

Loddiswell Primary School Newsletter
Friday 16th October 2026
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Dear Parents and Carers, with just one week to go until the half-term holiday, we would like to remind everyone of the importance of attending school every day. Our whole-school attendance target is **97%**, and every day really does count!

We look forward to welcoming you to our upcoming Parents' Evening. If you haven't booked an appointment yet, please do so via the MCAS app.

This week, we were delighted to welcome Emma from MYTE (Manage Your Thoughts and Emotions), who delivered a wellbeing workshop for the children. The session was fun, interactive and age-appropriate, introducing pupils to simple but powerful tools to help them manage their emotions and self-regulate when they feel overwhelmed, anxious or out of balance. It was a valuable opportunity for the children to develop strategies to support their emotional wellbeing.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding regarding the ongoing roadworks and the confusion surrounding the plans. We are still awaiting further clarity, but we will, of course, share any updates as soon as we receive them.

Goodluck to all our budding swimmers taking part in the Swimarathon this afternoon, we will update you next week with how they got on!

Finally, the weather is forecast to become wetter next week, so please ensure your child comes to school each day with a **named, waterproof coat**.

Thank you for your continued support, and we hope you have a lovely weekend!

Year 6 parents – Have you applied for secondary school yet?

What You Need to Do

- **Please ensure you apply by the 31st October 2026 via the Citizens Portal: Citizen Portal - Sign in**

"If your child has an EHCP, the LA will name their secondary school in Section I of their plan. Please do not complete the mainstream admissions application unless you are applying for a mainstream school in another LA. The SEN Team should explain the process at your child's Phase Transfer Review."

Key Dates

- **Application deadline: 31 October 2026**
- **National offer day: 1 March 2027**
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Why This Matters

Late applications may result in pupils missing out on preferred schools, especially in areas with high demand. By working together, we can ensure every child has the best chance of securing a suitable place for Year 7.
If you have any questions or need support, please contact the Devon School Admissions Team:

- **transferadmissions@devon.gov.uk**
- **0345 155 1019**

Federation Cross Country Event





On Thursday, our federation schools came together at Malborough Playing Fields for our fantastic Inter-Federation Cross Country event! It was wonderful to see so many pupils taking part, challenging themselves and supporting one another. The atmosphere was brilliant, with lots of enthusiasm, encouragement and a fabulous display of sportsmanship throughout the event.

A huge well done to all the children who participated, showing determination, resilience and team spirit. It was a great opportunity to bring our school communities together and celebrate a shared love of sport!
Thank you to everyone who helped organise and support such a successful event.

Preschool info



Happy Friday everyone! As the leaves change colour and the weather gets cooler, we have lots of exciting autumn adventures to look forward to! The children have been exploring the wonderful changes happening around them through sensory play, an autumn walk where we collected lots of fallen leaves and got creative with some autumn inspired arts and crafts.
We have been working on our number recognition this week through comparing sizes of our findings, weighing them and counting them. the children also enjoyed making Pizza's this week using locally sourced ingredients. tasty!

A little Autumn reminder :

Hand foot and mouth disease making its way through the preschool, it is a common illness and is spread easily, so we kindly ask parents and carers to remain vigilant and look out for symptoms such as fever, sore throat, and spots and blisters on their hands, feet and the inside and around their mouth. Please keep your child at home if they are not feeling well enough to participate in their usual activities and let us know if they develop symptoms. We will continue to follow our cleaning and hygiene procedures to help minimise the spread of infection. Thank you all for your understanding and support on this matter

Have a super weekend everybody

Lisa, Jess, Kelly

Class info

Class 1 – Reception. PE day: Monday
This week has been another busy one in Reception. We have read 'Bringing the rain to Kapiti plain' and have talked about the differences between Kenya and England. We looked on google Earth and found Kenya and the UK on a globe. We have looked at how the animals and their habitats in Kenya are different to the UK and in our creative area, we made safari collages putting the animals into their correct habitats. In maths, we have been comparing numbers to 5 talking about which numbers are bigger and smaller and in our topic work we have been thinking about how we are trying to look after our world better than in the past by recycling. We have had lots of fun junk modelling and on Friday we sorted our recycling into different materials.

Class 2 – Year 1 & Year 2. PE Days: Monday and Friday
It has been another busy week in the life of Class 2, with lots of wonderful learning taking place. In History, we have been exploring how Loddiswell has changed over time, comparing different sources of information to help us spot similarities and differences between the past and the present. In Maths, I have been challenging the children to dig deeper into their learning by explaining their methods and reasoning when solving calculations. It has been fantastic to see them developing their confidence in talking about their thinking! The children are also making wonderful progress with their reading, and I would like to say a big thank you for your continued support with reading at home. It really does make such a difference. We are very much looking forward to our Fuzzy Reward next week! Please do take a look at the school communications for further details about the arrangements.

Class 3 – Year 3. PE Days: Monday and Friday
Class 3 have had a fantastic week and continue to impress us with their enthusiasm and hard work. In Art, the children explored the use of ink and watercolours, developing their skills in adding tone and detail to their leaf drawings. In Geography, we investigated the many ways people use rivers and discussed why rivers have been such important locations for settlements throughout history. It has been wonderful to see the children sharing their ideas thoughtfully and engaging so positively with their learning.

Class 4 – Year 4 & Year 5. PE Days: Monday and Tuesday. Forest school: Thursday PM.
Class 4 have had a fantastic week of learning! The children have been deeply engaged in our classroom activities, but the absolute highlight of the week has been diving into our new book, Robot Girl. The classroom has been buzzing with excitement as the children shared their brilliant theories and predictions about the story. The children were very excited to hear that some of their predictions were true. We also learnt more about the Ancient Mayans this week and made lots of comparisons to other civilisations.

Class 5 – Year 6. PE Days: Monday and Wednesday
Year 6 have had a busy week this week. They completed their first set of practice SATS papers and have really impressed me with their determination and approach to them. In English we have been looking at endangered animals and writing persuasively. Well done to all those who took part in the Cross Country and Malborough and the Swim-marathon in Kingsbridge!

Celebration

Stars of the Week:



Reception – Raffi
Year 1 – Brodie
Year 2 – Fern
Year 3 – Ezra
Year 4 – Dom
Year 5 – Poppy
Year 6 - Ollie

Reader of the week…



Class 1 – Daisy
Class 2 – Oliver
Class 3 - Alfie
Class 4 – Matilda
Class 5 – Annie

Diary Dates – New events in RED



W/C 19th October	Everyone	Parents Evening Week – Book via MCAS
Wednesday 21st October	Everyone Year 2	SEND Coffee afternoon in the hall 14.30-15.30pm with Mrs French Open Wide and Step inside Dental Visit
Friday 23rd October	Everyone Class 2 Year 6	3pm Open Door – Come and see your child's work in their classroom Fuzzy reward, Halloween party Junior Lifeskills – see letter
Wednesday 4th November	Y3 to Y6	Tag Rugby Federation event – More info to come!
Thursday 5th November	Everyone	Nasal Flu Vaccines – See email with link to give consent
Tuesday 10th November	Everyone	Guide Dog Assembly
Friday 13th November	Everyone	Children in Need School Council Bake Sale 3.40pm in the school hall. **Donations welcome!** **Wear something spotty!**
W/C Monday 23rd November	Year 5	Bikeability
Thursday 3rd December	Adults only	PTFA Wreath Making @ Aune Valley 7.30pm
Monday 7th December	KS1	Rainbow Theatre Visit – see MCAS
Tuesday 8th December	Year 5/6	Pantomime – see MCAS
Tuesday 15th December	KS1	Nativity @ 2.30pm
Wednesday 16th December	KS1 KS2	Nativity @ 09.30am Nativity @ 02.30pm
Thursday 17th December	KS2	Nativity @ 05.30pm
Friday 18th December	Everyone	Last Day of Term
Tuesday 5th January	Everyone	Return to School
Wednesday 10th February	KS2	Federation Gym and Dance Show – Details TBC
Friday 12th February	Everyone	PTFA School Disco
Friday 2nd July 2027	Everyone	Sports Day PTFA Summer Fayre

2027 Residentials

1st – 3rd March 2027	Year 5	Residential
19th April 2027	Year 3	Extended Day trip
9th June 2027	Year 4	Residential
14th – 16th July 2027	Year 6	Residential

Yours sincerely,

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