

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'.

Eloise	Starfish	Earth	Quality
Nidaa	Bennu	Earth	Kindness and responsibility

Value of the month - Tolerance

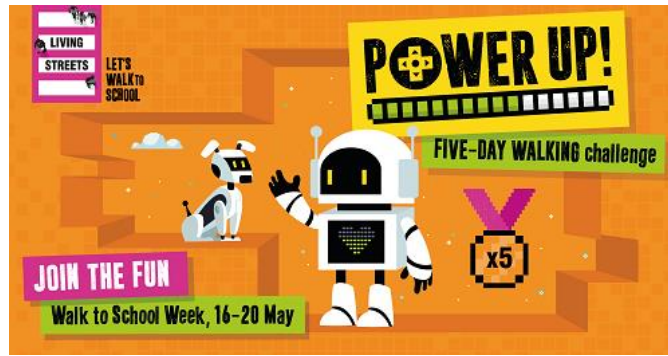


We show tolerance by

- respecting the beliefs, including religious, of others,
- not judging others,
- respecting and appreciating differences in people.

Think of tolerate as the open-minded verb. It means you allow something to happen or exist, even if you don't really like it. Tolerance is about appreciating that we may all have different views and opinions however; we can despite this be respectful and kind to one another. Sometimes this makes people uncomfortable but through understanding tolerance we can learn to accept others whilst not always agreeing with them.





School Council update

School Council are working this term on Healthy bodies and Healthy Minds. We are in the process of finalising a healthy snack list which will be shared with children, parents, staff and governors. We have shared an assembly about why it is important to refuel our bodies with good things which will then help us concentrate in school and provide us with energy. School Council will be organising resources and advertising Walk to School Week which will be taking place between 16th-20th May watch out for more details.

We are also excited to be in the planning stages of collaborating with the Art Reps on a project for the Queen's Jubilee.

Year 5 and 6 craft club

Year 5 and 6 craft club are beginning to think about their summer projects. We are looking for circular plastic lids from pots of individual dips/humous to use as moulds. If you use any over the spring break, please can you hold on to them and drop them in to reception for collection during the first week back. Thanks very much, Mrs Robinson.

School Attendance

Our school attendance policy can be viewed on the school website here - <https://www.loddonprimary.co.uk/about-us/governance/policies>

Attendance at school directly correlates to outcomes for pupils e.g. more time missed leads to reduced grades overtime and often can also impact children's friendship groups. In line with national policy we only authorise absence, in term time, due to exceptional circumstances. If requesting absence from school you will also be asked to provide evidence of that exceptional circumstance. Term time absence without an exceptional circumstance may be unauthorised and may lead to a fixed penalty notice being issued by Wokingham Local Authority.

Message from Berkshire West Clinical Commissioning Group

All children aged 5 - 11 will be offered vaccination against COVID-19 from 4 April 2022. The NHS wants to support you to make an informed choice with more information available here [COVID-19: A guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/104444/covid-19-a-guide-for-parents-of-children-aged-5-to-11.pdf)

From Saturday 2 April you can book an appointment via the [National Booking Service](https://www.nhs.uk/booking/) or by calling 119 for dedicated children's clinics, including at locations such as:



- Broad Street Mall, Reading

Other child-friendly and convenient vaccination clinics will be open across Berkshire West over the next week. Appointments will become available on the National Booking Service or by calling 119, so please keep checking if you prefer to go to a clinic closer to home. Locations for these sites will be listed on the [Berkshire West Clinical Commissioning Group Website](#).

Children aged 5-11 with no other underlying health conditions will be offered two paediatric (child) doses of the vaccine, with at least 12 weeks between doses.

School Uniform policy

www.yourschooluniform.com/schools/index/loddon-primary-school-44492

As we move into Summer term we would like to remind you of the school uniform policy as follows. (Please pay particular attention to the detail of accepted footwear, tights and summer dresses/shorts.)

Please remember that long hair should be tied back at all times for hygiene and safety reasons with the use of a small, plain hair band/tie blue, black or white in colour.

Foundation Stage FS1

Own choice of clothing suitable for school activities.

Children may wear a Loddon sweatshirt or fleece or cardigan if they wish to

Foundation Stage FS2 and Year 1-6

Grey school trousers, shorts or skirt

White shirt, blouse or polo shirt

Blue Loddon sweatshirt or fleece or cardigan

Grey school pinafore dress

Blue and white checked dress

Black, white or grey socks (no other colours)

Black or grey tights

Black plain shoes or boots in winter (flat and closed toes for safety)

Black or white short, plain headscarf worn for religious reasons (thin material advisable)

Children also need suitable outdoor wear such as a coat in winter and a sun hat in summer.

PE Equipment (in a small drawstring bag - needed in school every day) ·

House T-Shirt

Lightweight trainers

Black shorts

Tracksuit (optional)

Long socks and shin pads

Black, grey or white short socks

Swimming Kit (in a waterproof bag) ·

Swimming trunks or · One-piece swimming costume or · Modesty swimming costume ·

Swimming hat and 1 or 2 towels

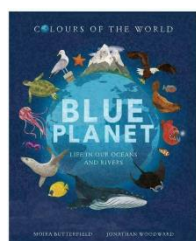


Whilst there are a range of clothes available as 'school wear' in supermarkets not all of these are agreed Loddon uniform so please check the official uniform code before spending your money on items which are not our uniform. If you are unsure on the detailed requirements of school uniform policy teaching staff are very happy to answer questions about specific items or to add clarity on uniform expectations - please just ask.

Please remember to **name all items** brought into school. Without a child's name we cannot return lost property to owners. Please avoid just using initials as in school we often have several pupils with the same initials.



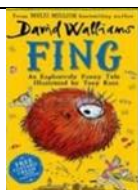
This week's book recommendations have been written by Year Three children.



Blue Planet

I loved reading this book because it tells you different facts about the ocean and its animals. This is great because it is fun to learn new facts with lots of engaging pictures. I even learnt how clouds are formed! There are also two other books called green and red planet!

By Arpan Virk, Wyvern Class



Fing by David Walliams

Fing is about a spoilt little girl named Myrtle and her two kind parents Mr and Mrs Meek. Mr and Mrs Meek loved their very unhealthy daughter and will do anything to keep her happy. Then one day she said she wanted a Fing. What was a Fing? Her parents went through any trouble even risking their job to find out what a Fing was. They searched everywhere. Mr Meek even went into the deepest, darkest jungliest jungle. He almost flew into space too! If you want to find out more then you will need to read the book. I enjoyed the ending of the story the most.

By Sofia Rahman (Greydings)



The Wizards of Once

Moments in this story are really funny. There is a wizard tribe and a warrior tribe, who fight against each other, because the warriors iron stops magic. My favourite part was when Xar talked about problems and the giant says there is a problem, but he just means a question! If you like magic and funny books, then you'll enjoy this one.

By Elliot, Longwings

If your child reads one of these books as a result of these reviews, we would love it if you could email psa@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk and let us know.

Reminder - Friday morning reading sessions return 29th April

- Doors open at 8:30am please remember to leave the class by 8:40am (Nursery and reception) and 8:50am (Y1-6) so the school day can begin.
- Children may only attend early on a Friday if accompanied by a parent/carer and must be supervised by their parent/carer until the time when classroom doors would usually open 8:40am (Nursery and reception) and 8:45am (Y1-6).
- Please do not attend the session if you are unwell.

Cleaners required for Loddon School

(2.5 hours per day, estimated working pattern 6.30-9am or 3.30-6pm) £9.50 per hour

Main duties: Cleaning of tables; Emptying bins; Vacuuming carpets; Cleaning sinks; Damp wiping fixture and fittings.

Email stephen.locke@churchillservices.com for more information or to apply.

We wish all Loddon families and friends a pleasant school holiday and a Happy Easter.



Yours sincerely

Mrs S Phillips - Headteacher

Diary Events List: Summer 2022

Date	Time	Event
8 Apr 22	End of day	End of term - school finishes at usual time
11-22 Apr 22	Throughout	Easter holiday
25 Apr 22	All day	Start of Pupil Summer term
26 Apr 22	16.30	Online meeting for parents of Y6 children attending the PGL residential trip
27 Apr 22	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning
29 Apr 22	8.30	Return of Friday morning parent reading sessions
2 May 22	All day	May-day Bank Holiday - School closed
3-24 May 22	Weekly	British education first - Parent/Carer course

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4 May 22	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning
5 May 22	Morning	PTA Bag to School donations collection from Parent Hut
6 May 22	9.30-10.00	F1 tour for prospective parents with Mrs March
9 May 22	All week	KS2 SATS week
11 May 22	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning
16-20 May	All week	Walk to School week
18 May 22	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning
19 May 22	19.30-21.00	PTA meeting in the Parent Hut
23-27 May 22	All week	Y6 residential trip to PGL Boreatton Park
25 May 22	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning
27 May 22	All day	INSET day - School closed to pupils for staff training
30 May-3 Jun 22	All week	Summer Half term holiday - School closed
7 Jun 22	During day	Group photos
7 Jun-12 Jul 22	Weekly	Helping your child with English - Parent/Carer course
8 Jun 22	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning
10 Jun 22	9.30-10.00	F1 tour for prospective parents with Mrs March
10 Jun 22	15.30-17.30	PTA Jubilee celebration event in school grounds
15 Jun 22	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning
22 Jun 22	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning
24 Jun 22	17.30-18.30	PTA KS1 (Y1-2) disco in the Hillside Hall Volunteers needed please support the PTA.
29 Jun 22	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning
30 Jun 22	During day	Reception height and weight measurements
1 Jul 22	9.30-10.00	F1 tour for prospective parents
1 Jul 22	17.30-18.30	PTA LKS2 (Y3-4) disco in the Hillside Hall Volunteers needs please support the PTA.
1 Jul 22	18.45-19.45	PTA UKS2 (Y5-6) disco in the Hillside Hall Volunteers needs please support the PTA.
6 Jul 22	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning
13 Jul 22	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning
20 Jul 22	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning
21 Jul-1-Sep 22	Throughout	Summer holiday - School closed
2 Sep 22	All day	INSET day - School closed to pupils for staff training
5 Sep 22	All day	Start of pupil Autumn term