

Up To The Minute 03.10.25

Yesterday, we had a splendid time at the church for our Harvest Festival. A special thank you to Mrs. Harder and Year 6 for their presentation on harvests from around the world. We were also grateful to Reverend James, who celebrated our wonderful farming community with inspiring words.

I would like to extend my thanks to all of you for your generous donations to the foodbank. Your support makes a meaningful impact, and I am proud of our school community for coming together in such a helpful way. A big thank you also goes to our volunteers and to Reverend James for allowing us to use the church for our harvest assembly.

Additionally, I am thrilled to announce the opening of our new Room To Bloom, now affectionately known as the Flower Pot. We had a wonderful official opening with representatives from the Parish Council, including Councillor Janet Duncton, along with the team who organised the build, our Governors, and our parent community. Our anti-bullying ambassadors were present as well, making it a true community celebration.

I am pleased to report that many children have already accessed the Flower Pot, which will focus on supporting mental health and well-being. Ms Pearson has been working with small groups of children in this space today, and we look forward to seeing its positive impact on our students.

Thank you all once again for your continued support and involvement in our school community. If you have any questions or would like to know more about our activities, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

# School Development Plan

As part of our commitment to collaboration within our school community, I would like to take this opportunity to share our school development plan objectives for the academic year 2025-2026. Each year, we set priorities that guide our work and improve the educational experience for all our children.

The objectives outlined for this academic year are as follows:

Objective 1: We are dedicated to ensuring that all children continue to make good progress in reading, with a particular focus on supporting disadvantaged and SEND pupils. It is essential that every child develops a strong foundation in literacy, enabling them to thrive throughout their educational journey.

Objective 2: Our commitment to professional development remains strong. We will be providing training for all new staff in therapeutic thinking, alongside updating the training for existing staff. A comprehensive review of our current policies will ensure that we are meeting the diverse needs of our students effectively.

Objective 3: We aim to continue our focus on mastering number in Key Stage 2 while also maintaining the positive impact of this initiative in Key Stage 1. By strengthening our numerical skills curriculum, we can enhance our pupils' confidence and proficiency in mathematics.

Objective 4: We strive for Quality First Teaching (QFT) to be consistent across all staff at Loxwood. Consistency in teaching practice is crucial to maximising the educational outcomes for our children.

Objective 5: The effective use of Teaching Assistants (TAs) will be a key focus, particularly in terms of increasing outcomes for our disadvantaged children. We recognise the pivotal role that TAs play in supporting our pupils, and we aim to enhance their impact in the classroom.

Objective 6: We will be completing the IPALM award this year. This initiative will support our continuous improvement in providing tailored educational experiences for our children with a focus on dyslexia and dyscalculia.

Objective 7: Finally, we are committed to looking after our staff's wellbeing. A well-supported staff is essential to fostering a positive learning environment for our pupils, and we will implement strategies to promote the mental and emotional health of our team.

We believe that these objectives will not only support our students' academic achievements but also contribute positively to their social and emotional development. We welcome your ongoing support and collaboration as we work together to fulfil these goals.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss our objectives further, please do not hesitate to contact me at school or via email.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child’s education.

# West Sussex Parent Carer Forum

This is where you can find news, updates, and details of support for parents and carers of children with additional needs.

[Click here](https://www.wspcf.org.uk/parent-carer-pinboard/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAYnJpZBExam1WdDNmejNISFhla0R2YgEeyWCfKfssI914Nwy5r2x0XxczVpUqIWnbvUmAfx4vKFgS3R49LKu0oM1srVU_aem_Co9yv-0WhG1yCf-0Eh2J7A)

# Textile/Clothing Recycling Bin

To support our fundraising efforts, we now have a textile/clothing bin outside year 6. Please feel free to fill it up with any of the items below. Please do not leave bags of clothes if the bin is full. Don't worry, it will be emptied every 2 weeks.

# Free Swimming & Gym

Our school has been adopted by Cranleigh Leisure Centre for the month of October. This allows our families to use the facilities for free for two weeks, that include swimming for the children, and parents for swimming, gym and classes.

To access this amazing offer, you just need to scan the QR code on the leaflet attached and add your details. Your pass will be activated from the 1st October.

# Class Amazon Wish lists - Thank you for your generosity

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>

ELSA <https://amzn.eu/agbYnPv>

# PALS Update

PALS Quiz Night – Come and Join the Fun! We are excited to invite you to our PALS Quiz Night on Thursday 13th November at 7:30pm at The Onslow Arms. Tickets are £20 per person, which includes a delicious meal and a drink, and there’s a £200 cash prize up for grabs! This is always a brilliant evening full of fun, laughter, and a little healthy competition, so gather your friends, test your knowledge, and support our school at the same time. All money raised will go towards funding an all-weather surface for part of our school field.

Dates for the Diary:

Cake Raffle – Friday 24th October, Friday 21st November at 8:30am

Uniform/Cookie sale – Friday 10th October, Friday 7th November at 3:05pm

Quiz Night – Thursday 13th November from 7:30pm

# Young Minds World Mental Health Day - Hello Yellow

Don't forget to wear something yellow on Friday 10th October.

# Please Name Everything

Please can you ensure all items of uniform, bags, coats, snack pots, water bottles and lunch boxes are named. We are unable to return lost items that do not have names on them.

If your child loses their responsibility badge we will have to ask for a contribution towards a new one, this is due to budget constraints.

Many thanks for your support.

# Our Loxwood Superstars

OAK - Jesse for respect. Emily for independence. (Reception will have their certificates presented in class for this term)

CHERRY - Quinn for independence. Gabriel for curiosity.

WILLOW - Amber for curiosity. Ruby for independence.

ROWAN - Billy for independence. Ellorie for kindness.

SYCAMORE - Evelyn for resilience. Rory for kindness.

MULBERRY - Alfie for independence. Violet for resilience. Darcy for resilience.

CHESTNUT - Isla G for curiosity. Evelyn for independence.

# House Points

1st Drungewick 2nd Southlands 3rd Malham 4th Brewhurst

# Reading Rocket Results

This week we have read 494 times. Well done! In total we have read 1449 times.

# Dates For Your Diary

Autumn 2025

08.10.25 - Year 3 Multiskills at The Weald

10.10.25 - Hello Yellow: World Mental Health Day (see UTTM 19.09.25)

17.10.25 - Show Racism the Red Card Day (more information to follow)

23.10.25 - Accelerated Reader Parent Workshop 8:30am

13.11.25 - Parent Pause: Tea and Talk 8:50am (Anti-Bullying Theme)

18.11.25 - Parents' Evening 3:30 - 6pm (more information to follow)

19.11.25 - Parents' Evening 3:30 - 6pm (more information to follow)

19.11.25 - KS2 Autumn Term House Matches (more information to follow)

01.12.25 - Whole-School Panto (more information to follow)

02.12.25 - SEND Tea and Chat 2:30pm

09.12.25 - Infant Nativity 1:45pm

09.12.25 - KS2 Carols at Church 5pm

11.12.25 - Infant Nativity 9:30am

# Term Dates

2025-2026

Thursday 4th September 2025 – School starts

Friday 24th October 2025 – Break up for half term at 3:15pm

Monday 3rd November 2025 – School starts

Friday 19th December 2025 – Break up for Christmas holidays at 1:30pm

Tuesday 6th January 2026 – School starts

Thursday 12th February 2026 – Break up for half term at 3:15pm

Monday 23rd February 2026 – School starts

Friday 27th March 2026 – Break up for Easter Holidays at 1:30pm

Monday 13th April 2026 – School starts

Friday 22nd May 2026 - Break up for half term at 3:15pm

Monday 1st June 2026 – School starts

 Wednesday 22nd July 2026 – Break up for Summer holidays at 1:30pm

INSET Days 2025-2026

Wednesday 3rd September 2025 Thursday 27th November 2025 Monday 5th January 2026

Friday 13th February 2026 Friday 12th June 2026

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