

15th December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have a merry Christmas and New Year with your loved ones, and I look forward to welcoming your child/children back to Ludlow Church of England School in 2026, on the 6th January. I will personally, by then, have broken all my New Year's resolutions; however, it will be a new term at the school and, as ever, there are changes afoot.

Firstly, within the Senior Leadership Team at the school, we are sorry to announce that Mrs Tysall has left us to enjoy a well-earned retirement, we wish her all the best and are obviously not even slightly envious. Mrs Morris will be taking over formally as Assistant Headteacher in charge of Safeguarding and Pastoral. As one leaves, inevitably within schools, one joins. At February half-term, Dr Dale will be joining us as Assistant Headteacher (Curriculum and Data). He is coming to us with a wealth of experience in teaching and has previous lead within the grammar school sector.

Other changes to make you aware of; Mr Jardine has decided to step away from teaching, but his deep affection for the school has meant he has agreed to stay with us in a change of role and will be taking up a non-teaching post. With Mrs Morris formally taking her Senior Leadership role, this has allowed us to restructure the pastoral/house structure. We have introduced a Head of Year 11 role to provide a clear focus on this year group's academic outcomes as well as to provide clarity of support to parents. The table below outlines the new structure:

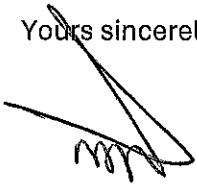
House	Head of House	Assistant Head of House
Year 11	Mrs Turner	N/A
St Giles	Mrs Patterson	Mr Jardine
St Laurence	Mrs Merrick	Mrs Lewis
St John	Miss Cheley	Mr Jardine
St Peter	Miss Downes	Mrs Smith

We will continue with our drive to improve Ludlow Church of England School and would like to thank you for your support in this. As usual, attendance and uniform are the most obvious areas that you can support us on. There is a direct link between attendance and results; it is no surprise that this leads to better results and life chances post-school.

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Finally, on 17th December, students will be allowed to come into school wearing a Christmas jumper. This will be a charity event in aid of two sad events that have occurred this year. We, as a community, have lost an ex-student to unforeseen circumstances, and two of our students have lost a parent to cancer. Our hearts go out to them at this time of year and to the challenges these two families will face. Therefore, we will be donating all proceeds from the Christmas Jumper Day on the 17th December to the nominated charities of those families. We have set up a £2 donation on the online payment system for those who wish to donate. I cannot imagine the challenges they face, and we, as a community, will hold them in our prayers.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M Stoppard', written over the closing 'Yours sincerely'.

Mr M Stoppard
Headteacher