

# PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Loddon Primary School**

*Working together to realise the potential in everyone.*

## NEWSLETTER NO 9

9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,



### House Gems

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

Dennis W	Stingrays	Fire	Independence and quality
Arabella H	Wyvern	Fire	Cooperation, understanding, thoughtfulness and responsibility
James M	Ospreys	Water	Determination
Rio C	Ospreys	Fire	Friendship
Pragnan C	Ospreys	Water	Responsibility and cooperation
Casper W	Ospreys	Earth	Caring and cooperation
Sophia B	Bennu	Fire	Happiness, positivity and peace
Olive B	Wyvern	Air	Responsibility and quality
Akshara P	Wyvern	Water	Responsibility and quality
Joshua S	Bennu	Air	Quality, confidence and friendship
Izaak S	Kites	Water	Determination and positivity
Minnie L	Hawks	Earth	Confidence and courage
Lolly C	Hawks	Air	Courage and confidence
Martha D	Eagles	Earth	Quality, confidence and friendship
Illy D	Turtles	Fire	Determination, quality and independence

### Term dates

INSET dates have been published for the new academic year and are shown on our school website under "Term Dates" within the "About Us" menu. We politely ask all parents and carers to review the term dates in full before booking any holidays or travel to ensure you do not book these within term time.

### Homework Club

Homework club has now finished for this half term. It begins again in the week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you, Mrs Walker



## Spelling Shed and Times Table Rockstars

During half term please could you encourage your child/children to engage with Spelling Shed to practise their spellings and Times Tables Rockstars to practise their Times Tables. If your child has lost their login details for either of these apps please email Mrs Walker, [susan.walker@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:susan.walker@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk) who can send you the details you require.

<div> <div>  </div> <div> <p>This week's book recommendations have been written by Year Four children.</p> </div> </div>		
<p>The World's Worst Children - Diya - Bennu</p> <p>"I like this book because it is funny and it inspires me to be a better person as I don't want to be like the children in this book. The characters in the book learn lots of lessons which we can also learn. I would recommend this book to other children in Year 4."</p> 	<p>Zoe's Rescue Zoo - Isabella - Phoenix</p> <p>"It's a book about a girl called Zoe who has a secret superpower. Her great-uncle, who runs a zoo, travels the world in a hot air balloon and rescues animals in need. I like this book because it's about animals and it helps me learn more about different animals. I would recommend this book to children who like animals or are interested in adventures."</p> 	<p>Return to the secret lake (the sequel) - Daisy - Firebird</p> <p>"I like this book because it is set in the past and the main characters change in every book. It's an adventure book and the characters have to face lots of challenges. I would recommend this to people aged 8 and above."</p> 

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](mailto:psa@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk) and let us know.

## School Dinner/Packed Lunch

We have modified our SCOPAY system so you can tell us in advance if your child is having a packed lunch or a school dinner. You can sign-in to SCOPAY now and pre-order school lunches to be eaten from Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024. You can select your menu choice up to 31 days in advance or select the packed lunch option telling us your child will bring their lunch that day. The cut-off is midnight on the day before the meal will be eaten. You can select any date in the calendar and view menu choices for that day.

During registration your child's teacher will check each child has a packed lunch or has made a school dinner selection. Your support in doing this in advance helps save time to allow the children and teachers to begin their lessons sooner.



If you do not have a SCOPAY account please email the School Office requesting a SCOPAY account set up, providing the name of your child(ren) and confirming your email address you wish to use. We will issue a personalised invitation to join SCOPAY along with your own unique link code and instructions to allow you to register on SCOPAY.

Regardless of how frequently your child has a school dinner please consider setting up **Monthly Billing**. It can be set to automatically clear your child's school dinner money balance to zero at the end of each month or on a date you choose. No need to remember to top up or being reminded to top up your child's school dinner money account.

*Mr Anthony Wilson, School Business Manager*



Taking place each second Wednesday of the month (during term time only), in the Parent hut, we welcome parents and carers to come and join in the fun at the Language cafe! We focus on a particular language spoken within the families of Loddon and change the language/country every month. We cover fun and interesting facts, mindful colouring, food recipes and other great ideas and experiences are shared along with light refreshments. Our next language cafe is focused around the Cantonese language and will take place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February. This date is slightly later in the month than usual due to half term and the 'A mind of their own' information session which takes place on 21<sup>st</sup> February. We will also invite parents who speak that month's home language, to attend our school sharing assembly where children learn about that language. We look forward to involving as many parents and carers as possible. As ever we value your support to make these events a success. **Enjoy, Experience and make Memories!** *Kam Bhogal, (School Parent Support Advisor)*

### **New SEND Local Offer**

Wokingham Borough Council are launching a new SEND Local Offer newsletter this week for families. Alongside the [SEND Local Offer webpage](#) and [Local Offer Directory](#), this newsletter will bring news and updates about what's on offer locally for children and young people with additional needs and their families. It is quick and easy to sign up, just visit [www.wokingham.gov.uk/newsletter](http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/newsletter) and select the 'Local Offer - update for SEND families' option.



The Loddon football team had a fantastic day at a tournament which saw them make it all the way through to the semi-finals where they were knocked out by eventual winners Gorse Ride. After finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the group stage, they knocked out Hawkedon in a closely contested quarter final that was settled by a brilliant goal!



Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils who attended a new sporting event last week. 14 schools from across Wokingham came together to show off their bowling skills! Loddon pupils showed perseverance and determination to improve their scores and demonstrated impeccable behaviour whilst doing so. Well Done Team Loddon!

### **Bikeability Holiday Courses**

Bikeability holiday courses provide important cycling safety skills for children who wish to ride their bikes. For more information or to book a space for your child the website is: [We run great holiday courses. - Cycle training specialists \(avanticycling.co.uk\)](http://www.avanticycling.co.uk)

Level 1 & 2 Bikeability Training for Year 5 and above, two day course, £20

(This is open to children who are confident cyclists and who are in Years 5, 6 and 7)

**Woodford Park: 12th & 13th February, 9:30-3pm, Level 1 & 2 course, 12 children**

Level 3 Bikeability Training for Year 6 and above, one day course, £10

(This is open to children in Years 6 and above who have completed Bikeability Level 2)

**Woodford Park: 14th February, 9:30-3pm, Level 3 course, 3 children**

**Woodford Park: 15th February, 9:30-3pm, Level 3 course, 3 children**

**Woodford Park: 16th February, 9:30-3pm, Level 3 course, 3 children**





### Get into Teaching event -Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 between 5-8pm

The University of Reading are hosting a DfE 'Get into Teaching' event at their London Road campus on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 5-8pm. Find out about the teaching profession and explore local options with advice and guidance from DfE advisors. The QR code in the flyer provides all of the necessary booking information, which can also be found at [Get Into Teaching: South East | Get Into Teaching GOV.UK \(education.gov.uk\)](https://www.getintoteaching.gov.uk)

Free Trial Session and £40 discount at Perform

Children's drama and dance school Perform is offering a Free Trial Session and a **special introductory discount of £40 for members of Loddon Primary School** if they sign up by Saturday 4th May. Parents should quote EARL040524 when they book their free session by going to [perform.org.uk/try](https://perform.org.uk/try) or calling 020 7255 9120.

You can find out more about classes at [perform.org.uk/try](https://perform.org.uk/try). Or pdf flyers can be downloaded [here](#). The nearest classes to Loddon Primary School are as follows (please click for a map and further details):

#### Perform Reading (Drama for 4-7s)

(0.2 miles)

Wednesdays at 4.00pm

St Nicolas Church Hall Earley

Sutcliffe Avenue,

RG6 7JN

#### Perform Reading (Drama for 7-12s)

(0.2 miles)

Wednesdays at 5.05pm

St Nicolas Church Hall Earley

Sutcliffe Avenue,

RG6 7JN

#### Perform Wokingham (Drama for 4-7s)

(3.8 miles)

Saturdays at 2.00pm

Wokingham Methodist Church Hall

Rose Street,

RG40 1XS

[Perform Wokingham \(Drama for 4-7s\)](#)  
(3.8 miles)  
Fridays [at 4pm](#)

[Wokingham Methodist Church Hall](#)  
[Rose Street,](#)  
[RG40 1XS](#)

[Perform Wokingham \(Drama for 4-7s\)](#)  
(3.8 miles)  
Saturdays [at 9.30am](#)

[Wokingham Methodist Church Hall](#)  
[Rose Street,](#)  
[RG40 1XS](#)

There are others too. Click to find all the nearest [here](#) or view a list of [all areas](#).

Yours sincerely

*S Phillips*

Mrs S Phillips - Headteacher

### Diary Events List: Spring 2024

Date	Time	Event
10-Feb-24 to 18-Feb-24	Throughout	Spring Half Term holiday - School closed
19-Feb-24	Usual time	Pupil Spring term resumes
19-Feb-24	Fortnight	Y5 Bikeability - cycling proficiency training
20-Feb-24	13.30-15.30	Y2 REInspired session: Easter at Loddon Primary
21-Feb-24	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea and Coffee session in the Parent Hut
21-Feb-24	9.00-11.00	Care for the Family course in the Parent Hut
21-Feb-24	18.00-19.30	Full Governing Body meeting - Attendance by invitation of the Headteacher or Chair only
27-Feb-24	During day	Y2 Magic Lantern workshop
28-Feb-24	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea and Coffee session in the Parent Hut
4-Mar-24	19.00-20.00	PTA meeting in the Parent Hut
6-Mar-24	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea and Coffee session in the Parent Hut
6-Mar-24	9.15-10.00	Y3 performance to parents (performance one)
6-Mar-24	After school	PTA second hand uniform and book sale in the Parent Hut
7-Mar-24	During Day	World Book Day 2024
8-Mar-24	9.00-9.30	Y2 parent maths workshop in Y2 classrooms
8-Mar-24	14.30-15.15	Y3 performance to parents (performance two)
13-Mar-24	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea and Coffee session in the Parent Hut
18-Mar-24	16.00-19.00	Nursery to Y6 parents evening - Remote via MS Teams
19-Mar-24	16.00-19.00	Nursery to Y6 parents evening - Remote via MS Teams
20-Mar-24	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea and Coffee session in the Parent Hut
21-Mar-24	1.15 for 1.30	Y1-3 Easter assembly at St Nicolas Church at 1.30pm
21-Mar-24	2.15 for 2.30	Y4-6 Easter assembly at St Nicolas Church at 2.30pm
22-Mar-24	9.15-10.00	Y4 performance to parents (performance one)



27-Mar-24	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea and Coffee session in the Parent Hut
27-Mar-24	14.00-14.45	Y4 performance to parents (performance two)
27-Mar-24	18.00-19.30	Full Governing Body meeting - Attendance by invitation of the Headteacher or Chair only
29-Mar-24 to 14 Apr-24	Throughout	Easter Holiday - School closed to pupils
15-Apr-24	Usual time	Pupil Summer term begins