



[South Hams Federation Facebook](#)



[South Hams Federation Instagram](#)

Dear Parents and Carers, Wow—what a wonderful final week of term we have had! We've enjoyed four nativity performances, a theatre trip, carols at the church and, of course, our delicious Christmas lunch today. A BIG thank you to Anne-Marie for cooking up such a culinary delight! The school has had a real festive buzz all week, and it has been lovely to see the children playing together and showing such care and support for one another.



From all the staff here at Loddiswell, we would like to wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

As winter coughs, colds and bugs are currently out in force, please could we remind you to contact the school office each day your child is absent. If your child is off with a sickness or diarrhoea bug, they must be 48 hours clear before returning to school.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Please see our website for next terms clubs!

Swimarathon

Kingsbridge Rotary Club would like to say..



A big thank you to everyone who took part in the Kingsbridge Rotary Club Swimarathon. Your enthusiasm, determination, and generous support helped make the event a real success. Thanks to your efforts, a fantastic total of **£258.50** was raised!

Events like this wouldn't be possible without the swimmers, supporters, volunteers, and organisers who give their time and energy so willingly. Well done to all involved, and thank you once again for helping to make a positive difference.

Loom Band Sale for the Homeless

A big well done to our Loom Bands Club for their fantastic fundraising efforts. By selling their handmade loom bands and running a "Guess the Teddy" competition, they raised a brilliant **£37.80** in support of the Homeless.

This is a wonderful achievement and a great example of creativity, teamwork, and kindness in action. Thank you to everyone who supported the stall, donated, and encouraged the club—your generosity and support are truly appreciated and have helped make a real difference.

Next Week!

Date	Event
Monday 5 th January	Christmas Holiday
Tuesday 6 th	Children Return after Christmas Holiday
Wednesday 7 th	
Thursday 8 th	FOREST SCHOOL PM Reception & Year
Friday 9 th	Swimming Year 5 & 6

Preschool news

It was lovely to welcome so many of you to our crafts afternoon today. We were especially delighted to have a visit from Santa, who very kindly gifted each of our preschool children a little present. Thank you all for your continued support throughout the year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year.



Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Lisa, Jess and Kelly

PTFA NEWS

A big thank you from the PTFA!

We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets or enjoyed the delicious refreshments at the Christmas shows this week. We're excited to announce the winners of the festive hampers were:

- **Tuesday:** Charlotte Hawkes
- **Wednesday:** Rachel Gogola

The PTFA wishes all our families a joyful, fun, and restful winter break. We hope the children enjoy their special gift from us!

Keep an eye out in the new year for details about upcoming events and ways you can get involved. Your support this year has helped make school life extra special for the children—thank you!

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

This week in Reception we have had lots of fun performing our nativities, decorating Christmas biscuits, making decorations, singing Christmas songs and even finding the tricky words in the lyrics. We are all so excited and full of Christmas joy. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this term. They have all settled in so well to the school and are a delight to be around.

Class 2 – Year One. PE Days: Monday and Tuesday. Forest School Thursday PM, come to school in forest clothes.

A fantastical, festive week had by all in Class 2!

Miss Treeby and I are so incredibly proud of each and every one of the children and their wonderful performances this week! They all shone so brightly and stepped out of their comfort zones for which I am beyond proud! We have had a very busy week aside from performance, dip making and tasting- a huge thank you for sending in the ingredients to facilitate our experience. Our crafty day was a big success and lots of fun was had! Cards,

eco-friendly reindeer food and hot chocolate treats! Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas holiday (and hopefully a little less rain!) Merry Christmas!

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

An enormous well done to all the children in Class 3 this week. They really did themselves proud in the Christmas performances and I am so impressed with how hard they worked learning their lines, cues and all of the songs, thank you! Since then, we have had a really productive D.T. day where we made and decorated picture frames, that will be coming home today along with some other Christmassy crafts. It has been a long term, so I wish all the children some very well-deserved rest and an enjoyable break. I look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year!

Class 4 – Year Four & Five. PE Days: Monday and Friday.

We are so proud of Class 4 for their fantastic Christmas performance this week! Their dedication and hard work have truly shone through, and the results were simply wonderful. Alongside rehearsals, the children have been busy creating beautiful Christmas crafts, filling our classrooms with festive cheer. As an extra treat, they enjoyed a special Forest School session as part of their fuzzy reward — a well-deserved celebration of their efforts. Well done, Class 4! Have a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in the new year!

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

What a fabulous last week of term!! The Christmas Play was a great success and the children shone on the stage. We have had a great week with lots of singing, crafting and felting- thank you to Mrs Heath for giving up her time to make some beautiful felt decorations with the children. It has been a very busy first term of Year 6 and I am so proud of all of the Year 6 children for how hard they have worked and for the determination and resilience they have shown. I hope you all have a lovely Christmas break and thank you for all your continued support. See you in 2026!

Celebration



Governor's Award:

Erin A, Dominic S, Alfie B



Yours sincerely,

T. Coulthard

Tess Coulthard

Executive Head Teacher

L. Kirkham

Lucinda Kirkham
Head of School



Diary Dates – more to be added in the new year

Tuesday 6 th January 2026	Whole School	Return to school
Friday 9 th January	Year 5 & 6	Swimming Lessons start
Wednesday 28 th January 2026	KS2	Barn Owl Trust Visit to school
Wednesday 11 th February	TBC	Federation Gym and Dance Show
Wednesday 1 st April	TBC	Federation Netball Event
Wednesday 1 st July	TBC	Federation Cross Country Event
Wednesday 15 th July	TBC	Federation Rounders Event
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



Generations Together

Building Bonds Across All Ages

A warm, welcoming space for mums, their neurodivergent children (siblings welcome), and women in later life

A space where:

- Children play, explore & feel understood
- Mums feel treasured & never alone
- Women in later life are valued & included
- Every voice is heard, every story matters
- A time to connect within the generations

When: Monday 12th January 4-5.30pm

Monday 9th February 4-5.30pm

Where: Tumbly Hill Wellbeing Hub

Cost: £5 per adult, £7.50 per family

**Join us for connection, joy & empowerment
across the generations**

Email: hello@nextstepstogether.org.uk

Phone: 01548 853033

WhatsApp: 07527061115