

Loddington Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach half term, we can reflect upon what an amazing amount we have achieved. Our new Reception children have settled in so well and I delight in seeing them skip through the gate every morning with huge smiles on their faces. Our Year 6 Buddies have been instrumental in ensuring their transition to be seamless! There is a real 'buzz' across the whole school with active learning and superb engagement from all our children. My daily learning walks are a real joy.

Mrs Dowsett



School Vision



Loddington Primary is a family community where everyone is nurtured and truly valued. We strive to ensure that all our children enjoy school in our happy, welcoming environment. Through our engaging curriculum and placing Christian Values at the heart of what we do, we hope to inspire children to become confident and caring individuals who live life in all its fullness.

Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it in all its fullness." John 10:10

Our new Ethos Committee had their first meeting last week and will be working hard on ensuring our **theologically rooted vision** is lived out and has impact across the school.

Our focus value is Friendship.

Time For God

I am thrilled to be joined by ten of our children from school to support the Harvest service this Sunday at St. Leonard's church. We start at 9:15am and all families are warmly welcome to attend. Thank you, parents, for your continued support with our monthly Sunday services. This is separate to our school service next Tuesday at 9:15am.

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Woodlands and Wetlands

The best kind of classroom

*This is the best kind of classroom
no walls just sky and trees.*

*This is the best kind of classroom
no radiators just a gentle breeze.*

*You can learn well here
as the birds sing.
About your place
in the scheme of things.*

*You can make up poems
about woodland flowers.*

*Why it's almost as interesting
as the literacy hour.*

*This is the best kind of classroom
it's a journey through time and space.
From the smallest seed to the largest tree
this is a forest and a learning place.*

*This is the best kind of classroom
where the seasons don't happen in books.
Where the learning is watching and thinking and talking.*

This is the best kind of classroom I've ever known.

Please see our brochure attached with details of how we are using our wonderful site across the school.

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House Teams Tally - Weekly Winners



Date	House Team Colour
15 th September	Green
22 nd September	Blue
29 th September	Green
6 th October	Yellow

Lunch Clubs

Monday: Pokémon and Football Trading Club

Tuesday: School Council - every other week and Sewing Club weekly - bring your own equipment.

Wednesday: Choir

Thursday: Ethos Committee - every other week

After School Clubs

Mr Umney - Sports Clubs by invitation

Look out for an ICT and Cooking Club coming soon.....

Harvest Festival, Tuesday 10th October

Our Harvest Festival Service is taking place at St Leonard's Church, Loddington on **Tuesday 10th October** at 9.15am. You are all warmly invited. Tea and Coffee are being served in the Church from 8.45am.

Can we thank you so much for all the amazing donations received. It is truly appreciated.



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FOLS - Friends of Loddington School upcoming events

Friday 13 th October	Tuck shop
Friday 20 th October	School DISCO - Loddington Village Hall
Friday 3 rd November	Bonfire Night - Loddington Recreation Ground
Tuesday 28 th November	FOLS Centenary May Fair meeting in School, 7.30pm-8.30pm
Friday 15 th December	School DISCO - Loddington Village Hall

FOLS have scheduled lots of wonderful fundraising events for 2024.

If you have any fun and unusual fundraising ideas, FOLS would love to hear about them. Please contact the School Office.

Operation Christmas Child



We will be sending a leaflet home with your child next week giving details of the Operation Christmas Child run by Samaritan's Purse. This is a shoe box gift parcel that are sent around the world to children who have been affected by war, poverty, natural disasters, famine and disease. They are collected by local churches and delivered to the charity. For many children, the shoe boxes are their first ever gift.

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Parents' Evening

We are looking forward to hosting our first Parents' Evening of the new school year. Children's books will be out for you to view prior or after your appointment. We endeavor to keep to our 10-minute timed slots. Should you feel you need a longer appointment, please do get in touch with Class teachers to arrange this.

R/1 parents please enter school via the conservatory door around the side of our school building.

Year 2 parents please use the small schoolhouse door. Books will be in the cloakroom and Miss McEwan will call you through to the classroom.

Year 3/4 parents please enter via the main door. Books will be in the foyer.

Year 5/6 parents please enter via the main door. Books will be upstairs in our staff room.

Please do not leave your children in our After School Club, unless they are booked in. Children attending Parents' Evening will need to stay with their parents please.

Road Safety Talk

After a wonderful visit from our PCSO Kerry York to the children in R/1, PCSO Kerry will return next Wednesday to talk to all the children about the importance of playing safely outside and how to stay safe outside of school particularly at busy pick-up times.



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Sports News

I am absolutely thrilled that Mr Umney has now passed his minibus driving test and can share the driving with me! We have attended two football competitions and have a tag rugby one booked in for next week.



Sports Funding

Mr Umney and I have been very busy planning even more fantastic sporting opportunities for all our children over this academic year. So far, we have a polar experience with sledging, snowboarding, skiing, and wakeboarding - all very exciting. Watch this space for further news of bookings.



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Meet the Team

Here at Loddington, we have a terrific team of adults who work with dedication and passion. After some persuasion, to take photos - please see our staff gallery and blurbs. A lovely opportunity to introduce ourselves and put names to faces.



I am Mrs Wilcoxson. As a HLTA, I'm very lucky to work in all the classes in school, covering when teachers have meetings and courses so I've taught every pupil in school! I'm a TA in Year 3 and 4 two afternoons a week. I work in YR, 1 and 2 supporting phonics and maths. My favourite subject is maths, which I teach to Year 5 every day. I love the outdoors and am very excited to be involved with our new forest school and outdoor learning. In my free time, I enjoy walking my dog, baking and gardening.

I am Mrs Thompson, I spend the morning as a TA in Year 3/4 and the afternoons in R/1. Outside of school I enjoy reading, spending time with my family and baking.



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Hello, I am Mrs Sail, School Office Administrator. I have worked at Loddington Primary School for over 15 years in several different roles. Apart from my many Office duties, I love the fact that every day is different, challenging but rewarding - a sense of humour also helps! Outside of school, I enjoy cooking, having fun with my family and I am also a member of Loddington Trefoil Guild, Adults girls guiding group.

My name is Mrs Evans and I am the class teacher for Year 3 and 4. I also lead Science, History and Geography in our school. When I am not at school, I enjoy visiting theme parks with my own two children and the more relaxing pursuits of swimming and gardening.



Hi, I am Mrs Moore. I'm a Teaching Assistant in R/Y1 in the mornings, I help out with Maths in Y2 on a Tuesday and Wednesday and supervise Y3/4 children who have packed lunches. When I'm not at school I enjoy walking my dog, baking and pilates.

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Hello, I am Mrs Dowsett. With a career in education spanning 26 years, my passion and drive for teaching is still as fervent as it was all that time ago! I have taught in every year group from Reception to Year 6, in large, combined schools, in busy towns and smaller rural settings. Loddington is incredibly special to me, so much so, many weekends are spent here looking after this incredible 160-year-old building. I love what I do and am very lucky to work with an incredible team who make Loddington CE Primary so successful. When not working hard, I love to walk in the countryside, cook and spend time with my family.

My name is Mrs Poyner. I am a Teaching Assistant, mainly based in the 5/6 classroom but enjoy working with all classes. I feel very lucky to be able to support each child, to reach their full potential. I am also an advocate for Wellbeing in our School. In my own time, I love to read and spend time outside with my family and dog, whatever the weather!



Hi, I'm Miss McEwan and I teach Year 2. I also lead Music, Computing and PSHE. Outside of work, I enjoy being outdoors, going hiking and taking our canoe out in the Scottish Highlands.

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Hi, I am Mr Umney. I am very lucky to be the Sports Lead across the School. My role includes teaching PE to all year groups as well as organising the sporting competitions and events which I am very passionate that all children have the opportunity to experience the value of sports. I am also a Teaching Assistant across the School. In my spare time, I am a trampolining and gymnastic coach for Northampton Trampoline Gymnastics Academy and enjoy kayaking, hiking and water sports.

Hello, I am Miss Lever-Jones and I am the R/1 teacher. I also lead Phonics, Art and DT and French in the school. Outside of work, I love to spend time in the countryside and enjoy weekends away with my friends and family.



Hello, I am Mrs Gault, After School Club Assistant. I love seeing all the children really enjoying all the activities we have to offer. At home, I enjoy spending time with my family on nice countryside walks and time on the beach. I also enjoy watching my daughter play hockey and my son play cricket.

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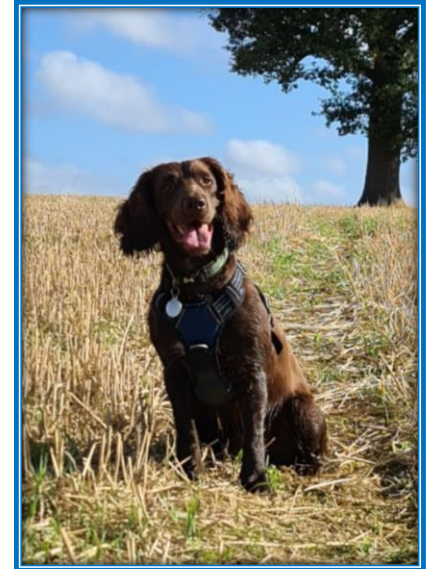
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Hello! My name is Mrs Conaghan and I teach the children in Year 5&6. I really enjoy working with the oldest children in the school! As well as being a class teacher, I'm also the SENCo, which means I work to make sure that all children have their needs met. When I'm not at school, I enjoy going out for walks with my dog called Milo - he is also the school dog so you may see him around! I also enjoy gardening and spending time with my family and friends.



Hello, I am Mrs Foley and I am a Teaching assistant in R/1. As well as having two school age children of my own, I have previously worked in childcare for over 15 years. I love working with children and how different and rewarding each day can be. In my spare time I enjoy baking, crafting, running and keeping fit.

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Hello, my name is Mrs Kiely and I am a Lunchtime Supervisor. Outside of school I enjoy countryside walks and socialising with my friends and family.



Hi, my name is Mrs Ludlow and I am a Lunchtime Supervisor. When I'm not at work, I enjoy reading, walking and spending time with my grandchildren and all my family.



Hello, I am Reverend Andy Giles. For 20 years, I taught outdoor education mainly in Scotland and the Lake District, so I generally love anything active outdoors, like climbing mountains and canoeing down rivers. I moved south with my wife Jo and our 4 children about 5 years ago to be a vicar and try to live life in all its fullness! I attend the weekly clergy worship and lead the services at St Leonards Church, Loddington.

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Year R/1 - Phoenix

What a great start to the school year R/1 have had. We started the term by exploring the topic All About Me and what makes us unique. The children enjoyed getting to know each other during class discussions and settled into their new routines well. Reception have started their phonics lessons and have loved learning a new sound each day. They have also wowed me with their wonderful letter writing. Year 1 have continued to work hard and have enjoyed reading the story 'Last stop on market street' in English. In Maths, the Reception children have been identifying and sorting objects and the Year 1 children have been working hard on their place value to 10 unit, exploring less than and greater than. In science, the children are learning all about their bodies and have enjoyed exploring their senses in the wetland area. In History, the children are learning all about Florence Nightingale and have enjoyed exploring what hospitals were like in the past. The children loved their visit from our local PCSO officer this week and they can't wait for our local firefighter and paramedic to visit over the next few weeks. What a busy start to the term Phoenix class! Keep up the good work! 😊



Year 2 - Dragon

Dragon class, what an amazing start to Year 2! You have returned to school ready and excited for the new academic year. In Maths we have been exploring place value. We have been using practical resources such as tens and ones, place value charts and part whole models to help us to partition and compare numbers. In English, we have been using 'The Last Stop on Market Street' as our stimulus and have been writing excellent sentences including writing techniques such as onomatopoeia and repetition. We have also been reading our class novel 'The Hedgehog' and have developed our skills in retrieving information, making predictions and clarifying vocabulary. Our Science topic this half term is Everyday Materials and we have been busy identifying different uses for materials in our school grounds. In History, we are learning all about The Great Fire of London. We have described what London was like in 1666 and sequenced the events of the fire using a timeline. In RE, we are exploring the good news that Jesus brings and have discussed the topics of friendship, forgiveness and peace. Well done on an excellent start to the year! 😊

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Year 3/4 - Centaur

It has been a super busy start to the new school year for Centaur class. In English, we have been working on the myth of Romulus and Remus - a story about the tragic tale of how Rome was founded. We have completed our class work on this and are now busy planning our own exciting myths to write by ourselves. In Science, we have been carrying out some interesting activities to investigate light and dark. We have learned the differences between light sources and surfaces which reflect light, and this week we have begun to investigate shadows and how they are formed. In History, we are well into our work on the Romans. We have used a range of maps to locate the countries which made up the Roman empire and have used a range of sources to collect information about the Roman army and why it was so successful. This week, we are focusing on Julius Caesar and his two failed attempts at invading Britain and will be carrying out some re-enactments on the playground. We have also been having some very messy Wednesday afternoons in Art, where we have been exploring tints and shades, and how to colour mix to create light and dark effects. A super start to the year for Centaur class - I couldn't be prouder of you all - keep it up.



Year 5/6 - Griffin

What an incredible start to the new academic year, Year 5&6! The children have worked so hard and made an excellent start in all areas of their learning. In English over the last few weeks, the children have been writing 'The Highwayman' as part of our Crime and Punishment History unit. The children are now working on their own versions of the poems which they will then work on performing! In Science, the children have been learning all about forces. They have looked at friction, gravity, air resistance and looked at the work of Isaac Newton and Galileo Galilei. In Maths, Year 6 have finished their place value unit, which they all worked incredibly hard on and they are working through their next unit about the four operations. This unit involves some complex methods, I'm so proud of how the children are persevering with their learning. In History, the children have looked at methods of Anglo-Saxon punishment and they have reflected on different sources of evidence. The children have also looked at Tudor crime & punishment. Keep up the great work Year 5&6, have a lovely weekend 😊

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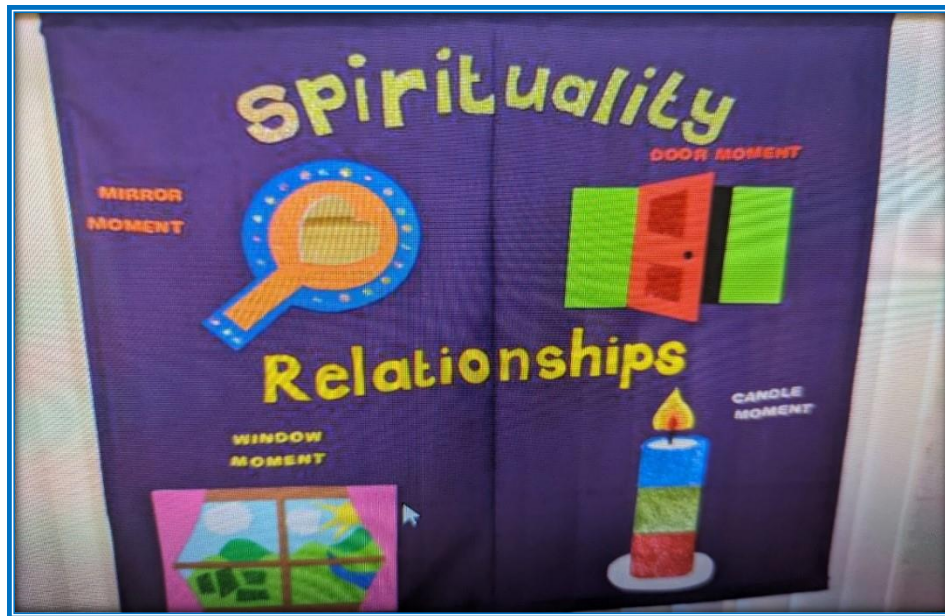
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Spirituality Day - Friday 13th October

We are really excited to spend a day exploring spirituality through relationships. This focus will be relationships with ourselves, celebrating our uniqueness, relationships with others - empathy and compassion, relationships with the world and relationships with God and or other religions and beliefs. There will be many activities throughout the day, learning something new, taking time to reflect and consider what makes us take time to stop and say wow! Our Spirituality policy is on our website for further exploration.



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Dates for your Diary

Monday 9 th October	Year 5/6 Small Schools Football Competition, 12.45pm-4pm (selected children only)
Tuesday 10 th October	Harvest Festival, 9.15am, St Leonard's Church, Loddington
Wednesday 11 th October	Parents Evening
Thursday 12 th October	Parents Evening
Friday 13 th October	FOLS Tuck shop, after school
Tuesday 17 th October	Year 3/4 Tag Rugby Competition, 9am-12pm (selected children only)
Friday 20 th October	FOLS School DISCO. END OF TERM 😊

PE Days - please ensure your child comes to school dressed in their PE Kit
Year R/1 - Monday, Year 2 - Monday, Year 3/4 Tuesday, Year 5/6 - Friday



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