

Loddiswell Primary School Newsletter
Friday 23rd October 2026
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Dear Parents and Carers, as we break up today for the October half-term holiday, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families for their continued support throughout this term.
It has been a busy and exciting week in school, with lots of spooky activities taking place! Some of our classes have also enjoyed their well-deserved Fuzzy Rewards, celebrating their hard work and achievements. It has been wonderful to see so much enthusiasm, creativity and fun across the school.
A special well done to our Reception children, who have now completed their very first half term at school! They have been absolutely wonderful, and we are so proud of how well they have settled into school life and embraced their new learning experiences.

We hope all our families enjoy a restful and enjoyable half-term break. Thank you once again for your continued support, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Monday 2nd November** for the second half of the autumn term.

Have a lovely half term, everyone!

Please note, there are NO clubs the first week back. Only A4A.

Class 2 were keen to have their photos taken in their Halloween costumes for their Fuzzy reward! (As our newsletter is posted online we have blanked out faces!). They all looked super spooky!!



Preschool info

Happy Half Term!
We have had a lovely spooky week at preschool, the children have been carving pumpkins, making play dough spiders, using their fine motor skills to pick up bugs with tweezers and exploring the Halloween trays. It has been so lovely to welcome so many children and their families to our preschool family this half term, we hope you have a lovely week off and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 2nd November. As the weather becomes colder and wetter, can we kindly ask that you send your children in with a spare jumper, a warm coat, waterproofs and wellies please as we like to get outside in all weather.



Lisa, Jess, Kelly

Rotary Swimarathon

"The Swimarathon was very fun. Being in the water just seems to relax me and watching people having fun was great too. All you have to do is have fun and it doesn't matter about winning, just taking part. But Loddiswell were totally the best! Team A (The Loddiswell girls) did 104 lengths and Team B (The Loddiswell Boys) did 132 lengths!" - Freddie Year 6.

Rotary Kingsbridge Estuary

A WARM WOODLAND WELCOME TO THE PUPILS FROM LODDISWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL



Congratulations to the students who participated in their very first session of 'Woodland Horticulture 4 Kids' - SEEDS & LEAVES, at the Deer Wood Native Tree Nursery in Loddiswell.
They had great fun identifying native trees and collecting seeds/nuts from around Deer Wood. (They even met a 30ft Dragon!)
We look forward to seeing them all again in the Spring for the 2nd session - SOWING & GROWING, and in the meantime we have invited them to take up some 'Challenges' to help them remember what they learnt at the wood.
Their first Challenge was to appropriately decorate and protect their new WH4K book cover, ready for their second Challenge, which is to do a tree survey, either around the school site or at home and around their neighbourhood.

We can't wait to see what their results are so we can help them to plan for some possible tree planting around the school or community in January.

Please do get in touch if you would like to find out more about this project by contacting:
Lisa or Marc at:thedeerwoodtrust@gmail.com
Or find and follow us at:
Website: https://www.thedeerwoodtrust.org.uk
Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/thedeerwoodtrust/
Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/the.deer.wood.trust/

Rei Chi Kai 昭禮会

Training for Life

Shotokan Karate after school class- Thursdays starting 12th November 2026

Chi Rei Kai Karate are happy to announce that they will be starting an afterschool class at Loddiswell Primary School after the half term. The session will be until 1630 hours and will be available for years 2 upwards. Classes are affordable and accessible, and during half term, students will be able to train at any of our 4 other locations throughout the week, so that they do not miss out.
Chi Rei Kai Karate, taught by the Hawkes family have been teaching Traditional Shotokan Karate in the South Hams since 1999. All instructors are DBS checked, insured and first aid qualified. Lessons consist of basic movement, structured syllabus work and self-defence.
Contact charlotte@chireikai.com or jay@chireikai.com If you would like more information, including costs.

www.chireikai.com

Class info

Class 1 – Reception. PE day: Monday
This week in Reception we have been learning about writing sentences based on our story, Bringing the rain to Kapiti plain. The children are all getting excited about writing and have been choosing to make cards for each other this week on our writing table - there's not been an empty seat! We have been talking about celebrations around the World and fireworks this week and have made chalk firework pictures and pictures where we have labelled the sounds the fireworks make. Mrs Kirkham and Mrs Freeman are super proud of all our reception children. Have a well earnt half term break!

Class 2 – Year 1 & Year 2. PE Days: Monday and Friday
Wow, what a half term! From those anxious first days in September to the confident, smiley and wonderful children I see today, it has been a truly special first half term as the new Class 2! I have loved getting to know the children and watching them grow in confidence, independence and enthusiasm for their learning. It was also wonderful to meet with you all at Parents' Evening this week. Every single child should be incredibly proud of their hard work, progress and achievements this term. They have made a fantastic start, and I am so proud of them all! We are very much looking forward to our Fuzzy Treat this afternoon, with Halloween party fun and yummy treats! A huge thank you for all your kind donations and support in helping to make it special. Wishing you all a restful half term, with hopefully a little sunshine and not too much soggy weather! I look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting half term of learning and fun.

Class 3 – Year 3. PE Days: Monday and Friday. **Forest School: Thursday PM**
Class 3 have had a fabulous week finishing off our stories about magical places. The children have worked incredibly hard and have enjoyed using their imaginations to create some wonderful pieces of writing. In Maths, we have been practising counting in tens by adding and subtracting, including crossing 100. If you have a chance over half term, please encourage your child to practise at home. For example: 75, 85, 95, 105, 115 and so on. In PSHE, we completed our unit on *Belonging*, thinking about what makes us a good friend and how we can help everyone feel included and valued. Today, the children are rounding off the half term with a well-deserved fuzzy reward with an afternoon of playing with their toys and enjoying a non-school uniform afternoon. Well done, Class 3, for all your hard work this term. Have a wonderful and restful half term break!

Class 4 – Year 4 & Year 5. PE Days: Monday and Tuesday.
This week, the children have been busy letting their imaginations run wild writing fantastic science fiction stories in English! I am very proud of Class 4 for their amazing work and effort this half term and looking forward to the next half term. Apologies for the last-minute cancellation of parents evening. I am looking forward to meeting with you all and catching up on your children's progress right after the break. We are looking forward to our fuzzy reward after half term! We hope you all have a wonderful, relaxing break! **Remember, forest school has now finished.**

Class 5 – Year 6. PE Days: Monday and Wednesday
It's been another busy week for our Year 6 pupils! This week, we have been researching endangered animals and creating informative posters to raise awareness about protecting wildlife. In history, we have been learning about the Anglo-Saxons, exploring their lives and their impact on Britain. In science, we have been investigating renewable energy and discussing how sources such as wind and solar power can help protect our planet. Well done, Class 5, for another fantastic week of learning!

Celebration

Stars of the Week:
Reception – Harry
Year 1 – Bonnie
Year 2 – Selena
Year 3 – Alice
Year 4 – Luna
Year 5 – Jacob
Year 6 - Joey



Reader of the week…

Class 1 – Evie
Class 2 – Artemis
Class 3 – Harry P
Class 5 – Barney



Diary Dates – New events in RED



Wednesday 4th November	Y3 to Y6	Tag Rugby Federation event – 3.45-5pm!
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 26th November	Adults only	PTFA Wreath Making @ Aune Valley 7.00pm
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,

T. Coulthard

Tess Coulthard

Executive Head Teacher

Kirkham

Lucinda Kirkham
Head of School

Join Loddiswell
PTFA for an evening
of

Christmas wreath making

Thursday 26th November
7-9pm

Includes :

Mulled wine
Festive nibbles
Mince pies
Wreath base
Foliage
Decorations

@
Valley View Cafe

To book please
contact Holly
Thompson
07568573742

£35 per person
Booking Essential

Please bring your own secateurs or scissors!

Saturday 28th November 4pm - 6pm

The Mayor Invites you to the...

SALCOMBE LANTERN PARADE

Join us for a magical evening of lanterns, music and festive fun as we bring Salcombe to life and kick-start the festive season!

Starting at the **Young Salcombe Centre**, the parade winds through **Island Street** and **Fore Street** before finishing at **Cliff House**

Families, community groups, visitors and **local businesses** are invited to join in - **bring your lantern** and be part of this **special community celebration.**



Free Lantern-Making Workshops
Sunday 15th and Saturday 21st
10am–5pm at Cliff House

Sunday 15th & Saturday 21st November
Drop into Cliff House between 10am & 5pm either day

Come along to the

FREE WORKSHOPS

FOR THE SALCOMBE LANTERN PARADE



All **Materials** and **Assistance** are provided **free of charge.**



Don't miss the parade on November 28th

KINGSBRIDGE GYM CLUB

GYMCLUSIVE SEN SESSION

OCTOBER HALF TERM SESSION

FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER
11:30AM - 12:30PM

DROP-IN SESSION

£5

NO SIBLING CHARGE

PARENTS / CARERS MUST STAY AND PLAY

NO NEED TO BOOK

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL
annie@kingsbridgegymclub.co.uk

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