

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Loddon Primary School

Working together to realise the potential in everyone.

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Dear Parents and Carers,



House Gems

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

Sayan J	Bennu	Water	Quality, ambition and determination
Aarth B	Bennu	Air	Quality, ambition and determination
Simeon R	Bennu	Water	Quality, ambition and determination
Younes J	Bennu	Earth	Quality, ambition and determination
Morgan B	Ospreys	Earth	Confidence, co-operation and courage
Zainab A	Ospreys	Fire	Confidence
Dua R	Bennu	Fire	Quality, ambition and independence
Nidaa B	Eagles	Earth	Trust and thoughtfulness
Grace T	Eagles	Water	Quality, determination, resilience and courage
Kiran K	Stingrays	Air	Quality
Eilidh W	Ospreys	Water	Confidence
Harley P	Ospreys	Earth	Thoughtfulness
Anais C	Eagles	Earth	Caring, understanding and cooperation
Alice C	Eagles	Air	Caring, understanding and cooperation
Vishruth S	Phoenix	Water	Quality and independence

Registering for free school meals gets money for schools

Did you know registering for free school meals helps get extra funds for school?

This helps to provide extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities.

This additional money is available from central government for every child, when their parents have registered for free school meals. And nationally more than 10 per cent who are eligible, don't claim.

To qualify, your child must be in school and you must be receiving one of the following benefits:

- [Income support](#)
- Income based [Job Seekers Allowance](#)



- Income related [Employment and Support Allowance](#)
- [NASS support](#)
- Guarantee element of [State Pension](#)
- [Child Tax Credit](#), provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- [Working Tax Credit](#) for the four weeks after employment ends
- [Universal Credit](#), provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400

If this applies to you but your child isn't registered for free school meals, complete a form and return it to your child's school.

[Download the form and apply for Free School Meals](#) on Wokingham Borough Council's website.



School Council news

Thank you to everyone who donated to Comic Relief we raised over £350.

Thank you to everyone who entered the Art Competition. School Council picked two winners from each phase in school.

Nursery and Reception: Holly and Acer

Year 1 and Year 2: Jessica and Milo

Year 3 and Year 4: Charan and Harrison

Year 5 and Year 6: Harry L and Eleanor.

Prizes will be presented to the winners in school.

Introducing Wokingham Borough Council's SEND Local Offer newsletter

Wokingham Borough Council have launched a SEND Local Offer newsletter to bring news and updates about what's on offer locally for children and young people with additional needs and disabilities.

It is quick and easy to sign up, just visit www.wokingham.gov.uk/newsletter and select the 'Local Offer - update for SEND families' option.

You can [read the latest edition here](#)

'Secret School', with local artist Sarah Wainwright.

Children from Reception and Year 1 have recently taken part in a project called 'Secret School', with local artist Sarah Wainwright. The project included sun-print map-making, pinhole photography and using a camera trap to record wildlife visiting the school at night. The finished work (including a short film) can now be seen on Sarah's website, and there will be an exhibition at St Nicolas' Church in July - further details to follow. Feel free to contact Sarah with any comments or questions. Enjoy!

<https://sarahwainwright.art/secret-school>



[Sarah Wainwright - Secret School](#)

For this project I collaborated with primary school children aged 4-7, to investigate and document their school grounds from unusual perspectives. Together we made cyanotype maps of the playground, created a film about night-time visitors to the school garden, and used pinhole cameras to render familiar landscapes surreal and otherworldly by photographing them over long durations of time.
sarahwainwright.art

Funtastic Kids Half-term holiday camp

Funtastic Kids is open at Loddon from Tuesday 28th May - Friday 31st May (closed Bank Holiday Monday, 27th May).

They have lots of fun activities planned, from arts and crafts to sports and games! Sports and creative themed timetables can be found on their website. Loddon's theme this May is: Terrific Toys!

Places are filling up quickly so they encourage people to book as soon as possible:

<https://funtastickids.co.uk/holiday-camps/>

Funtastic Kids Vacancies

Funtastic Kids are recruiting enthusiastic individuals to join their Holiday Camp teams this May Half Term & Summer! Supervisor, Playworker and Sports Coach roles are available at Loddon and across Berkshire.

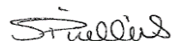
Their Supervisors earn £162.75 a day (for a 10.5 hour shift) and all the planning and resources are prepared for you in advance, plus there is no marking required!

Working with Funtastic Kids is an enjoyable and rewarding way to earn additional income, and would particularly suit teachers, NQTs, supply teachers, Early Years Practitioners, Teaching Assistants or people with previous childcare experience.

More information and application forms can be found here:

<https://funtastickids.co.uk/vacancies/>

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Phillips - Headteacher

Diary Events List: Summer 2024

Date	Time	Event
01-May-24	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea and Coffee session in the Parent Hut
06-May-24	All day	May Day Bank Holiday - School closed
08-May-24	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea and Coffee session in the Parent Hut
09-May-24	During day	Y3 trip to Butser Farm
10-May-24	During day	Y4 River walk
13-May-24	During week	Y6 test week
15-May-24	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea and Coffee session in the Parent Hut
20-25-May-24	During week	Y6 PGL residential trip to Little Canada - Trip One
20-May-24	14.00-15.00	Y5 production to parents and carers - Timing TBC
21-May-24	14.00-15.00	Y5 production to parents and carers - Timing TBC
22-May-24	During day	Y1 trip to Woolley Firs
22-May-24	9.00-10.00	Y5 production to parents and carers - Timing TBC
22-May-24	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea and Coffee session in the Parent Hut
22-May-24	18.00-19.30	Full Governing Body meeting - attendance by invitation of the Chair or Headteacher only
24-May-24	All day	INSET day school closed to pupils for staff training
27-31-May-24	All week	Summer Half term holiday - School closed to pupils
3-Jun-24	Usual time	Pupil Summer term resumes