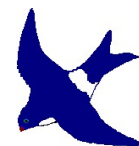




Loddiswell Primary School Newsletter  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers, we hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and would like to wish you a very happy New Year! What a week we have had with this chilly and windy weather!

We have made a fantastic start to 2026, and it has been wonderful to see how quickly and happily the children have settled back into school routines.

Class letters are now available for you to view on the school website, giving you an insight into the exciting learning your child will be taking part in this term.

We would also like to gently remind you that we are a healthy eating school and encourage children to bring healthy snacks for break time.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Next Week!

Date	Event
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	SATS Club 3.30-4.15 A4A Football Club – <a href="https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/achieve4all-football-club-ks12-loddiswell-monday-kingsbridge-64ff786c-1f3a-4e2c-80c1-88e97acd6f4f">https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/achieve4all-football-club-ks12-loddiswell-monday-kingsbridge-64ff786c-1f3a-4e2c-80c1-88e97acd6f4f</a> Eco Club 3.30-4.15 Colouring Club 3.30-4.15
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Club 3.30-4.15 Lego Club 3.30-4.15
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>FOREST SCHOOL PM Reception &amp; Year 1</b> Yoga Club 3.30-4.15
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming Year 5 & 6

**Preschool news**

It has been lovely to welcome the children back for the Spring term, and we are delighted to welcome some new children who have joined us this week. We have enjoyed settling back into our routines and have begun reading our new class book, *The Train*, which the children are very excited about. We wish you all a lovely weekend.

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

This week in Reception we've come back in full of enthusiasm and excitement about our new topic: polar explorers! We have taken pictures as polar explorers, had great fun role-playing in our Antarctic Research Station and have fed our penguin some delicious 'phase 2 word' fish. We have learnt about polar animals and have then drawn them, adding to our polar landscape display. We are also starting to learn some more digraphs (ai, ee, and oa) and our first trigraph (igh) so please keep practising and reading with your children; they are doing brilliantly!

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

Welcome back, year 1! It has been wonderful to see everybody back at school, full of excitement and ready to learn! It sounds like the children had a wonderful break and they have certainly come back ready to learn. This week we have been thinking about setting descriptions in English, exploring the importance of using descriptive language and adjectives. In Maths we have begun our topic on 2D and 3D shapes, exploring repeated patterns and tangiagrams- we have had lots of fun trying to solve problems related to this. Yesterday we thoroughly enjoyed our first Forest School session- it was certainly a muddy one! As always, thank you for your support with reading and spelling practice at home. With warm wishes for the weekend.

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

It has been so lovely to welcome Class 3 back from the Christmas break and catch up on everyone's news. We have had a lovely week, enjoying our new book in our English lessons and acting out different verbs to help us imagine how our main character is feeling. We have started our new learning across all subjects - from the structure of the Earth, to the 5 pillars of Islam, through to demonstrating our looking and cutting skills as we begin our collage unit in Art. What a wonderful week, well done Class 3.

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

Class 4 have made an excellent start back this week. We have all really enjoyed exploring our new English text 'Flotsam' by David Weisner, a superbly illustrated picture book that explores viewpoint and description. In Art, we looked at the works by David Hockney creating visual notes on his famous piece 'the big splash' among many others.

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

We have had a great first week back. The children have returned to school with fantastic attitudes, ready to embrace everything the Spring Term has to offer. We have started reading our new book in English- A word in your Ear. In art, we explored activism and how artists convey messages through their artwork.

# Celebration

**Reader of the week...**



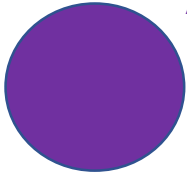
**Class 1 Ben**  
**Class 2 Nora**  
**Class 3 Brodie**  
**Class 5 Noah**

**Stars of the Week**



**Reception Erin**  
**Year 1 Indi**  
**Year 2 Lucas**  
**Year 3 Jack**

**Year 4 Alice**  
**Year 5 Rose**  
**Year 6 Zach**



## Anne-Marie's Purple Plate Award

This week's Purple Plate winners are... **Annie B, Alfie B, Brodie W and Alberta B**

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 – more to be added in the new year

Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	KS2 and Y3	Monica's Music Assembly @ 10am Parents of music lesson children welcome
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	KS2	Barn Owl Trust Visit to school
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Reception and Y6	NCMP – National Height and Weight Measurements – Form to be sent to parents next week
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole School	NSPCC Number Day – wear something with a number on!
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	TBC	Federation Netball Event
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	TBC	Federation Cross Country Event
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	TBC	Federation Rounders Event
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Whole School	Sports Day

## 2026 Residentials

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Year 5	Residential
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 3	Extended Day Trip
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4	Residential
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June – Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6	Residential

# Easter

## at Buckfast Abbey

Help pupils to learn about Easter by taking part in one of our seasonal workshops

Prices: £4.25 half day  
£5.25 full day

### Threads of Easter

(KS2)



Learn about the events of Holy week and why Easter is so important to Christians.

Explore the Abbey Church and grounds.

Create an Easter craft to take away.

Each pupil will make their own key chain of the Easter story to take home.

### A Donkey's Tale

(KS1)



Learn about the events of Holy week through the eyes of the donkey that carried Jesus into Jerusalem.

Explore the Abbey Church and grounds.

Create an Easter craft to take away.

Each pupil will take home a donkey toy.

### A Journey Through Lent

(KS1/KS2)



Learn how Christians use Lent to prepare for Easter and why it matters.

Explore Lenten traditions, the Abbey Church and grounds.

Create a Lent/Easter craft to take away.

Each pupil will take home a mini labyrinth.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU THIS EASTER

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