

Loatlands News

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Loatlands
Primary School



Dates for your Diary

December

Tuesday 17th Phase 3 Carol Concert 2.30pm
Wednesday 18th Year 1 Botanic Gardens Trip
Thursday 19th Phase 2 Carol Concert 2.30pm
Friday 20th Last Day of Term

January

Monday 6th School Re-opens
Monday 6th Rowling, Cowell and Wilson Swimming Commences
Tuesday 7th – 10th Life Education Bus Visit
Wednesday 8th Year 3 Ancient Greece day in the studio
Monday 13th Year 6 SATS Information Evening

February

Monday 3rd School Disco
Friday 14th Training day

March

Tuesday 17th Year 2 SATS information session 3.30pm-4.30pm
Friday 27th Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop

April

Friday 3rd Easter Bonnet Parade/ Egg Rolling competition

May

Year 2 SATS Month
Monday 11th-15th Year 6 SATS – all children MUST be in school

June

Monday Year 1 Phonics Screening all week

Phase 1

Years R and 1

Phase 2

Years 2 and 3

Phase 3

Years 4, 5 and 6



Christmas Dinner Day

On Wednesday, the children and staff enjoyed our Christmas dinner day together. About 300 delicious Christmas meals were served, so a big THANK YOU to all the staff at ABM for their hard work

Christmas Cards

Our Christmas post boxes are now in school. If children would like to send Christmas cards to some of their friends at school, please ensure the child's name and class is written on the envelope. Can we please ask that children do not send cards to everyone in their class, only a few close friends. Post boxes will be in Reception/Year 1 area, Year 2/3 area and Y4/5/6 corridor.

Carol Concerts

Phase 2 (Years 2 and 3) Thursday 19th December at 2.30pm

Phase 3 (Years 4, 5 and 6) Tuesday 17th December at 2.30pm

Letters and tickets have been sent home this week for the Phase 2 and 3 Carol Concerts. **Please bring the tickets with you to the concert as entry is by ticket only due to limited space.** We are unable to allow any younger siblings to the carol concerts due to fire restrictions, however we are able to offer a crèche. If you would like to book a younger sibling into the crèches, please let the office know. Please note places in the crèche are limited



Phase 1 We can spell Christmas Performance

Thank you to all the Parents and Family members who came to watch our Nativity play and for all the wonderful costumes that were provided. The children all performed brilliantly and really enjoyed showing off their acting talents. A special thank you to all the teaching staff for all the hard work for putting this together

Last week of term arrangements

For your information, please find details below of arrangements for the different year groups for the last week of term.

Phase 1 (Reception & Year 1)

- Monday 16th - Normal Day
- Tuesday 17th – Normal Day
- Wednesday 18th – Year 1 Trip to Botanic Gardens
- Thursday 19th – Normal Day
- Friday 20th – Reception and Year 1 Christmas Party. Children are welcome to come to school wearing party clothes for the day – no school uniform needed

Phase 2 (Years 2 & 3)

- Monday 16th - Year 3 Christmas Party. Children are welcome to bring party clothes to change into at school
- Tuesday 17th – Normal Day
- Wednesday 18th – Year 2 Christmas party. Children can bring in party clothes to change into at school
- Thursday 19th - Phase 2 Carol Concert at 2.30pm. Children can bring in a Christmas jumper to change into at school
- Friday 20th – Children can bring in a game to play (please do not send in games that are: electrical/battery, have small pieces that are easily lost, soft toys or are precious/expensive)

Phase 3 (Years 4-6)

- Monday 16th – Year 4 Christmas Party. Children are welcome to bring party clothes to change into at school
- Tuesday 17th - Phase 3 Carol Concert at 2.30pm - Children can bring in a Christmas jumper to change into at school
- Wednesday 18th - Normal Day
- Thursday 19th – Phase 3 Christmas film morning
- Friday 20th – Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party. Children are welcome to bring party clothes to change into at school. No toys or games are needed.

Please can all children bring in a named carrier bag to bring home cards and crafts

Life Education Bus

The Life Education Bus will be on site Tuesday 7th – Friday 10th January. All classes will have a session.

The relevant topics will be:

Nursery – Taking Care of Myself

Reception – All About Me

Year 1 – My Wonderful Body

Year 2 – Feelings

Year 3 – Meet the Brain

Year 4 – It's Great to be Me

Year 5 - Friends

Year 6 - Decisions

A drop-in session for parents to view the facilities and talk with the providers has been arranged for Wednesday 8th January 8.45-9.00am.

Thank you

A big thank you to all of our volunteers who regular come into School and Nursery to help. The staff have really appreciated all the help and support they have provided, which has greatly benefited the children.



Forest School

Since September, Years 1, 5 and 6 have enjoyed weekly sessions of forest school. They have been den building, pond dipping, weaving, campfire lighting and bug hunting.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their forest school experience. Year 3 will start forest school in January and Year 1 will continue forest school every other week as per the dates parents were given in October.

A big thank you to Mrs Greenwood and Mr Rose for all their hard work.

Real Christmas Trees - If anyone has a Real Christmas tree they are able to donate please contact the school office in the New Year.

Swimming Lessons

A reminder starting on Monday 6th January 2020, children in Year 3 Rowling class, Year 4 Cowell class and Year 5 Wilson class will take part in weekly swimming lessons as part of the National Curriculum. These will take place every Monday morning until Monday 30th March 2020.



Your child will need to bring their swimming kit with them every Monday, which should include:

Swimming costume for girls (no bikinis)

Swimming trunks for boys (no board shorts)

Towel

Swimming hat (purchased as a Shop Item through your child's SchoolMoney account for £1)

Waterproof swimming bag

Please ensure all items of swimming kit are named. Swimming goggles are not allowed unless there is a parental note giving permission. However, please be advised that there will be times when all children will need to remove goggles for safety reasons for certain swimming tasks.

Medical Appointments

If your child has a medical appointment please provide the appointment letter/text to the school office prior to the appointment otherwise this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence until this has been provided.

Library Books

An exciting collection of books written specifically for children whose parent(s) serve in the armed forces has been added to our school library. The books have been shared with individual children but can be accessed by everyone at school.





Parent 'Stay and Read' Session

Thursday 19th December – Austen

The 'stay and read' session will begin at 9am and will finish at 9.25am. Pre-school aged children are welcome to come to the sessions during this trial period – we will have a special library area for parents who bring pre-schoolers with a range of books and toys suitable for younger children.

If you wish to attend a 'stay and read' session then you just need to enter the school via the main entrance after dropping off your child/children as usual. The class whose turn it is will then make their way to the library after the register and then collect you from the office. We hope you are able to join your child for their 'stay and read' session.

Attendance Award

w/e 13th December

Well done to

Wilson class for
achieving 99% attendance

Letter sent home

Years 2 and 3 – Carol Concert Letter and tickets
Years 4, 5 and 6 - Carol Concert letter and tickets
Years 3, 4 and 5 - Swimming letters (Rowling, Cowell and Wilson)
Years 2 and 3 – Dodgeball Club Letters

2019 – 2020 Term dates

Term 2	Training Day	Monday 4 November
Term starts		Tuesday 5 November
Term ends		Friday 20 December
Term 3	Training Day	Friday 3 January 2020
Term starts		Monday 6 January 2020
Term ends		Thursday 13 February
	Training Day	Friday 14 February
Term 4		
Term starts		Monday 24 February
Term ends		Friday 3 April
Term 5		
Term starts		Monday 20 April
(Bank holiday		Friday 8 May)
Term ends		Friday 22 May
Term 6		
Term starts		Monday 1 June
Term ends		Friday 17 July

Loatlands Legends

On Monday 9th December 7 children from Years 3 and 4 represented Loatlands in a futsal tournament. The competition was against four other schools in the area. We played four 8 minute games; won 3 and drew 1. The children were awesome as they battled each game and effortlessly showed an excellent team rapport.

This put us at the top of the table and we had to play a final against Havelock. Both teams were determined and demonstrated exceptional skill and talent. After 8 minutes the score was 1-1 which meant the dreaded penalties!

After a tense shoot out we unfortunately lost 2 -3.

I am so proud of each and every one of them.

Well done my amazing footballers!

Mrs Small



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