



EVERY CHILD CAN ACHIEVE

# Luddenham News

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## Glimmers

I have a mission for you all...

In Monday's assembly, I spoke to the children about Glimmers. What's a glimmer I hear you say? Well, it's...

*a small, happy moment that makes us feel calm, safe, or joyful.*

I showed the children the image about a harsh truth. As a parent, I often pick up my child from after school club and start with...How was your day? Now this often leads to 'fine' or discussing a moment that wasn't the best but it's all he can focus on. Remembering a whole day is challenging. So much happens. How often as adults, do we focus on the one part of the day that did not go as planned and think it means we've 'had a bad day'.

Too often we indulge the bad moment. Well, I have challenged the children and now yourselves to ask the question, 'What glimmers have you had today?'

Our days are full of glimmers here at Luddenham. They always have been. Now I am not suggesting that bad days don't happen, but rather that we focus on what went well more often.

Glimmers I had before lunchtime on day 1 of this term:

- Seeing the sunrise as I drove to work
- 'Happy New Year' comments from parents and children
- Smiles from so many people
- Several children coming to show me amazing learning they had already done

So, I challenge us all to go glimmer hunting. To start appreciating those little moments more and how they can build to filling us up with more joy.

### HARSH TRUTH GROWTHBYVISUALS

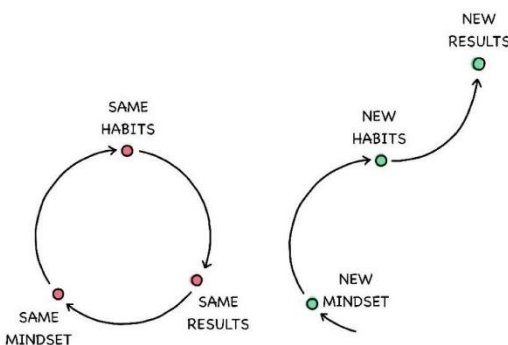
You didn't have a bad day



You had a bad 15 minutes



And decided to indulge in it



@thetacaboworkshop

Don't forget you can also be the reason someone else has a glimmer today. So, share those smiles, kind words, hugs or laughter. Take time to notice those little moments we often take for granted and enjoy them.

Maybe you don't need a new life to find joy and meaning. Maybe you just need a new lens. Look around you. Find the glimmers. There's beauty everywhere.

Lori Deschene / tinybuddha.com



# Kent Education Awards

Thank you to people who chose to take a little time to nominate someone here at Luddenham. It really is appreciated. I get sent what has been said and I have such pride for the team here. They really do make a difference each and every day.

Just to let you know, if you would like to recognise a person or team within education (not just at Luddenham) you can do so here: [Kent Education Awards - Social Enterprise Kent](#) by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026

## Children's Commissioners' Guide

['What I wish my parents or carers knew...': A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives | Children's Commissioner for England](#)

Please click on the link above for parents and carers guide which focuses on the following areas:

- Screen Time
- When Bad things happen
- Artificial Intelligence

It includes the voice of children and top tips to help you manage these themes at home. It also reminds you of the age limits for well known and used apps by children.



## Reminders

**Non-Uniform Day** - On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January it is non-uniform day, donations are going towards Y6 Hoodies. Payments of £1 can be made via gateway. Thank you as always for all your support.

**Wet weather clothes** – Please can we ask you to send in wet weather trousers for you child, if they are going to go on the school field at lunchtime – Thank you.

**School Meals** – The new system from January for booking your child's meals on Parent pay has gone really well this week. **There will be no more registers in class anymore. Please ensure that if your child requires a school meal, then please book via Parentpay before midnight the day before.** You can also book for the whole term.

## LSFA News

### Movie Nights - Date Change 🎬

Please note that the Movie Nights, originally planned for next week, have had to be rescheduled.

📅 **New dates are as follows:**

- **Reception & Key Stage 1:** Tues 10th February
- **Key Stage 2:** Wednesday 11th February

🕒 **Time:** 3:30pm – 5:00pm

🚗 **Collection:** Car queue pick-up

The films are still to be confirmed, we'll be sharing full details very soon and booking will soon be available via **Gateway**.

All money raised from the Movie Nights goes towards school **trips**, with **£300 donated to each year group** to help with costs of their classes school trips.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. More details coming soon! 🎁 ✨

## LSFA Party Bingo Night 🕺 🎵

We're pleased to share a positive update about our LSFA Disco Party Bingo Night on Friday 23rd January 🕺 🎵

Thanks to lots of behind-the-scenes juggling, the event will still go ahead but will now be held at The Assembly Rooms. (66 Preston Street, Faversham, ME13 8PG)

### 🍹 Bring Your Own Drinks

This venue doesn't have a bar, so it will be bring your own drinks and snacks, which helps make the night much cheaper for everyone and gives you complete freedom over what you bring along.

### 🕒 Event timings

- Doors open: 7:30pm
- Bingo starts: 8:00pm

### 🚫 Important – ticket sales matter

The venue is currently pencilled in for us, but we have until Monday to confirm the booking.

To do this, we need to see a boost in ticket sales. If we don't sell enough tickets before MONDAY, sadly the event won't be able to go ahead.

If you've been on the fence, now really is the moment to book. The more tickets sold, the bigger the night and the bigger the CASH prizes 🎉

### 🚫 Tickets available here:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/discopartybingo/t-vvlrxmp>

Password to book is HURRICANE

### ♥ Where the money goes

All funds raised from Disco Party Bingo will go towards continuing to support the OPAL Play Scheme, helping us keep the playground full of exciting and engaging resources for the children!

This is a brilliant adults-only night out. A feel-good night with great music, bingo with a twist, and no pressure to dance (unless you want to).

Thank you, as always, for supporting our school and LSFA events. We really hope we can make this night happen and see you there!

## Superstar Corner

Let us celebrate together your achievements outside of school this past week. Don't forget to send through any photos of achievements.



Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Young Voices Concert

Y5 School Trip – Starlight Express Group 1

Non-uniform – Donations towards Y6 Hoodies  
& LSFA Disco Bingo Event

Y5 School Trip – Starlight Express Group 2

Y6 School Trip – Harry Potter Studios Group 1

Rangers Day

YR Share the Learning 2:45 pm

Y6 Share the Learning 2:45 pm

Y6 School Trip – Harry Potter Studios Group 2  
& Safer Internet Day &

Y2 Share the Learning 2:45pm

END OF TERM



Remember to make sure everything that comes to school is named. Lost Property is already building up!

When the weekend arrives, we wish you a wonderful one.