



Loddiswell Primary School Newsletter Friday 6th March 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers, the Gym and Dance show was a wonderful success, and we were incredibly proud of all the children who took part. A special thank you goes to Mrs Meek for her hard work in organising the event, as well as to the children and their parents for their support in making it such an enjoyable occasion.

The children (and staff!) looked fantastic as we celebrated World Book Day on Thursday. We hope everyone enjoys choosing a new book with their World Book Day vouchers and continues to share a love of reading. Thank you to everyone who brought in books for the book swap, we now have a lovely range of books for your children to swap within their classes.



A big thank you to Avon Mill Garden Centre, for supplying some compost for our Eco Club – we can't wait to get planting!

Hair Tied Back and Head Lice Checks



We kindly ask that all children with long hair have it tied back during the school day. Keeping hair tied up can help reduce close contact between hair, which is one of the main ways head lice spread.

Head lice are very common among primary school children and can spread quickly through close contact. We encourage parents and carers to check their child's hair regularly using a fine-toothed comb and to treat promptly if any lice or eggs (nits) are found. Regular checking and early treatment help to prevent lice spreading further within the school community.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep everyone comfortable and focused on learning.

Summer Club 2026

We're excited to be planning ahead for a **Summer Club 2026** and would love to know who might be interested. The club would run **two days a week**, open to children from **Reception to Year 6**, with lots of fun activities throughout the day.



The cost would be **£35 per day**. Open 8am-4pm

If this sounds like something your child would enjoy, please share your interest with us by emailing or speaking to the school office. We need at least 11 children in order to make this club happen!

This year, we will be celebrating **Comic Relief** on **Friday 20th March**. Children should come to school in their **usual uniform**, with a fun **touch of red** to mark the occasion. Please note that taking part is completely optional. We hope to raise as much as possible to support the incredible work of Comic Relief. If you would prefer to donate online, please use the following link:



https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd26-loddiswell-primary-school-453dac1c-4236-4a0e-b873-5ad00661901f?utm_source=SFMC&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=BCJ_CR_RNDPS_26_Activate_Day7_NonAct&mi_u=51933179&mi_ecmp=BCJ_CR_RNDPS_26_Activate_Day7_NonAct



School Council- Comic Relief Cake Bake Sale

Our wonderful School Council will be hosting a Comic Relief cake bake sale on **Friday 20th March** in the school hall from **3.45pm**.

Cakes will be priced between **50p and £1**, so please bring some change.

All money raised will go directly to Comic Relief.

Next Week!

Date	Event
Monday 9th March	A4A Football Club – https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/achieve4all-football-club-ks12-loddiswell-monday-kingsbridge-64ff786c-1f3a-4e2c-80c1-88e97acd6f4f Eco Club 3.30-4.15 Colouring Club 3.30-4.15
Tuesday 10th	
Wednesday 11th	Sight Test (Reception) Lego Club 3.30-4.15
Thursday 12th	Yoga Club 3.30-4.15 SATs Club 3.30-4.15
Friday 13th	

SEND COFFEE AFTERNOON

Coffee Afternoon with SENDCo

Wednesday 18th March 2.30pm. All parents welcome.

Come along to an informal catch up with the SENDCo to hear key updates, signposts to support and discuss how children with SEND are supported at Loddiswell.



Preschool News

This term we have been exploring the exciting themes of dinosaurs and life on the farm. The children have been enjoying the sunshine with plenty of outdoor play, including drawing with chalk, building sandcastles in the sandpit, and exploring our dinosaur and farmyard sensory trays.

To help develop fine motor skills and strengthen pencil grip, the children have been taking part in activities such as playing with playdough and lots of colouring. These activities support the early skills needed for writing.

Our sound of the week is “P”, and the children have been practising recognising and saying the sound in different words and activities.



Class 1 – Reception. PE Days: Monday and Friday. Thursday PM Forest School

This week in Reception, the highlight has been World Book Day. We all looked fabulous in our book character costumes, many complete with props. Mrs Freeman told us a story including all of our book characters then many of us felt inspired to perform this story and their own made-up stories on our stage outside. We did a character hunt in a selection of books and many of us then chose to spend time in our Book Nook exploring the books further. The day was topped off by the treat of Year 6 coming in to share stories with us.

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

Thank you for all your hard work with costumes for World Book Day, the children looked magnificent and a wonderful day was had by all! This week we have been exploring technical vocabulary in English, linked to our non-fiction book all about the 'Ocean'. We have found out the

meaning of unfamiliar words and also explored synonyms. In Maths we have continued to explore the concept of addition, using the 'counting on method' to solve trickier calculations that bridge 10. In History, we found out all about the Wright Brothers who successfully flew the first aeroplane, we really enjoyed finding out about their lives and how their perseverance paid off! Please can I remind you about the importance of practising the weekly spellings and reading daily at home. Thank you for your support with this. Wishing you all a wonderful, dry weekend.

Class 3 – Year Two & Three. PE Days: Monday and Fridays. Year 2 Forest School Thursday PM – come to school in forest clothes and spare shoes.

In Class 4 this week, we had a go at writing biographies using facts we learnt about the life of Roald Dahl. We discovered that not only was he a writer, but a fighter pilot and a spy as well! We also started to explore our new class text, *Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World*, learning about Rosa Parks, Mary Anning, Marie Curie and Coco Chanel. We are looking forward to finishing the rest next week. In science, Year 3 set up an experiment to test the effect of light on plant growth, while Year 2 got very busy sawing and drilling at forest school. Thank you to everyone for their fabulous enthusiasm and costumes on World Book Day.

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

This week, Class 4 created artwork inspired by our English text *Where My Wellies Take Me*. The children paired their pieces with thoughtful, imaginative poems that captured ideas about oak trees. In history, we explored the fascinating world of early Islamic medicine. The class learned about three key ideas developed by early Islamic doctors — careful observation, organised hospitals, and the importance of hygiene — and discovered how these ideas still shape modern medicine today.

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

I have been very impressed with the children's descriptive writing skills in English; using vivid language to create emotion and persuasion when talking about our planet. It was fantastic to see so many brilliant costumes and creativity during World Book Day and the children loved being able to pair up with Class 1 to share some favourite stories. The children engaged in some fantastic conversation surrounding forced migration in geography, exploring why people have to leave their homes and the impacts it may have.

Parents Evening – Monday 30th March – Thursday 2nd April

	Monday 30th	Tuesday 31st	Wednesday 1st	Thursday 2nd
Class 1	Mrs Kirkham		Mrs Freeman	
Class 2	Mrs Shuttleworth	Mrs Shuttleworth		
Class 3	Mrs Clark	Mrs Clark		Mrs Clark
Class 4		Mrs Meek	Mrs Dunton	
Class 5	Miss Priest	Miss Priest		

You can book your appointments via MCAS from 6pm this evening or by calling the school office from Monday. The deadline for booking is **Thursday 26th March**, unfortunately, we cannot accept any bookings after this date.

If you are unable to attend on these dates, contact the school office after the Easter break to arrange a meeting with your child's class teacher. If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch.

Celebration

Stars of the Week



Reception Paddy
Year 1 Roma
Year 2 Ewan
Year 3 James PW

Year 4 Alfie B
Year 5 Isaac
Year 6 Georgia

Reader of the week...



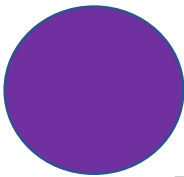
Class 1 Brodie
Class 2 Fern
Class 3 Seb
Class 5 Jake

Writer of the week....



KS1: Artemis
KS2: James HW

Anne-Marie's Purple Plate Award



This week's Purple Plate winners are... **Jessica, Albie, Cora and Grayson**

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

Friday 20th March	Whole School	Comic Relief – Red Nose Day
Monday 30th March – Thursday 2nd April	Whole School	Parents evening – please see timetable above and book via MCAS.
Thursday 2nd April	Whole School	Last Day of Spring Term
Friday 3rd April	Everyone	PTFA Easter Eggstravaganza-Loddiswell Primary School
Monday 20th April	Whole School	Return from Easter Break
Monday 4th May	Whole School	Bank Holiday
Monday 11th-14th May	Year 6	SAT's Week
Monday 18th & 19th May	Year 6	Sailing
Friday 3rd July	Whole School	Sports Day
Saturday 3rd October	Everyone	PTFA Big Breakfast

2026 Residentials

Monday 20th April	Year 3	Extended Day Trip
Wednesday 10th - Thursday 11th June	Year 4	Residential
Monday 22nd June – Wednesday 24th June	Year 6	Residential