



# Loddiswell Primary School Newsletter Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers, what a week we've had at Loddiswell Primary School — it's fair to say the rain has well and truly made itself at home! Puddles have appeared overnight, wellies have been working overtime, and Dry Robes have become an essential part of the school uniform. We've had a fantastic time learning all about the nature around us this week – please see information boxes below to see what we've been up to!

Next week our Eco Council will be taking part in the RSPB Big Schools Bird Watch. If your child is in the Eco Council and would like to bring their binoculars into school, please ensure they are labelled and brought into school on Thursday.

**To donate to the NSPCC for numbers day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February, please follow this link: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/donate/> please note, we will NOT be accepting cash donations at school.**

*Next Week!*

Date	Event
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	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 <b>NCMP – Height and weight measurements for Reception and Year 6</b>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Lego Club 3.30-4.15 Year 5 Residential
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO FOREST SCHOOL</b> <b>NO YOGA CLUB</b> SATS Club 3.30-4.15 <b>Polar Explorers Dress up day for Reception</b>
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 5 return from Residential Swimming Year 5 & 6 NSPCC Number day – Wear something with numbers on.

## Preschool News

This week in Preschool, our Sign of the Week has been the letter **T**. The children have been busy practising the sign and spotting words that begin with 'T' in their everyday play. Our learning has linked perfectly with our topic of transport, with a special focus on buses! The children have enjoyed talking about different types of transport, playing with vehicles, and sharing their own experiences of bus journeys. There has been lots of excitement, imaginative play, and great conversation as the children explored how buses help people get around.



### **Class 1 – Reception. PE Days: Monday and Friday.**

This week has been another busy one in Reception! We've been continuing to learn about the Arctic, looking at maps and counting animals on the different continents and even using materials to design our own explorer outfits. The highlight of the week- the Barn Owl Trust brought Bailey to visit and we learned about what and how he eats and even watched him fly around the hall, showing off his golden brown and white feathers. We were very excited and wanted to all draw and label our own Barn Owls... the results were very impressive - please look on Tapestry!

**Polar Explorer Dress up day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb – please come to school dressed up as explorers! Preferably linked to the artic. Think ski goggles/gloves and hats!**

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

In English we have been planning and writing a shared version of our text 'A Mouse Called Julian' in preparation for planning and writing our very own versions next week. Fabulous use of adjectives and conjunctions to make our sentences more exciting!

In Maths we have begun to explore odd and even numbers, spotting patterns in numbers and 'skip counting' in odd and even numbers. In Science, we furthered our understanding of materials and their properties and created a Carroll diagram on the floor of our classroom to demonstrate how materials can have more than one property.

Have a wonderful weekend, fingers crossed for a respite from the rain!

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

This week, Class 3 have written up their completed fantasy stories and I have been so impressed with the focus and pride in their work that they have shown. They are all budding story-tellers! In music, we found the beat in Queen's 'We Will Rock You' and discussed what we could hear and what we liked about rock music. In science, Year 2 investigated different materials for absorbency. Meanwhile Year 3 classified animals according to diet, so it was fantastic to have the chance to meet Bailey from the Barn Owl Trust as well as the visiting lambs this week.

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

Class 4 have had a wonderful week. In history we learnt when the early Islamic empire started and where in the world it conquered. In maths the Year 5's took their learning outside to explore the area of the playground. the Year 4's have been using the 'distributive law' to solve multiplication problems. Please ask them to explain this at home. Well done!

### **Class 5 – Year Six. PE Day: Mondays.**

Class 5 finished their collages in art this week and thoroughly enjoyed making patterns from different types of paper- next week they will begin thinking about issues that are important to them. In English, the children have completed their ghostly progress writes! They have loved getting to write stories about ghosts and I am excited to read them.

### Lambs came to visit!

A huge thank you to Fliss, Thomas, Arla and Stanley for kindly bringing some of their adorable little lambs into school for the children to meet. This very special visit gave the children and staff a fantastic hands-on learning experience that they will remember for a long time.

The children were thrilled to have the opportunity to feed the lambs, gently cuddle them, and observe them up close. They learned lots of fascinating facts about lambs, including how they are cared for on the farm and how their wool is used to make everyday items we use and wear. There were plenty of smiles, excitement, and thoughtful questions throughout the session, showing just how engaged and curious the children were. One child asked to have one as a school pet!!



### Bailey The Barn Owl

This week, we were delighted to welcome the Barn Owl Trust to our school for a very special visit. They brought along Bailey the barn owl, who quickly captured everyone's attention! The children had a fantastic opportunity to learn all about barn owls, including their habitats, diet, and the important role they play in the environment. Seeing Bailey up close was an unforgettable experience and helped bring learning to life in a truly exciting way. The session also highlighted the vital conservation work carried out by the Barn Owl Trust and helped the children understand how we can all play a part in protecting wildlife. A big thank you to the Barn Owl Trust for such an informative and memorable visit — and of course to Bailey, who was an absolute star!



# Celebration



## Reader of the week...

**Class 1 Reggie**  
**Class 2 Madoc**  
**Class 3 Oscar**  
**Class 4 Annie**  
**Class 5 Will**

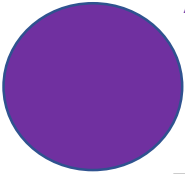
## Stars of the Week



**Reception Dylan**  
**Year 1 Madoc**  
**Year 2 Alfie**  
**Year 3 Thomas S**

**Year 4 Matvii**  
**Year 5 Joey**  
**Year 6 Lola**

## Anne-Marie's Purple Plate Award



This week's Purple Plate winners are... **Arthur Wo, Annabel, Millie and Ben**

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

Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception Parents only	Open classroom @ 3.15pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	KS1 @ 3.45-4.30pm KS2 @ 4.45-5.45pm	PTFA School Disco
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole School	Finish for half term
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Whole School	Return to school
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Everyone	PTFA Easter Eggstravaganza
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Whole School	Sports Day
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Everyone	PTFA Big Breakfast

## 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



Tuck shop -  
5 items  
for £1!

# School Disco



Party clothes  
or  
fancy dress!

Glitter  
Tattoos!

FRIDAY

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FEBRUARY

**3.45 - 4.30PM KS1 (INCLUDING YR3)**



**4.45 - 5.45PM KS2**



**£3 PER CHILD  
INCLUDES HOT DOG AND DRINK**



**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM  
RECEPTION  
OR VIA THE QR CODE**

