

# Loatlands News

Issue 21 – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February  
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## Dates for your Diary

<b>February</b>	
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Training day
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Term begins
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Indoor Kurling Final (named children)
<b>March</b>	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Phonics information session for parents
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day/ <b>Special Menu Day</b>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening 3.30-5pm and 6-8pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sport Relief Day 'Get your Kit on'
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Cross Country Event
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Cross Country Event
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 SATS information session 3.30pm-4.30pm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Swimming Gala
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Reception – Lion Learners Workshop
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4/5 Play Performance 9.30am and 2pm
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4/5 Play Performance 6pm
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 High Fives Netball Competition
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop
<b>April</b>	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Easter Bonnet Parade/ Egg Rolling competition
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Croft Farm Residential
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Dodgeball Event
<b>May</b>	
Year 2 SATS Month	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATS – all children MUST be in school
<b>June</b>	
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 Viking Workshop
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Phonics Screening all week
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Homefront Workshop

<u>Phase 1</u>
Years R and 1
<u>Phase 2</u>
Years 2 and 3
<u>Phase 3</u>
Years 4, 5 and 6



## Parents Evening

We will be holding our Parents Evenings on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 3.30-5pm and 6-8pm and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March between 3.30-5.30pm. Parents will be sent a text/email shortly, which will contain a link to the parents evening system; please click on the link and enter your child's first name. This will bring up your child/children's class teacher and the available appointment times. If you have more than one child in school, please can we ask you to leave a 10 minute gap between appointments to allow for any appointments that overrun. We would encourage all parents to attend as this is vital for parents and teachers to work together to help children's learning. Mrs Buckley will be available during the parent's evenings to answer any queries.

## ABM Food Orders

The new menu is live on School Money. Please remember to log in and order your child's menu choices for the first week back after half term. A copy of the menu is on the school website in the letter home section.

There will now be two added lines on School Money:

- Allergen free main (meat/fish)
  - Allergen free main (vegetarian)
- These are for the sole use of children who have been issued with a special diet menu



## Parent 'Stay and Read' Session

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February - Jeffers**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February - Donaldson**

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 – 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.

### Family Open afternoon – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Thank you to all the families who attended the Family Open Afternoon. We were pleased to welcome over 205 visitors to the school. The children really enjoyed sharing activities with their families.

### Uniform

Please can we remind students in Years 5 and 6 of the expectations for their school uniform.

Children in Year 5 and 6 need to wear a red v-neck jumper or cardigan ideally with the new Loatlands logo, white blouse/shirt, a school tie, black/grey trousers/skirts/shorts and black school shoes.

All uniform can be ordered online from our uniform supplier [www.yourschooluniform.com](http://www.yourschooluniform.com) or a postal order form can be collected from the school office.



### Reception Request

Reception would greatly appreciate donations of clean old socks especially for boys. Thank you

### NHS Update

The NHS have updated their website with a section 'Is my child too ill for school'. Please can we ask parents and carers to follow the link below to this page

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>.

### Year 3, 4 and 5 Swimming (Rowling, Cowell and Wilson)

Years 3, 4 and 5 will continue swimming lessons after half term until the Easter holidays.

### School start hours

Please can we remind parents that children should not arrive on the school premises before 8.40am as they are unsupervised and staff cars are still arriving at this time.



# Nursery News

We have had a lovely week sharing photos and stories from when the children were babies and looking at how they have changed and developed. Thank you to all the parents for sending in photos, the children have really enjoyed sharing them with their friends.

This week we have two signs of the week 'yesterday' and 'tomorrow' which have supported us when recalling events that happened yesterday and talking about those that have not happened yet.

Two of the key skills we wish to develop in nursery are resilience and creativity. If a child leaves nursery with the ability to keep trying and not give up, whilst trying different ways to fulfil their goals, they will be very successful during their school years. A group of children demonstrated those characteristics in abundance this week when they designed and made their own costumes. The ideas were all their own and they had minimal adult support, we think they might be the fashion designers of the future!

How can you help at home?

Talk to your child and share photos of things that have happened in the past, encourage your child to recall a special family occasion or a funny memory. Talking about events in the correct order is an important early reading skill.

Borrow a book from our library as often as you wish, no need to record anything, when you have finished with it just return it and swap it for another.

## Important Dates

### Every Friday after Half Term

We would love you to join us for Sing-a-long at 11.20am and 3.20pm

### Thursday 27th February

Cake Sale and preloved toy sale at the end of the morning and afternoon session. If you are able to donate some cakes we would really appreciate it, please bring them in on the day. All money raised will go towards buying more waterproofs for Nursery Forest School sessions.



**Letters sent/mailed home**

Year 4 - Times Table Rockstars Club  
Reception – Lion Learners Workshop  
Year 4 and 5 – Performance and Costume Letters

**2019 – 2020 Term dates**

**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
<i>(Bank holiday)</i>		<i>Friday 8 May</i>
Term ends		Friday 22 May

**Term 6**

Term starts		Monday 1 June
Term ends		Friday 17 July

**2020 – 2021 Term dates**

**Term 1**

	Training Day	Tuesday	1 September 2020
	Training Day	Wednesday	2 September 2020
Term starts		Thursday	3 September
Term ends		Friday	16 October

**Term 2**

Term starts		Monday	2 November
Term ends		Friday	18 December
	Training Day	Monday	21 December

**Term 3**

Term starts		Monday	4 January 2021
Term ends		Thursday	11 February
	Training Day	Friday	12 February

**Term 4**

Term starts		Monday	22 February
Term ends		Friday	26 March

**Term 5**

Term starts		Monday	12 April
Term ends		Friday	28 May

**Term 6**

Term starts		Monday	7 June
Term ends		Friday	23 July
	Training Day	Monday	26 July