Police in a project called “Bolton Encompass”. The project is designed to provide support for children who may be impacted on by domestic violence. Information from Encompass will be shared with school who will ensure that appropriate supportive strategies are put in place.

To access the Operation Encompass website, please click on the link below: <https://www.operationencompass.org/>



Operation Encompass is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and all police forces.

“Children who live in homes where there is domestic abuse, or who experience domestic abuse in their own teenage relationships, can be negatively impacted by this experience.”

“Children who experience domestic abuse are recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right¹.”

“We have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained about Operation Encompass procedures. This allows us to use the information that has been confidentially shared with us by the police, to understand how a child may be impacted by domestic abuse and to then offer support to the child/ren in our care.”

“Operation Encompass means that our school will be told, prior to the start of the next school day, when police have attended an incident of domestic abuse where there is a child or young person who attends our school who is related to any of those involved in the incident.”

“This information means that we can understand a child's behaviour and support that child in whatever way they may need or want.”

“We are keen to offer the very best support possible to all our pupils and we believe that being part of Operation Encompass helps us to do this.”

¹ Domestic Abuse Act 2021

www.operationencompass.org

SEND Local Offer Website

Are you aware what's available for your child? The SEND Local Offer is there to provide a single point for information to help families access details about services available to them, and offer guidance in multiple areas. Please click on the link below for further information.

<https://www.bolton.gov.uk/sendlocaloffer/>

HOLIDAY LIST 2025-2026 PUPILS



September 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
36	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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October 2025							
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November 2025							
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December 2025							
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The dates that are shaded in Gold are the days children and young people are not in school.

The dates written in Red are Bank Holidays



Woodbridge Trust Holiday List 2026-2027

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