



Loddiswell Primary School Newsletter
Friday 26th June 2026
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Dear Parents and Carers, what a hot week we've had! The children have been absolutely brilliant, showing resilience and enthusiasm despite hot weather. Thank you to everyone for helping them stay cool and prepared throughout the week.

Our Year 6 pupils had a fantastic time on their residential this week, enjoying activities including abseiling, coasteering and canoeing. They made wonderful memories together and represented our school brilliantly. If you'd like to see some of their adventures, please see our Federation Facebook page where we've shared some photos.

I am incredibly proud to share that Loddiswell is in the top 1% of schools nationally for attendance. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the commitment of our children, families and staff. A huge well done, Team Loddiswell!

We are looking forward to welcoming you all to our Sports Day on Wednesday. The doors will open at 1.10pm for a 1.30pm start. Our fantastic PTFA will be selling refreshments, so please bring cash or a card if you'd like to support their fundraising efforts.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, and we look forward to seeing you next week!

Next Week!

Date	Event
Monday 29th June	Colouring Club 15.30-16.15 ECO Club 15.30-16.15 A4A Football club - Summer term 2 link: https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/achieve4all-football-club-ks12-loddiswell-monday-kingsbridge-64ff786c-1f3a-4e2c-80c1-88e97acd6f4f
Tuesday 30th	Preschool Transition 2-3pm
Wednesday 1st July	Sports Day Doors open 13.10pm, 13.30pm start. Refreshments available from the PTFA please bring cash or card. No Rounders Club No Lego Club
Thursday 2nd	Art Club 15.30-16.15
Friday 3rd	Year 4/5/6 Federation Swimming Gala 13.30pm-15.15pm

Important – Dinner menu changes

Please note we have had to cancel all prebooked school meals on Thursdays and Fridays until the end of term due to a change in the menu choices. You will need to rebook these meals. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

UPCOMING ROAD CLOSURE

Please note that Devon Highways will be carrying out patching works from Sorley Green Cross to Newbridge Cross Loddiswell between Monday 6th – Friday 17th July 2026 (Weekdays only). For approximately the first 4 days the road will be closed 24/7 after that, the road will be closed from 07.30am to 16.00pm and reopened at night. Please ensure you leave plenty of time for morning drop offs and afternoon pick ups from school.

More information: <https://one.network/?tmi=GB43753571>

A Message from the PTFA..

If you're a parent or carer, chances are you're already juggling work, family life and about seventeen different WhatsApp groups so joining the PTFA might feel like one thing too many. However, one of the biggest myths about joining is that you'll suddenly find yourself running every school event, baking 500 cakes and spending your weekends buried in spreadsheets. The reality is very different.

Maybe you can spare an hour at an event. Maybe you can put posters up around the village. Maybe you can sell raffle tickets, move a few tables, or simply share ideas. Every contribution counts, no matter how small and the more people who get involved, the less each person has to do. **We're looking for help with the events we run each year** to raise money and make the children's experience at school even more special. So far this year we've been able to support travel for school trips, the hoodies for the year 6 leavers, and equipment for pre-school. Not every week. Not every event. Just when you can.

If you are interested in helping the PTFA, please contact any of the current team below or email Loddiswellptfa@gmail.com:

Tor Wills

Harriet Jackson

Kirsty Sproson

Clara Hewitt

Emily Davies

Rhianna Howden

Sophie Elliott Smerdon



Preschool News

What a scorcher of a week we've had!

This week at Preschool we have been exploring our topics 'whats outside?' and 'all creatures great and small'. We have been talking lots about the weather and the impact it can have on different creatures. The children enjoyed discussing which animals might love the hot weather and which might prefer the cooler conditions. We have also been making sure everyone stays safe in the heat by enjoying lots of water play and taking regular hydration breaks. Our Rising fives also took part in their first transition afternoon on Wednesday. We are so proud of them all- they were fantastic, showing confidence, enthusiasm and excellent listening skills as they begin to prepare for their exciting move to reception.

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend, and thank you all for your continued support.

Lisa, Jess, Kelly and Tanya.

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

This week in the heat we've been doing our best to keep cool by doing lots of water play and imagining ourselves as pirates sailing the oceans. We've learnt a little about the continents of Europe and Asia; we have made Rangoli patterns with tissue paper from Asia and built European monuments using our construction materials. We got the bikes out to practice our skills, even learning the rules of the road and how we must stop at

zebra crossings. We have also been thinking about and drawing places that are special to us and went to visit the church and the park on Friday. In maths we have been practising our doubles to 10. In English we've been brainstorming and writing questions to ask pirates and have continued with our pirate stories.

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

What a hot, hot, hot week it has been! In English, we have begun our new text, *Stella and the Seagull*, and the children have been enjoying exploring the story and its characters. We have also been investigating plurals and learning the rules for when to add -s and when to add -es. We have also had some very exciting wildlife visitors right above our heads which has linked beautifully to our English text! History was great fun this week! The children stepped into the world of Tudor house hunting as they visited Mrs S's Tudor Estate Agents. They explored the features of both urban and rural Tudor houses and then had the very important job of choosing which house they would buy. They had to justify their choices by explaining the features they liked and their reasons — we certainly have some budding Tudor property experts in Year 1! There is also huge excitement in Year 1 as our lotus flower seeds have produced lily pads! The children have been eagerly watching their plants develop, and they are now ready to be transferred into our very own makeshift classroom pond. Watch this space for more updates on our pond adventures!

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

Class 3 have made it through the heat this week! They have been tremendous tackling some end of year assessments in spite of the weather so a huge well done. We have started to learn about food hygiene ready for our DT project of using a range of techniques to make sandwiches - we have planned to hold a teddy bears picnic before the end of term - so it might be nice to start thinking about different fillings. Have a cool and refreshing weekend!

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

This week, Class 4 have been busy becoming mystery writers. The children have really enjoyed writing the opening paragraph of their own mystery stories, each one centred around a strange and mysterious creature. Using suspenseful language and fronted adverbial phrases, they created some wonderfully atmospheric beginnings that kept us all guessing what might happen next.

Class 5 – Year Six. PE Day: Wednesday and Friday. Thursday AM Forest School

What a brilliant week for Year 6. We had a fantastic time on our residential at Grenville House this week and the children absolutely did themselves proud. They all gave everything a go, showed some amazing resilience and did everything with a smile on their faces! Enjoy some much-needed sleep this weekend!

Celebration

Stars of the Week



Reception Paddy
Year 1 Indi
Year 2 Ewan
Year 3 John

Year 4 Raef
Year 5 Drew
Year 6 Will

Reader of the week...



Class 1 Erin
Class 2 Artemis
Class 3 Robin

Yours sincerely,

Tess Coulthard

Executive Head Teacher

Lucinda Kirkham
Head of School

Diary Dates



Tuesday 7th July	Year 6	Singing Paddles – more info in letter!
Wednesday 8th July	Preschool	Trip – See letter
Thursday 9th July	Preschool	Parents presentation and Food tasting. 2pm for children and 2.45pm for Parents.
Thursday 16th July	Reception and Y1	Trip – see letter
Friday 17th July	Year 6 Whole School	Leavers Assembly – Y6 parents welcome 9.15am Break up for Summer
Saturday 3rd October	Everyone	PTFA Big Breakfast
W/C 23rd November	Year 5	Bikeability

JULY 2026

Sustainability & Nature Events

IN THE SOUTH HAMS & BEYOND

Connect • Learn • Repair • Restore • Take Action

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Summer
Holiday
Events for
the family

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JULY

Rockpool Safari with Devon Wildlife Trust

Wembury Marine Centre, Church Road,
Wembury, Devon, PL9 0HP

2.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

One of their expert team will take you on a guided rockpool safari to meet and learn about some of Wembury's most famous inhabitants, from crabs to starfish and everything in between.

Open to all ages, but all children must be accompanied by a paying adult.

Cost: £6.47 per adult/child

Booking: www.wemburymarinecentre.org/



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JULY

Stover Wildlife Walk

Stover Country Park,
Newton Abbot TQ12 6QG

10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Join them for a ranger led walk to enjoy the varied habitats and wildlife within the Park.

Cost: £4.50 per adult/child

Booking: www.devon.gov.uk/stovercountrypark/visitor-information/location



ALL
WEEK

Room on the Broom Trail

Haldon Forest Park, Bullers Hill, Kennford,
Exeter, EX6 7XR

Opening times on website.

This interactive family trail is packed with Room on the Broom themed activities, fascinating forest facts and plenty of hands-on fun. As you explore, help Witch find her lost hat, bow and wand, and collect the special ingredients she needs to complete her spell – but watch out for Dragon along the way!

Cost: Trail Packs £4

Booking: www.forestryengland.uk/haldon-forest-park/room-on-the-broom



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Guided Tour of Lower Manor Farm with National Trust Ranger

Meet at the National Trust car park,
Ayrmer Cove, Ringmore, TQ2 4HW

6.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.

Join a National Trust ranger for a guided tour of Lower Manor Farm, an important working coastal farm.

FREE

Booking: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/devon/wembury/events



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Home & Allotment Composting Workshop with Sustainable South Hams

10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

School Farm CSA, Dartington, TQ9 6EB

A session looking at practical ways to turn kitchen and garden scraps into nutritious compost. You will be looking at principles and different approaches to composting, and how to apply them to different materials, small-scale composting equipment and how to deal with common challenges. Suitable for beginners and more experienced composters alike.

FREE

Booking: www.sush.org/events/home-and-allotment-composting-workshop-weekend-session



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Kingsbridge Repair Café

10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Kingsbridge Care Hub
(beside Quay House, next to the library)

FREE – Donations Welcome

Take your broken items to be fixed by our volunteers.

- Small & medium electrical items
- Bike maintenance
- Tool sharpening & handle repair
- Sewing repairs

On Facebook, see our page Kingsbridge Repair Café for up-to-date info on upcoming dates.



EVERY
FRIDAY

1.30 p.m. –
3.30 p.m.



ShareShed Kingsbridge Town Square, TQ7 1HS

People can borrow all sorts of useful things from its library, ranging from tools, house appliances, camping and gardening equipment, sewing machines, and much more, at a low cost.

Become a member, find item & reserve,
pick-up and return.



Tools

Household
Appliances

Camping
Equipment

Gardening
Equipment

Sewing
Machines

...and
much
more!

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