

Loatlands Edition

Respect, Resilience and Curiosity

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Dates for your Diary – We are in the process of putting an annual calendar together with all draft dates for the school year. This will hopefully allow you to have as much notice as possible of school events. Please do remember that we cannot always guarantee these dates and sometimes changes will need to be made due to unforeseen circumstances, bad weather or staffing.



It was great to welcome you all back this week and hear what great summers the children had. The children have settled well into their new classes and the feeling around school is positive and calm.

I have been visiting the classrooms each day and the children are so excited to share their work and their new class environments and routines.

As mentioned in my previous letter we started our 'Recognition' wall this week and it is already full of fantastic gestures that staff and children have delivered to each other this week.

Let's keep the positive vibes flowing.

Mrs Willis



Attendance

**Whole School:
96.2%**

Reception: 96.8%

Year 1: 98.1%

Year 2: 95.2%

Year 3: 97.5%

Year 4: 96.4%

Year 5: 96.8%

Year 6: 93%



A few images from around the school



Our Calm Room



Forest School



Reception



The Library



Our New Poets Corner



Classroom welcome



Zones of Regulation



Nursery



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Now that the warm weather is back please ensure the children come to school with a sun hat, sun cream applied and a water bottle. If children need to reapply the sun cream please ensure the bottle is clearly named in their bag. Thank you



PLEASE ensure all uniform is named. The children look super smart and you have clearly spent a lot of money on school uniform. We want to ensure you don't lose any. Named uniform will always find its way back to its owner.

PE Uniform – Please can I

clarify that on PE days children should come to school wearing their PE clothes. This is black bottoms, shorts / joggers / leggings, a red t-shirt logo / plain and a school or plain red sweatshirt. My aim is to make uniform for all events, smart, cheap and simple. I hope this has clarified and uncertainties. Apologies if there are some mixed messages, I am trying to ensure all historical documents and the website match in time.

It has been brought to my attention that the school's earring policy is now a little out dated. Therefore, I can confirm that the school's policy now states that all children can wear a small stud earring to school.

However, they must be removed for PE and Forest School. This is due to health and safety reasons. Children unable to remove earrings will be given an alternative job on these days until they are able to remove their earrings. Therefore, PLEASE can I ask that ears are only pierced at the start of a summer holiday to enable them to have healing time.



Before and After school club

Our new before and after school providers are now set up and running. We currently have a few children attending but it would be great to see numbers increase. The club offers activities to suit all children. Timings to suit you and flexibility across the week. If you require any further details, please contact:



We like to acknowledge the children's birthdays in school and encourage them to wear a birthday badge and share their news with the class. Please can we ask that treats, sweets and cakes are kept as a home celebration. Some of our children have allergies and with the cost of living and promoting a healthy school, we ask that the children do not bring treats into school. Thank you for your understanding.





We ask that children bring a water bottle into school containing water only. This is for a number of reasons.

- To keep them hydrated throughout the day
- More hygienic having a bottle rather than a cup
- Water so if it is spilt it doesn't ruin work
- Water so not to attract flies or create sticky desks.
- Water to promote healthy choices.

We do understand that some children do not like water. Therefore, we suggest children bring a squash drink for their lunch break but ask that you encourage your child to try water during lesson times. If it is not possible for them to do this please let the school office know so that we can let teachers know of exceptional circumstances.

The children have all come back to school looking exceptionally smart. Thank you so much for supporting this.

Stay and Read Sessions– This Year

As a school we hugely value the importance of reading. We would like to open the school throughout the year for a stay and read session. Any adult can come into school and spend some time from 2.45pm to sit in our school library and share a book. If you are unable to attend we fully understand and will buddy your child with an adult.

Class	Stay and Read 2.45-3.10pm
Year 2 – Dahl	Monday 2 nd October
Year 2 – Milne	Tuesday 3 rd October
Year 3 - Rowling	Wednesday 4 th October
Year 3 – Morpurgo	Thursday 5 th October
Year 4 - Cowell	Monday 15 th January
Year 4 – Lewis	Tuesday 16 th January
Year 5 - Pullman	Wednesday 17 th January
Year 5 – Wilson	Thursday 18 th January
Year 6 - Horowitz	Monday 22 nd January
Year 6 – Tolkien	Tuesday 23 rd January
Reception - Rosen	Monday 22 nd April
Reception – Donaldson	Tuesday 23 rd April
Year 1 – Ahlberg	Wednesday 24 th April
Year 1 - Jeffers	Thursday 25 th April

Please see the dates for this academy year. Please remember all holidays will not be authorised and we ask you avoid booking holidays in school time as this has a huge impact on children's learning and wellbeing. Thank you

Pathfinder Schools - 2023-24 academic year Term Dates

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su		
Sep-23							Oct-23							Nov-23							Dec-23								
28	29	30	31	1	2	3						1			1	2	3	4	5					1	2	3			
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24		
25	26	27	28	29	30		23	24	25	26	27	28	29	27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31		
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Jan-24							Feb-24							Mar-24							Apr-24								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7				1	2	3	4					1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28		
29	30	31					26	27	28	29				25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30							
May-24							Jun-24							Jul-24							Aug-24								
			1	2	3	4	5						1	2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7					1	2	3	4
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25		
27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30	31	1		

School days
School holiday
Weekend
Training day
Bank Holiday

Total Days	
Pupils	190
Teachers	195

Term	Days	TD	Term	Days	TD	Term	Days	TD
Autumn 1	30	32	Spring 1	28	29	Summer 1	30	30
Autumn 2	36	36	Spring 2	29	29	Summer 2	37	39

Please remember if you are looking for a childminder we have a range of experienced providers already connected to our school.

Looking for childcare in Desborough?

ORCHID

Ofsted Registered Childminders in Desborough

Most children are like diamonds and can grow wherever they may land very easily. They are precious and hard to rub out. Other children are like orchids and can only thrive in just the right place - secure surroundings. When they bloom, they are rare, fragile, beautiful, and very precious.

You are so lucky that so fortunate to have the right people caring for you. Though you may think you are an "everyday" special and it is a little tedious to see you bloom.

— Author Unknown

Please contact either :

ORCHID on FaceBook

Or

at Loatlands Primary School there are:

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Have a great weekend and thank you again for your ongoing support.

