



Dear Parents and Carers, we've had a wonderful week enjoying the sunshine!

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to support our Sports Day. It was fantastic to see so many families cheering the children on, and we were incredibly proud of every child for their enthusiasm, determination and sportsmanship. It was a wonderful afternoon enjoyed by all.

A big thank you also goes to our PTFA for organising the refreshments, and to Omar for kindly providing the ice lollies, which were a very welcome treat in the warm weather! We finished the week with the Federation Swimming Gala. Our children were excited to represent the school, and we wish them the very best of luck. We look forward to sharing the results with you in next week's newsletter.

As we head into the final few weeks of term, we have lots of exciting trips and activities planned. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for any updates or reminders. I appreciate that some families are still experiencing issues with MCAS; however, our newsletter is also available every Friday on the school website.

The warm weather looks set to continue next week, so please ensure your child comes to school each day with a named sun hat and a named water bottle. Please apply sunscreen before school, and if your child needs to reapply during the day, they are welcome to bring a labelled bottle of sunscreen with them to use at lunchtime. We will also be monitoring the weather to assess whether trips will go ahead due to high temperatures expected.



We hope you all have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the lovely sunshine!

Next Week!

Date	Event – LODDISWELL ROAD CLOSED!
Monday 6th July	Preschool Open morning 09.15-10am (For children starting in September) 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 7th	Y6 Singing Paddles 08.50am-11.50am
Wednesday 8th	Preschool Trip Class 2 Wellie Walk – Letter sent home Rounders Club 15.30-16.15 Lego Club 15.30-16.15
Thursday 9th	Class 4 Wellie Walk – Letter sent home Preschool Transition 14.00-15.00pm Preschool Parents Presentation for rising 5s 14.45pm-15.00pm in the hall Art Club 15.30-16.15
Friday 10th	

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

This week in Preschool, we have continued with our United Curriculum topic, "All creatures great and small." Our focus has been on the Ocean and the wonderful creatures that live there, we have enjoyed talking together about the different sea creatures the children know and sharing stories about those they may have seen on beach days or trips to the aquarium.

The children have been busy getting creative and making a Fever of Stingrays for display in our setting and we have been making the most of the cooler morning with lots of outside play.

Our sound of the week has been D for Duck the children have been making the initial sound d and enjoyed talking and thinking about all the creatures they can name beginning with that sound.

We are also very much looking forward to welcoming our new children and families at our open morning on Monday 6th.

We cannot wait to meet you all and welcome you into our preschool setting.

Lisa, Jess, Kelly and Tanya 🌻



Class 1 – Reception. PE Days: Monday and Friday. NO Forest School

What a wonderful week we have had. The children have enjoyed reading their books and showing the new reception children the classroom. They have enjoyed being out in the sunshine and thoroughly enjoyed their first sports day! Apologies for the confusion with Forest School – I can confirm this has now finished for Reception for this term.

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

The highlight of our week was Sports Day on Wednesday. It was so special to watch every child shine in their own way. We were incredibly proud to see everyone try their very best, cheer each other on, and have so much fun. Seeing their determination, smiles, and kindness towards one another showed exactly what it means to be part of 'Team Loddiswell!' We have also been busy continuing our work on *Stell and the Seagull*. The children have truly embraced the important message about protecting our environment and have shown such compassion and care throughout our learning. They have written some incredible persuasive letters to our school community, encouraging everyone to put their plastic rubbish in the bin and help keep our world clean. We are now very much looking forward to our field trip next week, we can't wait to take our learning outdoors and discover even more about the wonderful world around us! Have a wonderful weekend!

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

This week Class 3 have been engineers! Taking inspiration from the Tamar and Tower bridges, they have worked to design their own bridges, writing sentences to explain how they work. We all enjoyed sports day, I was so proud of their wonderful support for each other and just how much effort and commitment they gave to each event, really well done! Year 3 had the opportunity to take part in a wonderful music workshop, run by the Kingsbridge music hub, while year 2 measured caterpillars (not real) and how high our tomato seedlings have grown (real!).

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

Class 4 have been busy completing their end-of-term assessments this week, and we are very proud of how hard they have worked. They have shown great focus, determination, and resilience throughout. In English, the children have been writing their own stories inspired by *The Iron Man*. Their ideas have been wonderfully imaginative, and I have really enjoyed reading the pieces they have produced so far. It has been fantastic to see them using descriptive language, building suspense, and creating their own mysterious characters. We look forward to sharing more of their brilliant work soon.

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

Class 5 have had another busy week. They spent Thursday at KCC getting to know their new school, teachers and friends. They came back very excited and full of stories and were especially excited to tell me all about what they had for lunch! We have spent lots of time outside this week and it has been lovely to see the children working together. Sports Day was a success and it was so nice to see all the children joining in with a smile on their face and helping the younger children too. **In order to do a science experiment next week, Mrs Meek has asked that all children bring in plastic bottles ready for Wednesday- any size – thank you!**

Celebration

Stars of the Week



Reception Brodie
Year 1 Oliver
Year 2 Raffy
Year 3 Jack

Year 4 Billy
Year 5 Arla
Year 6 Otto



Reader of the week...

Class 1 Luke
Class 2 Pepper
Class 3 Luna
Class 5 Georgia

Yours sincerely,

Tess Coulthard

Executive Head Teacher

Lucinda Kirkham
Head of School

Diary Dates



Wednesday 15th July	Whole School	Transition
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

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Connect • Learn • Repair • Restore • Take Action

LODDISWELL
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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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JULY

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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JULY

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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JULY

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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