

The Loxdale Local

Early Summer 2025



Summer appears to be coming and going at the minute—but it feels so much nicer when the sun is shining. Half-term will be quickly upon us; Year 6 have their SATS to do before this—we would like to wish them all good luck.

Please look out for letters which we have emailed home and on our school website, especially about trips, residential and summer term events. Please remember to send your child's water bottle, hat and sunscreen into school daily (don't forget to name these too please). Thank you Mrs Scott.

NEW After school club charges Due to rising costs of running after-school clubs, which are not centrally funded, we have introduced a charge of £1 per week for each club. This fee will be payable upfront for the entire term when you book your child into the club. If you do not pay then your child has not secured a place, so therefore cannot stay for the club. We do still have some spaces available at all after-school clubs. Spaces will be given on a first come, first served basis once payment is received.

Save the DATE 17th July Year 6 Leavers Day - Graduation and Prom

More details to follow but please can Year 6 parents and carers save the date. This will be a special day to send Year 6 off on their way after their primary years. There will also be a disco for Key Stage 2 pupils to join too. More details to follow.

School of Sanctuary

At Loxdale we are committed to supporting all children and their families, this includes pupils and their families who are new to the UK. We are currently working towards becoming a School of Sanctuary. This is where a school shows their commitment to:

- *being a safe and welcoming place for all.
- *helping its pupils, staff and wider community to understand what it means to be seeking sanctuary
- *extending a welcome to everyone as an equal, valued member of the school community
- *proudly being a place of safety and inclusion for all.

It is a whole school ethos & feeling! Something we feel we do really well.



As the weather gets warmer please can we politely request that parents and carers ensure that all school uniform is named and labelled.

One school jumper looks the same as another and we can usually return lost items if they are named.



What is a Family Hub?

A Family Hub is a place where children, young people and their families can go to access services from different agencies in their local area.

There are also a range of services provided from within the Family Hub, including:



Midwives & Health Visitors



Infant Feeding Support



Emotional Health & Wellbeing



Stay and Play Sessions



Parenting Support



Housing Support



Benefits & Welfare Rights Advice



Employment & Training



Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) Support



Out Of School Activities



Birth Registrations



Adult Education

Visit www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/familyhubs for more details

School Dinner Price Increase

We would like to remind parents and carers that from the summer term onwards, the price of school dinners has increased to £2.60. This adjustment is in line with Local Authority advice and guidance and is necessary due to the rising costs of food and staffing.

We appreciate your understanding regarding this matter as we strive to maintain the quality and variety of meals provided to your children.

Please can parents and carers complete their child's consent in Arbor. This allows us to share photographs with you of your children engaging in school activities, trips and residential. It would be a real shame not to be able to share what your child has been doing in the day, or having to cover their image over. Thank you.

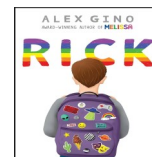
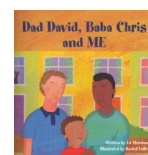
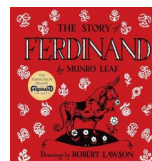
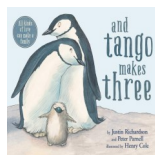


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Loxdale are proud to celebrate CHIPS week (Challenging Homophobia in Primary Schools) every term. During Spring term, children across school have developed their emotional literacy through stories which provoke discussion around diversity, individuality, stereotypes and kindness. Here are some of the texts that we have explored:



LACHES WOOD RESIDENTIAL - a reminder that Year 5 and 6 residential payments are due for the final payment at the end of May—Saturday 31st May 2025 please.

Thank you to those parents who attended the residential meeting last week, please can all consent forms be completed and returned to the school office ASAP. Thank you.



We are thrilled to congratulate our Digital Ambassadors on successfully completing their training! Their dedication and hard work have truly shone through as they have taken on the important role of identifying and reporting online safety issues across our school. These young leaders have shown remarkable commitment to creating a safer digital environment for all of us. Let's celebrate their achievements and continue to support them in their efforts to keep our online community secure and positive. Well done to all our Digital Ambassadors!

Can you please help? We are looking to support a previous Loxdale pupil who is studying a Child Psychology degree. Thank you for completing this survey.

As part of my Masters course at university, I am undertaking a research project which is investigating something called alexithymia in children aged 7-18 years; this is a term used to describe difficulties in identifying and processing emotions. I am interested in finding out if emotional recognition and regulation mechanisms are passed from parent to child, and if there are any factors which affect this transmission. To help with this research, I am asking for your help by answering some questions in the form of an online questionnaire, which should take around 15 minutes of your time. It is fully anonymous, and the findings of this research could be really influential for future understanding of a really important field. If you have more than one child in the desired age range (7-18 years), please could you complete the questions with only one child in mind at a time (you can complete the questionnaire more than once, should you wish to also answer about any subsequent children). Please follow this link for further information, and for contact details, should you have any questions. Thankyou so much in advance! https://qualtricsxmjnmgmhkkk.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1zdTSKKPbuXy514

We regularly practise both fire drills and locks downs with our children—it is important to ensure that the children, staff and visitors know what to do in an emergency event. We aim to make these practices positive and productive and to reduce any anxiety these events might cause. Please ask your child about these practices and hear how positively they speak about them.

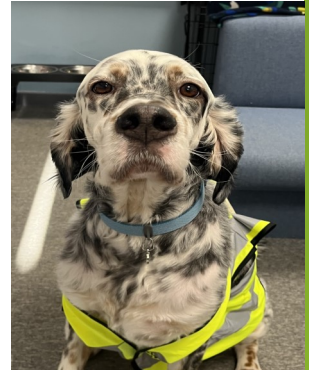


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Monty Pupdate- There are an increasing number of pupils and their siblings trying to stroke Monty whilst he is on his morning and afternoon gate duty. Please can we respectfully remind everyone that on the way into school we ask that you simply say good morning to him and give him a wave, so as not to hold up the flow of pupils entering school. When leaving school at the end of the day, you must always ask Monty's handler if you can stroke him before you approach. Sometimes we may have to say no, as it can get quite overwhelming for him if there are lots of little hands all at once. Please remember that while Monty is our wellbeing dog, we need to look after his wellbeing. Thank you.



Exciting News!

We are thrilled to announce that we have been awarded the prestigious Charter Mark for Wellbeing! This incredible achievement highlights our school's unwavering dedication to fostering emotional health and wellbeing for everyone. ✨



What's even more amazing is that this is our second wellbeing award in less than 12 months! 🏆 This remarkable accomplishment showcases our ongoing commitment to promoting positive mental health and wellbeing throughout our school community.

The school's website - Don't forget we update our website regularly with information and support for parents/carers. Please follow the link to access and click on the 'Parents' tab [Loxdale Primary School | Bilston](#). The online world has become almost as significant as the real one, which consequently results in extra concerns about how to keep our children safe. To support with this, we have recently added an 'online safety' link with guidance relating to the most popular sites that children are accessing [Parent/Carer Info/Wellbeing | Loxdale Primary School](#)

Loxdale Primary School - PE and Sports Update

At Loxdale, we are proud to continue raising the profile of competitive sport and celebrating our pupils' achievements. The Spring Term was filled with exciting opportunities for our children to participate in a variety of sporting events.

Our pupils recently showcased their skills in a basketball competition, demonstrating teamwork and determination. In cross country, we are incredibly proud that eight of our children qualified for the city finals — a fantastic achievement that highlights their dedication and perseverance. We have also participated in both the mixed and girls' football leagues, where our teams showed great commitment and sportsmanship. In addition, our children have enjoyed taking part in dance festivals and tag rugby tournaments, with hopes to enter more competitions in the near future.

As we look ahead, we are eagerly awaiting the release of the summer sporting calendar, so be sure to keep an eye out for upcoming events and exciting opportunities for our pupils to get involved. Miss Gordon is especially looking forward to seeing even more children engaging in sports, both in and outside of school, alongside their regular PE lessons. Let's keep up the fantastic effort and enthusiasm for sport at Loxdale!



Friday 16 th May	VE/VJ Celebration Day - please wear red, white and blue. See letter.
23rd May	Careers Day
Half Term – 23rd May – 1st June	
2nd June	Back to School
2nd June	CHIPS Week
2nd - 13th June	Year 4 MTC
2nd - 4th June	Year 5/6 Residential - Laches Wood
9th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check week
12th June	Nursery and Reception Sports Day
17th June	Sports Day AM - Year 1,2 and 3 PM - Year 4,5 and 6
18th June	Year 6 Bikeability
20th June	Year 1 Class Assembly - 2:30pm
24th June	Y6 visit to Drayton Manor
27th June	Whole school French Day
4th July	Summer Term House Day
7th July	Reports to be sent out to parents
11th July	Nursery Graduation and Picnic
11th July	Meet the teacher afternoon for Y1-Y5
18th July	Break up at 1pm, after the family picnic lunch

A polite reminder - due to health and safety rules, the EYFS or any play equipment is not to be used before or after school by children. Please may we ask that parents/ carers supervise children carefully and do not allow them to run around and play on the equipment. PLEASE can children also be supervised when in the cycle shed too, as too many cycles are being damaged. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Parental Concerns:

Could any parent wishing to discuss any concerns regarding their child, please see their class teacher in the first instance. If any concerns cannot be resolved with the class teacher, then please feel free to make an appointment to see one of our Assistant Headteachers: Mrs Mould (Key Stage 2), or Miss Cowley (Key Stage 1 and EYFS.) If the problem is still unresolved, then please see our Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Wright-Jones, or if the problem is still unresolved, Mrs Scott (Headteacher).

Please can we remind you that smoking cigarettes or vaporizers is not acceptable on, or near the gates of, school premises.

Children being collected at the end of the school day: If a responsible adult, who is known to your child, comes to collect them from school, then your child will be handed over to them, regardless of whether they are on the contact card. This is due to the number of issues with continued changes to contact details. If parents do not want a certain individual to collect their child, then please could you inform school in writing. **Brothers or sisters sent to collect children must be of at least secondary school age and judged to be competent by school.** We reserve the right not to allow children to be taken home by other minors if there are any concerns around safety of the children at Loxdale.

Late collections: May we also please remind parents that children must be collected on time at the end of the day. If, for any reason you are going to be late, please inform the school in advance. As you will appreciate, persistent lateness will have an impact on the running of school. **If you are later than 3.45pm, your child will be put into teatime club and a charge will be applied.**

PLEASE MAY WE RESPECTFULLY ASK PARENTS/CARERS TO PROPERLY SUPERVISE THEIR CHILDREN UPON COLLECTION FROM SCHOOL AT THE END OF THE DAY. We have had a number of incidents where children have run away from parents/ carers down the path, where pedestrians have been knocked over by children running down the path and also where bikes and scooters have been damaged in the bike sheds where children have been unsupervised and have been 'messaging around' with other children's bikes and scooters. At the end of the school day, we have over 1000 people on site and we ask that everyone is respectful of each other and adheres to our request for an orderly dismissal from the school premises.

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS MATTER

