

LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Loddon Primary School

Working together to realise the potential in everyone.

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Dear Parents/Carers



House Gems

Congratulations to the following children who have been nominated to receive a Values 'House Gem'.

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| Sana | Falcons | Fire | Independence |
| Noah | Greylings | Fire | Resilience, responsibility and confidence |
| Adyan | Greylings | Earth | Independence, co-operation and thoughtfulness |
| Harry | Longwings | Air | Confidence, independence and responsibility |
| Buddy | Stingrays | Earth | Courage |
| Ongie | Stingrays | Earth | Determination, positivity, co-operation & happiness |



National Award in recognition of Outstanding Parent Partnership

We are proud to confirm we have again been awarded, by an external assessor, the Leading Parent Partnership Award. This is a nationally recognised award which recognises outstanding practice, by schools, in their partnership with parents and carers. Criteria include how welcoming a school is, how the school supports parents and carers in helping their child to learn and extra services offered to parents over and above the usual education offer. The criteria for the award are many and are strictly judged against schools nationally and as such we are very proud to have our work in supporting parents recognised in this way.

A particular well done must go to Kam Bhogal, our Parent Support Advisor. We would also like to thank the many parents, staff and school governors who contributed their time and evidence towards the assessment. The assessor was especially impressed by Loddon's Values



Based Education approaches, family learning, and the wide support Loddon Primary School was able to demonstrate it provides to families, especially through challenging times. If you are interested in knowing more about our parent partnership work please visit the Parent Partnership pages on our school website. <https://www.loddonprimary.co.uk/parent-partnership>.

Healthcare in the UK: A presentation for new residents from Hong Kong

Have you recently moved to Wokingham from Hong Kong? Or maybe you know someone in the community who has? Our Public Health team have worked with health colleagues to produce a useful video in Cantonese about healthcare in the UK. It covers:

- Understanding the NHS
- How to register with your local GP surgery
- How to access urgent healthcare
- Winter wellness and Covid-19

Watch the full video on our [YouTube channel](#), and don't forget to complete the survey at the end.

Signing children in late

Please remember to accompany all children arriving late to school onto site (Y1-6 8:55am onwards or 8:40am in FSU). All children arriving late to school must be signed in at the main school office on arrival.



Are you worried about a child?

If you have a worry about a child's safety during school term time please speak to a member of school staff. If you are worried a child may be in specific danger or being abused then ask to speak to a member of our safeguarding team who are trained specifically in Child protection or in an emergency phone 999.

Wokingham Children's Services also offer support and advice to families.

- Phone us: [0118 908 8002](tel:01189088002)
- Email us: triage@wokingham.gov.uk
- After 5pm or on weekends and bank holidays phone [01344 786 543](tel:01344786543) - for safeguarding emergencies that can't wait until the next working day

Having worries about a child is an uncomfortable feeling and you maybe unsure what to do. Whether you're concerned about your own child or another child, not knowing what to do or questioning if you've got things wrong can make it hard to act upon your worries. However; keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility and so it is always best to share worries and information to keep all children safe.

Attached to today's newsletter is an NSPCC booklet full of advice and information to help you recognise child abuse and neglect, and get help to children and parents that need it most.

Water bottles

Please help your child to remember their water bottle when coming into school each day. It is helpful for a child's learning and wellbeing to remain hydrated throughout the school day. However; children should not be bringing carbonated or sweetened drinks in their water bottles. If your child needs a specific drink, due to a medical need, please speak directly to their class teacher so they are aware.

Homework Clubs

These have now finished for the Autumn term and will begin again in the Spring term the week beginning 17th January 2022. *Thank you, Mrs Walker*

Gardening Club

A huge thank you to all parents/carers who donated Morrisons vouchers to the gardening scheme. We have 2268 to spend on seeds and equipment for the Spring. Morrisons also kindly donated extra vouchers to bring our total closer to that raised for other schools. The gardening club are currently busy doing a wonderful job; creating leaf mould, mulching beds and litter picking throughout the school. *Miss Benson, Gardening Club*

WBC LFD Testing Sites

Please see below for the current walk-in LFD sites in the borough for week commencing 06 December:

Indoor Options:

- **Lower Earley Library**, Chalfont Close, Lower Earley RG6 5HX. Open 9.15am-3.45pm, Wednesday
- **Twyford Library**, Polehampton Close, Twyford, RG10 9RP. Open 10am-4pm, Wednesday
- **Royal British Legion**, Eversley Road, Arborfield, RG2 9PR. Open 8.30am-3.30pm, Thursday
- **Finchampstead Library**, Finchampstead Baptist Church, Gorse Ride, RG40 4ES. Open 8.30am-12.30pm, Monday and Tuesday
- **Dinton Pastures Christmas Event**, Dinton Pastures, Hurst, RG10 0TH. Open 10am-4pm, Saturday

Outdoor Options*

- **Woodley Town Centre**, Open 9.15am-3.45pm, Thursday & Friday



- **California Ratepayers Hall car park**, Finchampstead, RG40 3RL. Open 9.15am-12.15pm, Friday
- **Winnersh Garden Centre**, Reading Road, Winnersh, RG41 5HG. Open 9.30am-3.30pm, Saturday

These are advertised each week on the WBC website: [Covid-19 testing \(Lateral Flow Testing\) - Wokingham Borough Council](#)

*Note: The mobile teams can only offer testing at outdoor sites if temperature is above 10 degrees. Locations can change at short notice

Services at St Nicolas Church

St Nicolas Church would like to invite all Loddon families to the following services and events which will be running throughout December.

Sun 12th Dec 6pm Sing Along to Christmas - come and join us for carolling in the car park, mulled wine and mince pies served after

Sun 19th Dec 6pm Carols by Candlelight- a traditional and atmospheric carol service by candlelight

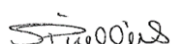
Mon 20th Dec 6pm A Quiet Christmas - a Service of music and reflection for those who find Christmas a difficult time of year

Fri 24th Dec 4pm Crib Service & Christingle- a service for all the family to enjoy

Fri 24th Dec 11.30pm Midnight Mass- join us for a traditional midnight service to start the celebrations

Sat 25th Dec 10am Christmas Day Service - come and celebrate with us before you tuck into your Christmas dinner

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Phillips - Headteacher

Diary Events List: Autumn 2021-Spring 2022

| Date | Time | Event |
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| 10-Dec-21 | All day | Save the Children charity - Christmas Jumper Day |
| 12-Dec-21 | 17.00 | Beauty and the Beast panto at Hexagon, group show organised by PTA |
| 15-Dec-21 | 9.00-10.00 | PSA Tea/Coffee morning in the Hut. All welcome. |
| 17-Dec-21 | All day | Last day of pupil Autumn term. School finishes at normal time. |
| 18-Dec-21 - 3-Jan 22 | All day | School Christmas holiday |
| 4-Jan-22 | All day | INSET day |
| 5-Jan-22 | All day | Start of Pupil Spring term |

Optalis job opportunities

Optalis are the adult social care delivery partner for Wokingham, Windsor & Maidenhead Councils. They are directly funded and owned via the councils. If you would welcome the opportunity to find out how you could become part of a great team, either part-time or full time please click [here](#). This is a rewarding opportunity to suit your commitments working directly for the Councils.



Reception

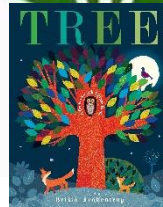
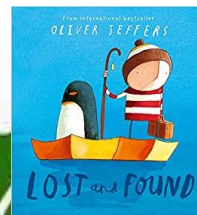
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The Smelly Sprout



by Allan Plenderleith



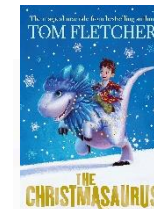
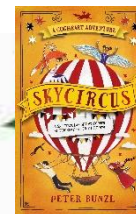
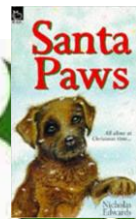
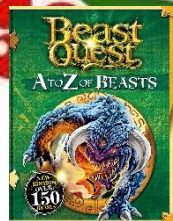
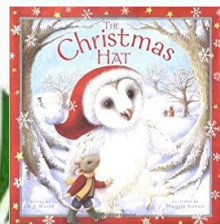
Loddon Reading Reps' December Book

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