News

WHAT'S ON LCS

November
06.11.2026

Headteacher's Message

It has been wonderful to welcome all our families back after the half-term break. It certainly feels as though we haven't been away as we quickly get back into the swing of things and begin looking ahead to our Christmas productions. More details about these will be shared next week.

Before then, we are really looking forward to our Bring Your Adult to School sessions, which begin next week. Further details have already been shared, but please do take a look at our *Did You Know?* page on the school website to find out a little more about what we have planned.

Finally, with the weather certainly taking a turn for the colder, please make sure that children come to school with an appropriate warm, waterproof jacket. It is certainly needed at the moment!

Headteacher's Award: Holly (Year 5) and Ruby (Year 3)

House Points

Mozart:	184
Tchaikovsky:	185
Elgar:	174
Beethoven:	180

Book Review

This week, the book review is written by :

Miss Weston

Our value for this half-term is Empathy. Through our assemblies and classroom discussions we will be exploring what it means to understand and appreciate the feelings of others, to show kindness and compassion, and to consider how our words and actions affect those around us.

We will be encouraging all children to put themselves in someone else's shoes, celebrate differences and show empathy in their everyday interactions, both in school and beyond.

Important Dates:

9th - 20th November - Bring Your Adult To School Sessions

10th November - FOLS Clothes Collection

21st November - Deadline for Christmas Card orders

Please see the final page for details of a First Aid course we are holding for families at the school during school hours

TOGETHER WE CAN DO GREAT THINGS!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET INVOLVED?

We'd love to welcome new members to the FOLS committee!
If you're interested, please get in touch:

fols.information@gmail.com



PUNCTUALITY

Means being on time...

Attendance

Foundation Stage - 89%

Year One - 96%

⭐ Year Two - 99% ⭐

Year Three - 98%

Year Four - 96%

Year Five - 95%

Year Six - 97%

Punctuality

Foundation Stage - 3

Year One - 3

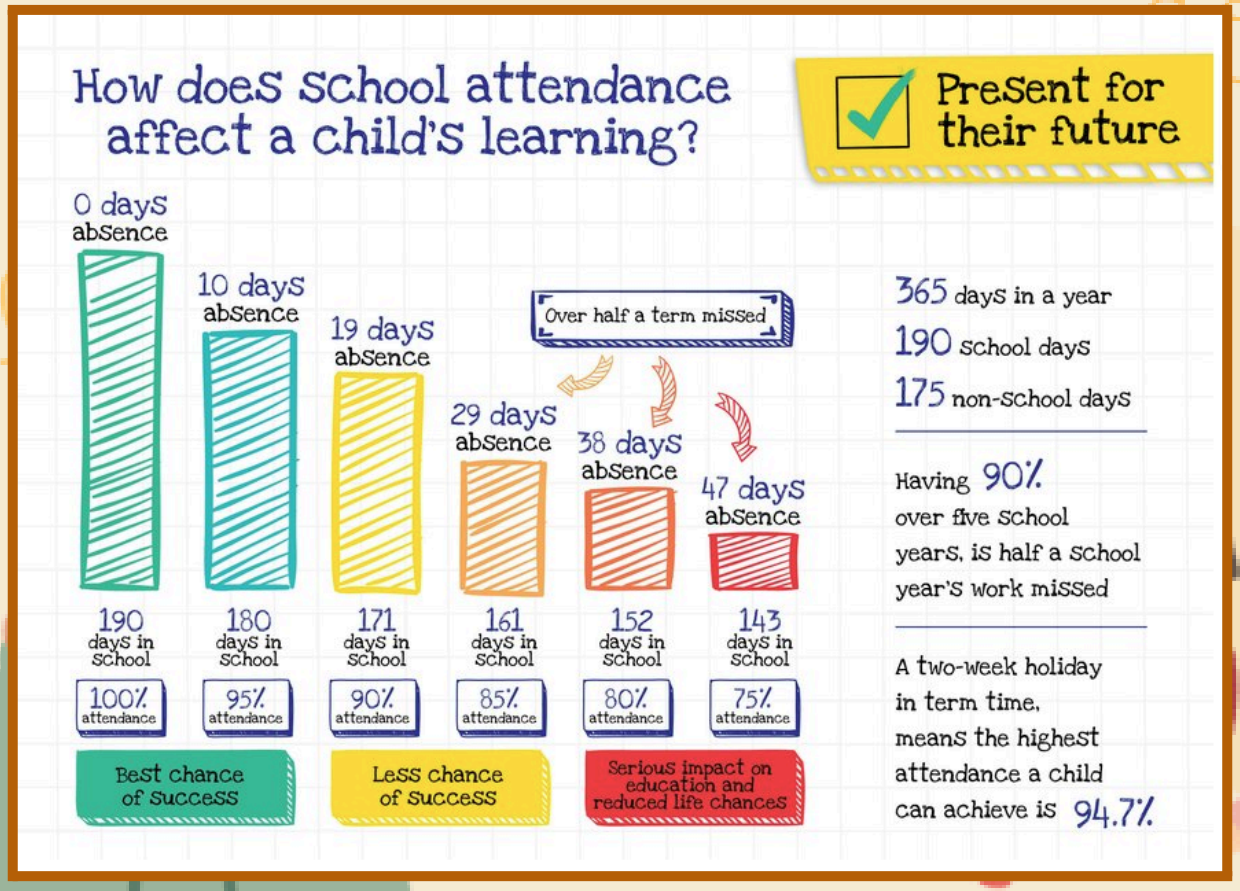
⭐ Year Two - 0 ⭐

Year Three - 2

Year Four - 7

⭐ Year Five - 0 ⭐

⭐ Year Six - 0 ⭐



Our Weekly Photos





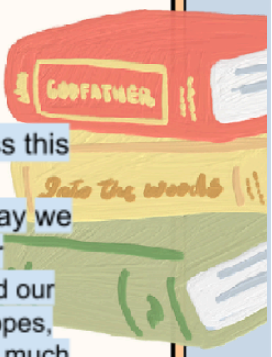








Foundation Stage



It has been so lovely to have the children back in class this week after the half term break. We have had a very eventful week which has been a lot of fun. On Tuesday we attended our very first whole school assembly with Mr Spratt and we were all brilliant! On Tuesday we also had our first PE lesson on the apparatus in the hall. We used the ropes, the benches and the tables. I hope the photos convey how much we enjoyed this lesson and how we all challenged ourselves.This week we have also been collecting leaves and making some super leaf pictures. We also learnt the reasons why we celebrate Bonfire Night and how we can make sure we are safe.
The children have been very excited to take their first reading books home. Please practice these with your children and make sure they bring their book in each day.

Awards

Foundation Stage are now attending assembly and the weekly awards for our class will start next week

Remembrance
On Monday we will be walking to the War Memorial to pay our respects.



Reminders

Please could the children please bring named wellie boots to keep in school.

PE days are Tuesday and Thursday.

Our Weekly Photos









Year One

It has been lovely to return to school after the half term and get busy with our learning! The autumnal weather has arrived which was perfect for our Science lesson based on the changes in autumn. We learned that autumn daylight hours are shorter and that the weather becomes colder. We took an autumn walk and hunted for objects that are - prickly, yellow, red, green, brown, shiny, round, rough and smooth.

We have also been celebrating Bonfire Night by making our own rockets, chalk firework pictures and writing sentences about bonfire night.

In English, we have started our new project on making a picture book. We are using the stories of Meg and Mog as our inspiration.

Awards

Citizen of the month: **Minahil**

Values Award for Pride: **Evelyn**

Weekly Awards

Star of the Week Award: **Joe**

Good Behaviour: **Nellie-Jean and Odhran**

Reading Eggs: **Olivia**

House Points Winner: **Joe**

Reminders

On Monday, we will be walking to Loudwater village for our Geography lesson and a War Memorial visit.

Bring your parents to school session: Tues 10th Nov at 9.00 - 9.45 in the school hall.

Please can you send any washed, empty plastic milk bottles into school by Tuesday. Thank you!

Year One Library Visits - 23.11.26

Our Weekly Photos









Year 2 exploring their mentor texts in our Let's make a chapter book English unit.

Year Two

Year 2 got straight back into school life after the half term this week. We have been looking at our new topic in English where we are making a short Chapter Book. We have explored some mentor texts and leapfrogged some ideas from Roald Dahl to make our our Giants from the BFG. In Maths we have worked hard subtracting from and across and 10 as well as working out 10 more and 10 less. In Science we went on a walk around school to hunt for the different materials that we could find. In Geography this week we have been learning about what an ocean is and what are the 5 oceans of the world and where are they. In PE we started our football and fitness units. We are doing Music this term so we started learning our song Tony Chestnut and had a go at completing the song with the actions as well. While in Computing we had a go at taking different photographs on the Ipad and discussed what we do if we are worried about some online in PSHE.

Awards

<u>This Week's Awards</u>

Citizen of the Month - Sylvie

Values Award - Freya

Star of the Week: Jessica

Good Behaviour: Rose and Caius

Reading Eggs: Raheem

House Points Winner: Kanan and Teddy

Reminders

Please remember -

Reading - read at least 4 times a week with an adult.

Reading Eggs - please can we complete at least 30 minutes per week or 10 minutes per day on reading eggs.

Topmarks Maths - If you would like to do some Maths at home we are starting our Addition and Subtraction unit. So click on Games & Interactive, then 5-7 and select the category Addition and Subtraction for some Maths based games.

Year Two Library Visits - 16.11.26

Our Weekly Photos



Year Three

What a lovely start to the second half of Autumn Term we've had. This week we started our new topic in english where we are going to be writing fables over the next 6 weeks. The children individually decided who their audience is going to be when they publish their fable. We had a range of ideas from Mum and Dad, Local nurseries and Flackwell Heath library. In Science, we have started our new topic of nutrition, where we looked at the 5 different food groups, and what types of food we need to eat to have a balanced, healthy diet.

Awards

<u>This Week's Awards</u>
Star of the Week: Dylan S
Good Behaviour: Jacob & Laura
Reading: Anya
TTRS: Saraya
House Points Winner: Jacob
Good Citizen: Anya
Value of the month: Eddie

Reminders

We will be doing tag rugby every thursday in PE this term so please ensure your child has a pair of old trainers that can get muddy, kept in a plastic bag in school.

Our Weekly Photos







Year Four

In English this week, we have started a new unit where we will be writing character-driven short stories. We have started our writing journey by reading lots of good quality short stories and identifying the really brilliant 'craft moves' that the authors have used so that we can learn how to include these in our own writing. In Maths, we have been finding the area of 2D shapes by counting squares and also drawing shapes of given areas. We discovered that different shapes can have the same area! This term our Geography unit is focused on Mountains, Earthquakes and Volcanoes, In our first lesson, we learnt all about the highest mountain in the world - Mount Everest. We also explored other mountain ranges around the world. On Tuesday, we took our learning outside. We listened to the sounds that we could hear and used natural objects to make music.

Awards

<u>This Week's Awards</u>

Star of the Week Award: Faizan
Good Behaviour: Zoe & Ahmed
Reading: Josiah
TTRS: Evie & Sarah
House Points Winner: Zoe

Reminders

Please ensure that your child records their reading on their reading bookmark at least 4 times a week.

Year Four Library Visit -

Our Weekly Photos







Year Five

In Maths, we are continuing our Multiplication & Division unit and have explored Prime, Square and Cube numbers this week. Ask us what a Composite Number is!

In English, we have started our new Short Story writing unit. We have been reading as writers and identifying brilliant craft moves we want to try out in our future work. We also enjoyed an ideas party where we wowed Year 5 adults with our creative imaginations!

In PSHE, we are learning about identifying and managing our feelings and emotions in our new Mental Health and Wellbeing unit.

In Geography, we have learnt the difference between weather and climate and considered how and why meteorologists might measure the weather. We have also begun to learn about extreme weather events in the UK.

In PE this week, we were put through our paces in fitness circuits (see photos) where we worked on strengthening our lower bodies. Some of us could feel our muscles aching on Wednesday!

Awards

Citizen of the Month: Bentley
Values Award Winner (Pride): Jamie

<u>This Week's Awards:</u>

Star of the Week Award: Joshua
Good Behaviour: Dyuthi & Sam
House Points Winner: Mehaa
Reading Award: Harrison
Maths Whizz: Sam, Jassie, Dyuthi & Natan

Reminders

Y5 PE is on Tuesdays and Fridays

Remember your spare trainers (or football/rugby boots) and warm kit for Fridays as we will be playing Tag Rugby outside and may get muddy!

Please can save, rinse and bring in any plastic bottles for Science next week?

Y5 visit to Flackwell Heath library: 9.11.26

Our Weekly Photos







Year Six

In Maths this week, we have been working on mental calculations and fractions. We started with mental methods and estimation before reasoning from facts we already know. Later in the week, we moved on to equivalent fractions, learning how to simplify them and place them on a number line, and finished by comparing and ordering fractions by their denominator.

In Geography, we have begun a new topic all about population. We started by asking where all the people live, thinking about how people are spread across the world, before exploring why population changes over time. It has been an interesting start and has given us plenty to think about as we look at how and why places grow and change.

Awards

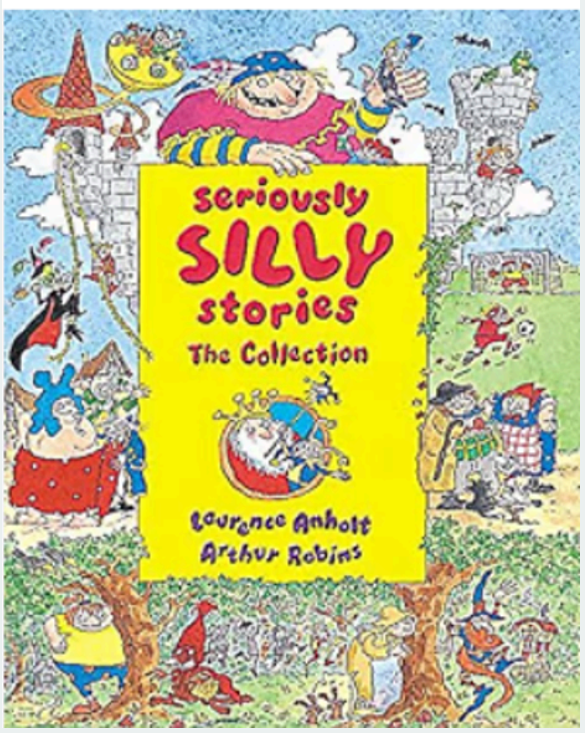
Star of the Week award: Yanis
Good behaviour: Lillie, Christopher
Housepoints: Abeera
Maths Whizz: Maisie
Reading Award: Noemi

Reminders

Outdoor PE this half term is football. A change of trainers/football boots is recommended.

Year Six Library Visit - 02.11.26

Book Review by Miss Weston



If you love fairy tales and have a great sense of humour then this is the book for you!

Seriously Silly Stories is a collection of fairy tales that all have a very funny twist. I was given this book as a gift over 20 years ago and I find it just as funny today as I did then.

The stories have great titles and are full of silly characters and like in all good fairy tales there is a happy ending for the good characters. The illustrations in this book bring the stories to life and add to the fun of each story.

This is a brilliant book for everyone. In Key Stage 1 your parents will enjoy sharing the stories with you and in Key Stage 2 you can enjoy it by yourselves. I look forward to finding out which story is your favourite!



Did You Know? We've Been Awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark!

Did you know that Loudwater Combined School has recently been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) in recognition of the fantastic work taking place across the school to provide children with high-quality science teaching and learning?

The PSQM is a nationally recognised award that celebrates and supports excellence in primary science. It recognises schools that demonstrate a strong commitment to developing science leadership, improving teaching and learning, and inspiring children to become curious, enthusiastic and confident young scientists.

Our award recognises the hard work and commitment of all our staff in developing science across the school. The feedback from our PSQM reviewer was particularly encouraging, highlighting the positive impact that changes to our approach are already having on the children's learning.

Some of the highlights included:

- **Encouraging curiosity:** Moving away from traditional worksheets and giving children more opportunities to explore, investigate, ask questions and discover things for themselves.
- **Learning through investigation:** Children have enjoyed exciting activities such as cloning a potato and investigating which foods local wildlife like to eat.
- **Developing scientific thinking:** Open-ended activities, including exploring questions such as 'What if there was no plastic?', are encouraging children to think deeply, discuss ideas and develop their own questions.
- **Taking learning outdoors:** Our outdoor learning opportunities have been enhanced, with our very own badger camera helping to bring science to life across EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

Our reviewer particularly praised the willingness of staff to embrace change, commenting that "teachers have been brave" in moving away from familiar approaches and trying new ways of teaching science. We are delighted that this work is already having such a positive impact on our children.

Bring Your Adult to School – A Science Special!

To celebrate our achievement and give parents and carers an opportunity to see our approach to science in action, our forthcoming Bring Your Adult to School sessions will have a science focus.

Every class will be taking part in the same mystery activity (we are trying to keep the details under wraps for now!), but with different elements of challenge introduced for each year group. This will allow parents and carers to see how scientific knowledge, skills and thinking develop as children progress through the school.

We are really looking forward to welcoming you into our classrooms and sharing some of the exciting science learning taking place at Loudwater.

Year Group	Day	Date
Foundation Stage	Friday	20.11.26
Year 1	Tuesday	10.11.26
Year 2	Thursday	19.11.26
Year 3	Monday	9.11.26
Year 4	Tuesday	17.11.26
Year 5	Thursday	12.11.26
Year 6	Wednesday	18.11.26

Important information for parents and carers

- All sessions will begin after morning registration.
- Following drop-off, please wait at the top gate, where a member of staff will welcome you into school.
- Each session will last approximately 45 minutes.
- If possible, please bring in any empty plastic bottles days before your child's session, particularly plastic milk bottles, as these will be needed for our science activity.

We look forward to welcoming you into school, sharing some science with you and showing you just how curious, creative and inquisitive our young scientists can be!

Buckinghamshire Family Learning



FREE

Workshop for parents and carers of children in Buckinghamshire schools

EVERYDAY FIRST AID

Course link: FMFA042

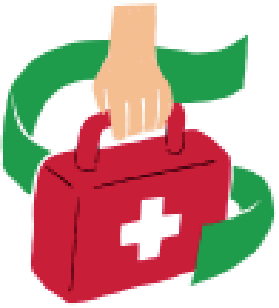
Click on the course link here to enrol

Learn everyday First Aid for the family and how to manage an emergency situation. You will get lots of practical tips on how to deal with choking, burns and minor injuries and increase your confidence in applying basic First Aid.

Monday 16th November

9am - 11:30am

Loudwater Combined School, Loudwater HP11 1JJ



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or SCAN the QR CODE

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YOUR COLLECTION IS ARRANGED ON:

10 NOVEMBER
TUESDAY

FILL ANY BAGS WITH CLOTHING AND BRING THEM TO SCHOOL/ORGANISATION WE WILL COLLECT AND WEIGH THEM

✓ WE ACCEPT

- Good quality clean clothing (adult's, children's, baby)
- Shoes (paired)
- Bags
- Hats & scarves
- Belts
- Fashion accessories
- Swimwear, lingerie
- Jewellery
- Perfumes

✗ WE DON'T ACCEPT

- Uniforms
- Dirty, wet, ripped, damaged clothing
- Traditional clothing
- Duvets & pillows
- Single shoes
- Toys, stationery
- Bric-a-brac & electrical items
- Books, CDs, DVDs
- Workwear
- Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains
- Hygiene items, diapers
- Linen & towels

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