

Dear Parents and Carers, it has been lovely to welcome the children back after the half-term break! They've returned full of energy and enthusiasm — ready to dive into another exciting half term. We have a fantastic few weeks ahead, packed with different trips, special events, and lots of opportunities for festive fun and learning. Keep an eye on the Upcoming Dates section at the bottom of this newsletter so you don't miss a thing – Residential dates have now been added for next year! If you are attending a Firework display over the weekend, we hope you enjoy them and remember to give Fireworks space to ensure everyone's safe. Wishing all our families a safe, happy, and enjoyable weekend!



ODD SOCK DAY – To celebrate our Uniqueness as part of Anti-Bullying week
Please come to school on Monday wearing Odd Socks!



Christmas Performances

Please note due to the logistics of arranging rehearsals around lessons, Year 3 will be performing this year with KS1 this year.



Clubs

This half-term is set to be busy with Christmas performances, school trips and finishing autumn modules. With this in mind please be advised that clubs will be ending on Friday 28th November, except for Choir and Cookery.

Children In Need

On Friday 14th November we will be supporting Children In Need. We invite the children to come to school **wearing uniform with a SPOTTY twist!** Suggested donation is £1, which can be made in cash or via the QR code displayed in the Office window.



Head Lice

Please can we ask that you regularly check your child's hair for any unwanted visitors.

- Head lice spread primarily through **direct head-to-head contact**, which is common in schools during play, group work, or sharing personal items (e.g., hats, headphones, brushes).
- Regular checks reduce the risk of a **large-scale outbreak**, minimizing disruption to learning and school attendance.

Next Week!

We have updated the rest of this years term dates at the bottom of this Newsletter. **I urge you to have a look and add them to your diary. As always, please do ask if you need clarification as to what is happening.**

Date	Event
Monday 10 th November	ODD Sock Day for Anti-Bullying Week SATS Club Phonics Presentation @ 3.40pm - Reception Parents welcome PE for ALL, please come in PE kit

	Achieve4All https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/achieve4all-football-club-ks12-loddiswell-monday-kingsbridge-64ff786c-1f3a-4e2c-80c1-88e97acd6f4f
Tuesday 11th	
Wednesday 12th	Preschool & 2026 Intake Open Morning 9.30-10.30am Cross Country/Circuits Club 3.30pm-4.15pm
Thursday 13th	FOREST SCHOOL PM Reception & Year 5, please come in forest school kit with Wellies in a bag. Lego Club 3.30pm-4.15pm Board Games Club 3.30pm-4.15pm Cookery Club 3.30-4.45pm
Friday 14th	Children In Need- Come to school in uniform wearing something Spotty!

Preschool News

Welcome back Pre-schoolers!

It has been a great first week back as we kicked off the week with a Halloween party. The children have been super enthusiastic and returned to us with a positive attitude after a well-deserved half term break. We have been celebrating Halloween all week by making potions, decorating Pumpkins, making yummy witches hats and using our dressing up box to help learn independence when dressing. We have been discussing cold weather as winter approaches to prepare us for our next topic 'it's getting cold outside'

A huge thankyou to Emily and our friends at Aune Valley for our donation of beautiful Pumpkins.

Have a lovely weekend
Lisa, Jess and Kelly.



Preschool Open Day

We are delighted to invite you to our Preschool Open Morning on **Wednesday, 12th November at 9:30am**. This will be a wonderful opportunity to explore our new preschool room and outdoor area, and to see the children enjoying their learning in action. You'll also have the chance to admire some of the fantastic creations and masterpieces they have been working on!

Class 1 – Reception. PE Days: Monday and Friday. Forest School: Thursday PM children to come to school in forest school clothes.

This week in Reception we have had a wonderful week. We have kicked off our Celebrations topic with learning all about Guy Fawkes and Bonfire Night we have: made chalk and cut and stick firework pictures and toilet roll rockets; danced to Firework music; completed a phonic word hunt challenge linked to Bonfire Night and even learned to make our own fire at Forest school!

Class 2 – Year One. PE Days: Monday and Tuesday.

It was lovely to hear all about what the children got up to over the half term break!

This week we have been exploring measurement in Maths- identifying the difference between length, height and weight. We have had lots of fun getting hands on and measuring in different ways! Our new English text is called 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth' and we have been focussing on instructions and the features of an instructional text. Can you find any examples of instructions at home? In History, we interviewed Mrs Stainton to find out what life was like when she was in primary school- we found out lots of interesting information and decided we are quite glad we didn't go to her school!

Class 3 – Year Two & Three. PE Days: Monday and Wednesday.

A lovely return back to school this week. Class 3 have been busy learning our new English text, 'Meerkat Mail' and using their inference skills to find evidence of how our main character Sunny, is really feeling. We have begun our first D.T. unit of the year by finding out about design and engineering and in computing, had a go at our own animation flick books. Well done Class 4.

Class 4 – Year Four & Five. PE Days: Monday and Friday. YEAR 5 FOREST SCHOOL – please come to school in forest school clothing with wellies in a bag.

This week in History, Class 4 delved into the fascinating world of Ancient Roman leadership. The children explored the roles of key figures such as the Patricians and the Head of State, even stepping into character to bring these historical personalities to life.

In English, we've been sharpening our grammar skills by learning how to use brackets to add extra information to sentences. We also focused on identifying adverbial phrases, helping us understand how they add detail about time, place, and manner. The children have enjoyed spotting these in texts and using them in their own writing.

Class 5 – Year Six. PE Day: Monday and Wednesday.

Class 5 have had a good first week back. We have been learning about some inspiring women in our new English unit and their lasting legacies on our everyday lives. In maths, we have been exploring eight digit numbers and how numbers are composed. We have begun learning the Christmas Play songs this week and scripts have gone home today- please get practising!

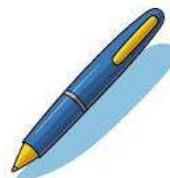
Celebration

Reader of the week...



Class 1 Jess
Class 2 Artemis
Class 3 Ewan
Class 4 George
Class 5 Yehor

Writer of the week...



KS1 Willow P
KS2 Arthur Wi

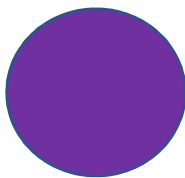
Stars of the Week



Reception Dylan
Year 1 Harry W
Year 2 Robin
Year 3 Jacob H

Year 4 Alice
Year 5 Harry
Year 6 TJ

Anne-Marie's Purple Plate Award



This week's Purple Plate winners are... **Artemis, Lily S, Riley and Luna B**

The Purple Plate Award is for showing exceptional manners in the lunch hall

Yours sincerely,

T. Coulthard

Tess Coulthard

Executive Head Teacher

L. Kirkham

Lucinda Kirkham
Head of School

2027 Proposed School Admissions Policy

The 2027 Admissions Policy is currently in draft form, and a public consultation is being led by the Local Authority. The consultation period will run until 16 January 2026, after which the policy will be formally determined by the Board of Governors and the final version published by 15 March 2026.

Further information can be found by the following link to the DCC website: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/children-families-education/education/school-admissions/arrangements-and-policies/school-admission-policy/>



Diary Dates – New events in **RED**

Monday 10 th November	Reception Whole School	Phonics Presentation @ 3.40pm Reception Parents Welcome Odd Sock Day for Anti-Bullying week
Wednesday 12 th November	Year 2 Preschool & September 2026 new starters	Oral Health Visit Open Day 9.30-10.30am
Friday 14 th November	Whole School	Children in Need – Come to school in uniform with a touch of something Spotty!
Thursday 20 th November	Whole School	Usborne Book Fair – Parents welcome from 3pm
Tuesday 25 th November	Mrs Chapman's Students	Music Assembly- Parents of those who have music lessons are welcome at 10.00am.
Monday 1 st December	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	Rainbow Theatre Panto Visit – Sleeping Beauty at Loddiswell Primary (more details to follow)
Friday 5 th December	Year 3 and Year 4	Cinema Trip – Polar Express (more details to follow)
Monday 8 th December	School Choir	Carol singing at Residential Homes (more details to follow)
Tuesday 16 th December	KS1 & Y3 KS2	Christmas Play PM 2.30pm Christmas Play AM 09.30am
Wednesday 17 th December	KS1 & Y3 KS2	Christmas Play AM 09.30am Christmas Play PM 05.30PM
Thursday 18 th December	Year 5 and Year 6	Theatre Trip – Dick Whittington (More details to follow)
Friday 19 th December	Whole School	End of Term Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch
Friday 3 rd July	Whole School	Sports Day

2026 Residentials

Wednesday 4 th – Friday 6 th February 2026	Year 5	Residential
Monday 20 th April	Year 3	Extended Day Trip
Wednesday 10 th June	Year 4	Residential
Monday 22 nd June – Wednesday 24 th June	Year 6	Residential