

Up To The Minute 10.01.25

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you had a happy and restful break over the festive season. It has truly been delightful to see the children's smiling faces back at school this week! Their enthusiasm has brought such a wonderful energy to our mornings.

As we settle back into our routines, we’ve taken some time to revisit our core values and rules. The children have been remarkable in demonstrating these principles, which has been fantastic to witness. We have also had prospective parents visiting our school this week, and they were incredibly impressed with the colouful displays and calm atmosphere throughout the school.

On a different note, our staff had an engaging and productive day on Monday, where we participated in health and safety and first aid training in the morning. In the afternoon, we had some enriching therapy play training. We are all eagerly looking forward to incorporating the new activities we've learned into our sessions with the children!

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in your child’s education, we are excited for the term ahead.

Best wishes for the year ahead!

# THANK YOU TO OUR TEAM OF PAINTERS

Thanks to our Governor, Jeremy Reid, we had a fantastic team from his fitness group come into school last Saturday and transform our corridors. The school now looks so much fresher! We are incredibly grateful for the time and effort dedicated to this project.

A special thank you goes to Phill Wannell, who organised all the necessary equipment, enabling us to carry out the painting efficiently.

I would also like to give a big shout out to the Walker family—Andy, Laura, Orla, and Rupert—who generously volunteered their time to help throughout the morning and stayed on to assist with the clean-up. Your hard work does not go unnoticed, and it is this kind of community spirit that makes our school such a wonderful place to be.

# FREE MUSIC LESSONS FROM WEST SUSSEX MUSIC

There are still a few places available on our incredible TOPs course! This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to learn an instrument for free!!! and experience the thrill of playing in an orchestra with others.

 Visit the [website](https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/top/) now to secure a place!"

# PALS UPDATE - QUIZ NIGHT 28.01.25

Hi all,

In case you missed it pre-Christmas, we (PALS) are hosting a Quiz Night at North Hall on 28th Feb to raise money for the pirate ship. Lots of fun rounds being created! There will be a bar and food plus a raffle. Tickets are £10pp (including meal and first drink) and can be purchased through ParentPay. Hopefully see you there!

# CLASS AMAZON WISHLISTS

Thank you to everyone who has donated items from our Wish lists - it is so lovely seeing the regular Amazon parcels arrive and the classes excitement when they know it is theirs.

Reception <https://amzn.eu/gLHtZpZ> Year 1 <https://amzn.eu/a4xNMIg> Year 2 <https://amzn.eu/jgEyKhf>

Year 3 <https://amzn.eu/79yqHNk> Year 4 <https://amzn.eu/99XXQ2I> Year 5 <https://amzn.eu/2BJd9KK>

Year 6 <https://amzn.eu/00TBN9v> SEND <https://amzn.eu/08DgIhS> Nurture Nest <https://amzn.eu/agbYnPv>

# OTHER NEWS

* Oak class are collecting clean toilet rolls, food tubs, yoghurt pots and small boxes to make bridges. There is a purple bin outside reception class for donations. Thank you.
* Is your child due to start reception in September 2025? The deadline for submission is January 15th. Please do take a look at our website for further information or ask Mrs Miles for support and advice.
* Snack should only be a piece of fruit or vegetable.
* Holiday Club now open for booking - please go to ParentPay to book.

# OUR LOXWOOD SUPERSTARS THIS WEEK ARE.....

Oak Class - Finley for resilience. Lara for curiosity. Aurelie for independence.

Cherry Class - Andi for resilience. Phoebe for kindness. Alex for respect.

Willow Class - Dominic for curiosity. Oliver for independence.

Rowan Class - Eric for respect. Ernie for independence.

Sycamore Class - Harry for resilience. Arlo for independence.

Mulberry Class - Rupert for resilience. Maria for curiosity. Daisy for kindness.

Chestnut Class - Rosie-Mai for resilience. Kyle for kindness.

House Points:

1st - Brewhurst 62 2nd - Southlands 61 3rd - Drungewick 60 4th - Malham 52

# READING ROCKET TOTAL = 376 whole school reads this week!

# DATES FOR THE DIARY

Spring 2025

15.01.2025 - UKS2 Tag Rugby Festival at The Weald (selected children by invitation only)

16.01.2025 - Census Day

22.01.2025 - UKS2 Talented Athlete Sports Enrichment Part 2 (selected children by invitation only)

27.01.2025 - Whole-School Spring Term 'Come and See' 2:45-3:30pm (more information to follow)

05.02.2025 - UKS2 Basketball Festival at The Weald (selected children by invitation only)

05.02.2025 - LKS2 Inclusive Golf & Frisbee at The Bridge (selected children by invitation only)

11.02.2025 - Reception NHS Healthy Child Screening

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24.02.2025 - UKS2 Stinger Netball at The Weald (selected children by invitation only)

25.02.2025 - Y3 Thakeham Sustainability Workshop in school (more information to follow)

04.03.2025 - Pancake Races 9am (parents welcome to watch)

04.03.2025 - Spring Parents' Evening 3:30-6:00pm (more information to follow)

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05.03.2025 - UKS2 Inclusive Racquet Sports at The Bridge (selected children by invitation only)

06.03.2025 - World Book Day (more information to follow)

07.03.2025 - Whole-School World Book Day Dance Workshops

12.03.2025 - KS2 Spring House Matches am (more information to follow)

12.03.2025 - Infant Open PE Lesson pm (parents welcome to watch - more information to follow)

17.03.2025 - Year 6 Bikeability Week (more information to follow)

17.03.2025 - Y4, 5 & 6 Gymnastic Festival at The Weald (selected children by invitation only)

19.03.2025 - UKS2 Football Tournament at The Weald (selected children by invitation only)

# TERM DATES 2024 - 2025

Tuesday 3rd September 2024 - School starts

Friday 25th October 2024 - Break up for half term at 3.15pm

Monday 4th November 2024 - School starts

Friday 20th December 2024 - Break up for Christmas holidays at 1.30pm

Tuesday 7th January 2025 - School starts

Thursday 13th February 2025 - break up for half term at 3.15pm

Monday 24th February 2025 - School starts

Friday 4th April 2025 - break up for Easter holidays at 1.30pm

Tuesday 22nd April 2025 - School starts

Friday 23rd May 2025 - Break up for half term at 3.15pm

Monday 2nd June 2025 - School starts

Friday 18th July 2025 - Break up for the summer holidays at 1.30pm

Inset Days 2024 - 2025:

Monday 2nd September 2024 Monday 6th January 2025 Friday 14th February 2025 Monday 21st July 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

# ADVERTISE WITH US & AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

Did you know that you can ask for advertisement on our weekly Up To The Minute?

Did you know that you can hire the school hall or field/woodlands for events such as parties or clubs?

If this is something you are interested in, please contact Mrs Griffiths on 01403 752207 or [bursar@loxwoodschool.com](mailto:bursar@loxwoodschool.com).

We value your feedback . Please do catch Mrs Mellors or Miss Price on the gate or email us at messages@loxwoodschool.com.