



Loddiswell Primary School Newsletter Friday 8th May 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers, we've been very lucky with the beautiful weather this week — let's hope it lasts over the weekend! The children have had a wonderful week in school, working hard and enjoying lots of exciting learning opportunities across all year groups. A special mention goes to our Year 6 pupils, who have been busy preparing for their SATs next week. We are incredibly proud of all their hard work, determination and positive attitude, and we wish them the very best of luck. This afternoon, we had a fantastic time celebrating David Attenborough's 100th birthday, with activities and discussions inspired by his incredible work and passion for the natural world. It was a lovely way to end another successful week at school!

Please read diary dates below as there is a change in date for Sports Day – Thank you.

Next Week!

Date	Event
Monday 11 th May	Year 6 SATS Week A4A Football club
Tuesday 12 th	
Wednesday 13 th	Netball Club 15.30-16.15 Dance Club 15.30-16.15 Lego Club 15.30-16.15
Thursday 14 th	NO SATS CLUB Art Club 15.30-16.15
Friday 15 th	

Careers Day – Exploring Future Possibilities! Friday 22nd May

We are excited to be hosting a special Careers Day at school! Throughout the day, a variety of visitors from different professions will be joining us to talk about their careers, experiences, and the pathways that helped them achieve their goals.

To make the day even more exciting, we encourage all children to come to school dressed as the career they would like to have when they grow up. Whether they dream of becoming a Farmer, Engineer, Artist, Teacher, Scientist, Athlete, Chef, or anything else, we can't wait to see their ideas and ambitions brought to life! This event is designed to inspire children, broaden their understanding of the many opportunities available to them, and show them the endless possibilities for their future. We hope it will encourage curiosity, ambition, and confidence as they begin to think about their own aspirations. A massive thank you to all those who have already volunteered and committed to a time slot. Thank you to those who are trying to juggle to fit us in. There are a few slots left so please contact the school or PTFA if you have any more ideas or can recommend someone. Thank you.



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

This week at preschool we have been exploring the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and the children have thoroughly enjoyed immersing themselves in the tale through a variety of fun and engaging activities. The children have loved retelling their own versions of the story using props, role play and their wonderful imaginations — we have heard some very creative ideas about what might be at the top of the beanstalk! Our sound of the week has been the letter **G**. The children have been practising recognising the sound, exploring words beginning with G and joining in with games and activities to help support their early phonics development. We have also been learning some simple sign language together, including *please*, *good morning*, *thank you* and *help*. The children have shown great enthusiasm and have been enjoying using the signs during play and daily routines. Outdoors, the children have been busy planting their own beans and learning about how plants grow. They have also been having lots of fun in the mud kitchen, mixing, pouring and creating imaginative “recipes” together whilst developing their social and communication skills. It has been a lovely week full of storytelling, creativity and hands-on learning.

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

This week has been another busy one in Reception. We have been learning all about the origins of food and have written about where different foods come from; this culminated in us making dough which we baked into bread on a fire at forest school. We each brought a stick back so we could use our maths vocabulary to discuss and order them by length. In maths we have also been learning about number bonds to 5 and made 5-piece fruit kebabs using two different fruits to practice what we had learnt. The highlight of the week was Erin bringing in 16 sunflower plants that she had grown from seed with her Grannie, one for each of us to plant so we spent time planting them in a raised bed on Friday afternoon! It will be exciting to see who's grows the tallest! We have continued to impress Mrs Freeman with our resilience in completing 'caterpillar challenges' and our excitement about learning very day! Don't forget to check out Tapestry for pictures of what we've been learning!

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

What a wonderful week we have had! We have written some incredible stories with humour, structure and wonderfully descriptive sentences... We are looking forward to sharing our creations with Reception during a story time next week. In Maths we have focussed on doubling and halving- Playing lots of games to embed our knowledge and using our knowledge of smaller doubles to aid us finding doubles above 10. This week we have thoroughly enjoyed working as a team to create a beautiful collage to celebrate Sir David Attenborough turning 100. We linked this to our work in history and explored what life may have been like when Sir David was younger. On a slightly different note, I have been one very proud teacher this week; numerous members of staff have commented on how polite, thoughtful and respectful the whole of Year 1 are and that makes me very happy indeed!

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

This week, Class 3 have been finding out about the Alps, thinking about why tourists might visit and the different summer and winter activities they offer. We have classified the physical and human features of a particular area and discovered some of the things the region is famous for. Today, we have celebrated Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday, discussing the importance and impact of his work and creating a wonderful shared artwork as part of the whole school collage. Lovely work Class 3.

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

This week we were delighted to welcome Liz Montague to our school to help us celebrate our fantastic sponsored walk and the amazing amount of money we raised for the Wildlife Trust- Over £300. Liz spoke to the children about the importance of protecting local wildlife and praised them for their enthusiasm, teamwork and commitment during the walk.



The children were excited to share their experiences with her and to learn more about how their fundraising will support habitats and animals in our area. A huge well done to everyone who took part and to all families who supported the event. We are incredibly proud of our school community. Thank you!

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

Year 6 have been very busy this week in their final preparations for SATS next week. They have shown continued determination and resilience and I hope they take this attitude into next week. We have also been busy continuing with our English unit Blackberry Blue and have begun creating ideas for our shared write. Please can I ask that the children bring in a shoe box-sized cardboard box by Monday 18th May ready for our art project- thank you to those who have already done so.

Year 6 are all invited to join us for breakfast Monday – Thursday next week at 08.30am.

Celebration

Stars of the Week



Reception Thomas
Year 1 Oliver
Year 2 Willow P
Year 3 Thomas

Year 4 Alfie B
Year 5 Ella
Year 6 Lola



Reader of the week...

Class 1 Bonnie
Class 2 Poppy
Class 3 Seb
Class 4 Jacob

Yours sincerely,

T. Coulthard

Tess Coulthard

Executive Head Teacher

Kirkham

Lucinda Kirkham

Head of School



Diary Dates

Monday 18th & 19th May	Year 6	Sailing
Friday 22nd May	Whole School	Careers Day – Dress up as your future career (Optional)
Tuesday 2nd June	Year 6	KCC Parents presentation @ Loddiswell 3.30-4.15pm
Tuesday 9th June	Whole School	Year Group Photos
Wednesday 1st July	Whole School	Sports Day
Tuesday 7th July	Year 6	Singing Paddles – more info to come!
Saturday 3rd October	Everyone	PTFA Big Breakfast

2026 Residentials

Wednesday 10th - Thursday 11th June	Year 4	Residential
Monday 22nd June – Wednesday 24th June	Year 6	Residential