

Loatlands Edition

Respect, Resilience and Curiosity

Friday 14th February 2025

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Our first term of 2025 is done! The children have settled well into the new year following all the Christmas excitement.

Our attendance has dropped slightly and currently sits at 93.6%. As you all know by now, attendance is my thing and It would be amazing to see this go up. Having children in school

every day is so important. Being absent from School has such a huge impact on not only the children's learning but their friendships and relationships.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you as parents as well as the children, for the fantastic effort with School Uniform. The children have really got on board with it and it's truly wonderful to see them all looking so smart and ready to learn. Please remember, we have our uniform bank, should you need an emergency uniform top up! Just ask in the school office and we can take you to have a look.

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

I hope you and your families have a restful half term and I look forward to seeing you all again in school on Monday 24th February.

Mrs Willis



Goodbye and good luck to Miss Mallon who leaves us this term for a new career and welcome to Mrs Austen who will take over the wonderful Ahlberg Class. We wish you both all the very best!

Reminders

If you speak to a member of staff on the gate, in the office or in the car park at the beginning or the end of the day, please, please can we ask that you do so respectfully. The children in our school are always at the very heart of what we do, and we love nothing more than working with you to ensure they are happy in school. Whilst we value your honesty and embrace our open-door policy, we will not tolerate angry or aggressive behaviour towards our staff. Thank you for your understanding.



Smart watches with the capacity to call, message, play games or take photos are not permitted in school.

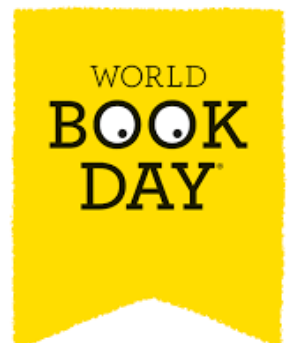
Earrings should be limited to a single, simple stud or one in both ears. The best time for your child to have their ears pierced is at the start of the summer holidays. This gives the piercing plenty of time to heal, gives your child the chance to learn to remove them on their own and does not interfere with activities in school where earrings are prohibited.



SAVE THE DATE – Tuesday 25th March and Thursday 27th March

More details to follow via MCAS

This year, for World Book Day, we are inviting children to come in wearing their pyjamas, /loungewear/comfortable clothes and bring in their favourite book to share with their friends. Due to unavoidable commitments in school on the official day we will celebrate Word Book Day the day after, on Friday 7th March instead. (see attached poster)



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

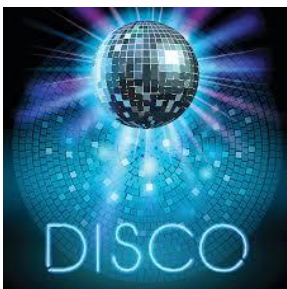
Children in Reception, Yr1 and Yr2 are provided with a fruit or veg snack at breaktime. Children in Years 3 to 6 bring one from home.

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

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



We have been so lucky in the past to have a wonderful DJ who would come along and do our School Disco's for free. Unfortunately, he is unable to help us at the moment, so we are asking for your help instead. Are you a DJ or can you recommend one who would be willing to help us? If so, please contact the school office. **Thank you**

PE Days Next Term

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

Year Group	PE Days
Reception	Friday
Year 1	Monday and Tuesday
Year 2	Thursday** and Friday
Year 3	Monday and Thursday
Year 4	Monday (swim) and Friday
Year 5	Friday
Year 6	Monday and Thursday**

**** Please can children wear shorts underneath trousers for PE**

Forest School

Year 5 Wilson Class will be having their sessions every Tuesday starting on **Tuesday 25th February**.

Year 5 Pullman Class will be having their sessions every Wednesday morning starting on **Wednesday 26th February**.

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 – Children who have been attending these sessions since September have now finished. Letters have been sent home with the children in Years 1,2 and 3 who will now start these sessions. The first one will be on Wednesday 26th February and 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.

IEP Review Dates

NURSERY AND RECEPTION	3RD APRIL 2PM-3PM
YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2	27TH FEBRUARY 9AM-10AM
YEAR 3	6TH MARCH 9AM-10AM
YEAR 4	13TH MARCH 2PM-3PM
YEAR 5	20TH MARCH 2PM-3PM
YEAR 6	27TH MARCH 2PM-3PM

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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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 Tapestry.



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.



Diary Dates

Monday 24 th February	All children back to school
Wednesday 26 th February	TTRS workshop for Y3 & Y4 parents 2.45pm
Monday 3 rd March	KS1 Cross Country (named children)
Friday 7 th March	World Book Day at Loatlands
Thursday 13 th March	Year 4 Victorian Day
Wednesday 19 th to Friday 21 st March	Scholastic Book Fair
Thursday 19 th March	Year 5 Space Centre Trip KS2 Swimming Gala (named children)
Tuesday 25 th March	Parents Evening
Thursday 27 th March	Parents Evening
Wednesday 2 nd April	Rocksteady Concert 9.30am
Thursday 3 rd April	School Disco? TBC
Friday 4 th April	Easter Fun Day – more information to follow

***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.**

Friday 7th
March 2025

WORLD
Book
DAY

Come to school in your
pyjamas or loungewear and
bring your favourite book to
share with your friends.