

Loatlands Edition

Respect, Resilience and Curiosity

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The children have settled really well this term following the summer break. It's lovely to see all their happy faces, engaging with their work and progressing through their learning.

Our attendance is improving and currently sits at 95%. This is fantastic, thank you!

Please remember to send your children to school with a warm, waterproof coat, hat and gloves as the weather is likely to be cold and wet when we return!

I hope you and your families have a restful half term and I look forward to seeing you all again in school on Monday 4th November. *Mrs Willis*



My Child At School (MCAS)

By now you all hopefully have full access to the new MCAS app. If you are unable to access it, please let the school office know and you can be sent a reset link. You will have to have the app downloaded first.

MCAS is the new platform where school can communicate with parents and carers. Please keep checking the announcement section of the app for updates.

Soon you will be able to view and pay for any up coming trips on MCAS, we will advise when this is up and running.

Please note you are still able to email the school office using Parents@loatlands.pfschools.org.uk



Marvellous Me

Please make sure you have downloaded the Marvellous Me App. Teachers use this app to communicate with parents and carers but mostly to celebrate your child's achievements. Please make sure you have enabled notifications, so you know when your child has done something marvellous. You will also be alerted if your child has had a bump too!

Please note, Marvellous me is for Children in Year 1 to Year 6. Reception Children do not have Marvellous Me but will continue to use Tapetry.



Tapestry –

Children in Nursery and Reception do not have Marvellous Me, they have Tapestry instead. Please make sure you have access to this and regularly check in to see what your children have been up to.

PE Days Next Term

Please check below for any changes in your child's PE days next term.

Year Group	PE Days – Term 2
Reception	Friday
Year 1	Monday (out) and Tuesday (in)
Year 2	Thursday (in) and Friday (out)
Year 3	Monday
Year 4	Friday
Year 5	Wednesday and Friday
Year 6	Monday and Friday

****Reception children will start having PE sessions on a Friday next term, please send children into school wearing their school PE kit. They do not need to bring a change of clothes for afterwards****

Forest School

Year 3 Rowling Class will be having their sessions every Tuesday starting on **Tuesday 5th November**.

Year 3 Morpurgo Class will be having their sessions every Wednesday morning starting on **Wednesday 6th November**

Please send your child wearing their forest school kit and send their school uniform in a named carrier bag to change into



Additional Forest School Sessions will continue through next term every Wednesday afternoon. Please remember to send your child to school in their kit, they do not need a uniform to change into afterwards



Lost Property

We have a huge amount of lost property in school from this term. It's such a shame for so many items to be left unclaimed. Unfortunately if items are not named we cannot reunite them with their owners. Please, please put your child's name on absolutely everything they bring to school



Reception water bottles

Please can we ask that children in Reception no longer bring a water bottle in school. They have continual access to drinks in school throughout the day and by accessing this it encourages independence and interaction with other children in their class. Children can bring a drink in their lunch bag if they have one and if they have school dinners

there will be a drink on their table for them.

School Lunches and Snacks

There are many benefits of Healthy Eating for Children

- Keeps skin, teeth, and eyes healthy.
- Supports muscles.
- Helps achieve and maintain a healthy weight.
- Strengthens bones.
- Supports brain development.
- Supports healthy growth.
- Boosts immunity.
- Helps the digestive system function



As a school we encourage healthy eating for all our children

Children in Reception, Yr1 and Yr2 are provided with a fruit or veg snack at breaktime. Children in Years 3 to 6 bring one from home.

These snacks should be healthy ie, veg sticks, fresh fruit, cheese, no processed meat snack such a sausage rolls or pepperami

Click here for more ideas [Healthier snacks - Food facts - Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

All Children should bring in a bottle of water for drinking throughout the day (not applicable to reception children). Water sources are available to ensure children stay hydrated.

Please remember we are a nut free school

School Absence or Lateness

All children should be ready to come into school when the gates open at 8.45am every day.

If your child is absent from school due to illness or will be late, please either ring the school office (you can leave a voice message), send an email or use the Studybugs App everyday of your child's absence by 9am



(Get the app or register now (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>))



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IEP Review Dates

NURSERY AND RECEPTION	12TH DECEMBER 2PM-3PM
YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2	7TH NOVEMBER 9AM-10AM
YEAR 3	14TH NOVEMBER 9AM-10AM
YEAR 4	21ST NOVEMBER 9AM-10AM
YEAR 5	28TH NOVEMBER 2PM-3PM
YEAR 6	5TH DECEMBER TIME TBC



Diary Dates

Monday 4 th November	Back to school for all students Year 6 Residential to Culmington Manor (back Friday 8 th November)
Wednesday 6 th November	After school drop in for Year 4 parents only – residential queries – more information to follow
Wednesday 13 th November	Year 4 Residential to Willersley Castle (back Friday 15 th November)
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need – more information to follow
Monday 25 th November	Art Week
Friday 29 th November	Christmas Tree Festival – wear Christmas jumpers Parent's can come in from 3.15pm to view Art Week work – more info to follow
Friday 6 th December	Christmas Jumper day
Monday 9 th December	Year 1 concert morning
Tuesday 10 th December	Year 1 concert afternoon
Wednesday 11 th December	Reception concert afternoon
Thursday 12 th December	Reception concert morning
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Whole School Christmas Panto (in school)
Monday 16 th December	Phase 2 Morning concert Phase 3 afternoon concert
Tuesday 17 th December	Phase 3 morning concert Phase 2 afternoon concert
Wednesday 18 th December	Rocksteady concert
Friday 20 th December	Last Day! Christmas jumper day.

***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.**

Please see the dates for this academy year and the following 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

Term Dates 2024-2025

Pathfinder Schools - 2024-25 academic year Term Dates



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	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	33	35	Spring 1	29	30	Summer 1	23	23
Autumn 2	35	35	Spring 2	30	30	Summer 2	40	40

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