



Loddiswell Primary School Newsletter Friday 5th December 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers, the countdown to Christmas has begun, and the festive buzz is everywhere! The children are bubbling with excitement as they rehearse their Christmas performances, filling the halls with songs and laughter. Don't forget your performance tickets from the school office!

A big thank you to the Smaridge Family for donating such a magnificent Christmas tree!

This week has been packed with festive fun, KS1 were treated to a magical pantomime performance of Sleeping Beauty, complete with lots of giggles and "He's behind you!". Year 3 and 4 enjoyed a cosy cinema morning watching The Polar Express, which left everyone feeling wonderfully wintery. And our KS2 pupils are already counting down to their special Christmas trip in the last week of term (details are on MCAS).

Miss Ireland will sadly be leaving us at the end of term to move to Malborough. Miss Walls- Challis who has been working at Malborough, will be joining our staffing team and supporting the provision in Class 4.

A quick reminder that **all clubs have now finished for the term**, except for A4A, Choir and Cookery Club, which will continue as usual.

It has been fabulous driving home from school this week and looking at all the lovely Christmas lights and the tree on the green. Thank you to the local community for making the village so festive! I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Loddiswell Christmas Post Box

We are delight to let you know the Loddiswell Christmas Post Box is once again OPEN.

Your child can bring, if they wish, Christmas cards for their friends to be posted ready for distribution on the last day on term. Please make sure the envelopes are clearly labelled with the recipient's name and class.



Next Week!

Date	Event
Monday 8 th December	<u>School Choir Performance- wear something Christmas Theme</u> 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 9 th	
Wednesday 10 th	
Thursday 11 th	FOREST SCHOOL PM Year 5 ONLY Cookery Club 3.30-4.45pm
Friday 12 th	

Wraparound Childcare

We are exploring the possibility of introducing a new breakfast and after-school club to support families with wraparound childcare. To help us understand the level of interest and plan effectively, we would appreciate hearing from parents and carers who feel this provision would benefit their family. Your feedback will play an important role in shaping what we offer. Please email the school office to share your thoughts. Thank you to those who have already responded.

PTFA NEWS

We're busy gathering donations for our wonderful Christmas hampers, and they're already shaping up to be something special! Raffle tickets will be available to buy during the Christmas performances, so keep an eye out for our festive ticket table.

If you'd like to contribute, **donations are very welcome** — simply drop them off at the school office. Thank you for helping us spread a little extra Christmas cheer!



Class 1 – Reception. PE Days: Monday and Friday. Forest School: Thursday PM. NO Forest School, Extended session booked Thursday 18th December.

This week in Class 1 we have been challenging ourselves to independently make ABB and AAB repeating patterns. We have made cards with these patterns, used peg boards and even made a fingerprint Christmas tree with ABB prints. We have also kept busy with caterpillar reading and writing challenges. We all know the Nativity story now and enjoyed working with a partner to discuss it and sequence the pictures to tell the story.

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

The classroom countdown says 21 sleeps to go and we are certainly in full Christmas mode now! The tree is decorated (A huge thank you to the families who have sent in decorations and tinsel to add to our tree!) This week we have been looking at ordinal numbers in Maths, racing reindeers and working out who came 1st, 2nd, 3rd... There was certainly some competitive spirit between the reindeer handlers! In English we have continued to work on past and present tense, finding out about the differences and writing information pages to share our knowledge. Nativity rehearsals are in full swing, a little reminder to send in costumes in a named carrier bag please! Have a wonderful weekend.

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

Class 3 have had a lovely week, with Year 2 thoroughly enjoying the panto that visited the school and Year 3 going out to the cinema for a special viewing of The Polar Express. We have also topped off the week with our reward time, Pyjamas and teddies for a film in class- well done for earning all those fuzzies! In class we have started our new class book about penguins and enjoyed learning some facts about their behaviour and habitats. Both year groups have been applying their maths knowledge to solve problems and thinking about the different strategies they can use. I am also very impressed with how hard they have been working to learn their parts for the school nativity, which we are busy practising.

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.**

Class 4 have had a wonderfully busy week! The children enjoyed making their delicious soups and showing off their cooking skills, while Year 4 had a fantastic trip to the cinema, which was a real highlight. In history, the class explored famous Roman inventions and discovered how they have shaped the world we live in today. On top of all that, we've had

lots of fun practising our play, and the excitement is really building as we get closer to performing it!

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

Class 5 have thoroughly enjoyed getting stuck into their new English unit this week. We have been looking at Christmas advert and the children have explored how colour is used to suggest thoughts and feelings and they wrote some brilliant diary entries from the viewpoint of the main character: Justino. We have been looking at long multiplication in maths and it has been a pleasure to see the children tackle a tricky concept and watch their confidence grow!

Celebration



Reader of the week...

Class 1 George
Class 2 Harry
Class 3 Dominic
Class 4 Matilda T
Class 5 Arthur Wo

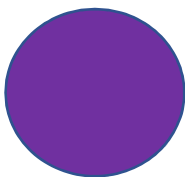


Stars of the Week

Reception Brodie
Year 1 Artemis
Year 2 Brodie
Year 3 Luna

Year 4 Sylvester
Year 5 Poppy
Year 6 Otto

Anne-Marie's Purple Plate Award



This week's Purple Plate winners are...

Preschool Raffi KS1- Bella B KS2- Alice and George S

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

Yours sincerely,

Tess Coulthard

Executive Head Teacher

Lucinda Kirkham
Head of School



Diary Dates –

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 5.30pm
Thursday 18 th December	Year 5 and Year 6	Theatre Trip – Dick Whittington (More details on MCAS)
Friday 19 th December	End of Term Whole School	10am Christmas Carol Service @St Michael and All Angels- everyone welcome. Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 6 th January 2026	Whole School	Return to school following Christmas Break
Friday 9th January	Year 5 & 6	Swimming Lessons starts
Wednesday 28th January 2026	KS2	Barn Owl Trust Visit to school
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 - Thursday 11 th June	Year 4	Residential
Monday 22 nd June – Wednesday 24 th June	Year 6	Residential