



Loddiswell Primary School Newsletter  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers, it's been a lovely sunny week at school, and we've made the most of the warm weather by playing outside.

Across the school, it has been a busy and productive week. The children have shown great enthusiasm in their lessons, and it has been wonderful to see their confidence and independence continuing to grow. We are particularly proud of the positive attitudes and kindness being shown in and around school.

As we move forward, we hope the good weather continues so we can keep making the most of our outdoor spaces. Please remember to send your children to school with a named water bottle and apply sunscreen before school.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support—we hope you all have a restful and enjoyable long weekend.



**Whatsapp Online Safety:**

<https://www.loddiswellprimaryschool.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=623&type=pdf>

**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.

*Next Week!*

Date	Event
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Return to school
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Netball Club 15.30-16.15 Dance Club 15.30-16.15 Lego Club 15.30-16.15
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	SATS CLUB 15.30-16.15 Art Club 15.30-16.15
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	

## KCC Open mornings for Year 4 and 5

Please see information below inviting you and your year 4/5 child, to an open morning at KCC. Please inform the school office if you plan to attend, so we can ensure their absence is marked as authorised.

**Thursday 4th June- 9.30am – 11.00am**

**Friday 12th June- 9.30am – 11.00am**

please also see the link below to the booking form:

<https://www.kingsbridgecollege.org.uk/369/open-events>

## Preschool News

We've been making the most of the lovely weather this week, spending lots of time outdoors enjoying the sunshine and fresh air. The children have particularly loved our garden activities, including water play, where there has been plenty of splashing, pouring and exploring. Our learning has been centred around the story Goldilocks and the three bears. As part of this the children have had great fun making and tasting their own porridge- just like in the story! It was a wonderful sensory experience, and everyone enjoyed talking about textures, temperatures, and of course whether " it was too hot, too cold, or just right!" We also got creative by making our own playdough, which the children have been using to shape, mould and bring their ideas to life.

It has been a fantastic week full of hands-on learning, imagination, and outdoor fun. Have a fantastic weekend everyone and see you next week!

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

This week in Reception we have continued with our farming and growing topic. We have been measuring capacity by comparing amounts soil in pots and using different vessels to collect water and we have been comparing lengths of different beanstalks, making towers and comparing sticks at Forest school. Forest school was great fun this week as we collaborated to build a giant den! In English, we have been looking at the growth cycle of a bean seed including writing instructions on how to grow them. As creative activities, we have made observational drawings of flowers and made fruit and vegetable heads out of plasticine - another busy week!

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

This week has been another busy one. The children have explored new concepts in Maths, using their knowledge of number bonds and applying this to numbers above 10. We have continued to explore 'Augustus and His Smile' in English and, as a class, we have begun to write a new version, based on Sid the Seagull and his lost Squawk! In Art, we have explored birds in greater detail, focussing on feathers and exploring techniques to make our sketches more realistic- the children have produced some beautifully accurate drawings of a variety of feathers! Wishing you a wonderful long weekend.

**\*\*Plea for discreet help\*\***

**As part of our next English text, I am planning to engage the children with a hook prior to introducing the book! I will be setting up an 'alien crash site' for the children to discover! If anybody has any tubing, old wires or 'metal spaceship' looking bits and bobs lying around I would be very grateful if you drop them off discreetly at the office over the next week. Please keep this quiet from the children so as not to spoil the surprise!!**

## Class 3 – Year Two & Three. PE Days: Monday and Fridays. Year 3 Thursday PM Forest School

This week in science, Year 2 have had fun learning about solids and gases - with a little help from a balloon. Meanwhile, in maths the Year 3's have started their work on fractions by cutting and overlaying parts of shapes to investigate equal and unequal parts of a whole. We have begun our new work on the Ancient Greeks and the children are already

making links with our class text which is set in that time. Some lovely learning, well done Class 3.

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

This week in Class 4, the children have worked very hard and shown real enthusiasm for our new units. In English, the class enjoyed creating their own comic strips based on a summary of a classic novel of their choice. They had great fun turning well-known stories into illustrated scenes, using speech bubbles and expressive dialogue to bring characters to life. It was wonderful to see how confidently they retold key moments and experimented with layout, humour and creativity. In History, we began our new unit on local history, focusing on Loddiswell. The children explored the impact of the railway line on the village.

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

Year 6 have had a fabulous week writing this week. We have been focusing on noun phrases and similes which has led to some remarkable descriptive writes. In PE, we teamed up with Class 1 to prepare for Sports Day and it was lovely to see so much kindness and encouragement and teamwork.

## Celebration

### Stars of the Week



Reception Otilie  
Year 1 Bodhi  
Year 2 Wilf  
Year 3 Jack

Year 4 Oscar R  
Year 5 Isaac  
Year 6 Georgia



### Reader of the week...

Class 1 Freya  
Class 2 Nemi  
Class 3 Robin  
Class 4 Rose  
Class 5 Will



### Writer of the week....

KS1: Fern and Oscar D  
KS2: Zach

Yours sincerely,

Tess Coulthard

Executive Head Teacher

Lucinda Kirkham  
Head of School

## Diary Dates



<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Whole School	Bank Holiday
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6	SAT's Week
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> &amp; 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6	Sailing
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Whole School	Careers Day – more info to come!
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Whole School	Year Group Photos
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Whole School	Sports Day
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6	Singing Paddles – more info to come!
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	Everyone	PTFA Big Breakfast

## 2026 Residentials

<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 4	Residential
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 6	Residential