



# The Loxdale Local



## Spring Term 2025 New Year



Happy New Year! We hope you all have a healthy and happy 2025. Thank you for all your kind wishes for a Happy New Year. We have a very busy term planned, starting with our annual Pantomime on Friday, for Year 1—Year 6!

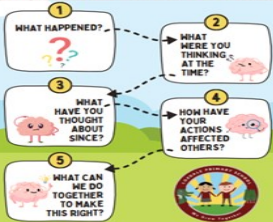
Mrs Scott

**GREAT NEWS!** We are delighted to announce that we have been successful in gaining the Sandwell Charter Mark for Wellbeing. This is yet another accolade that supports our ongoing dedication to our wellbeing initiative. We will be sharing further information, in the coming week.



### RESTORATIVE PRACTICE

STORY TELLING - IMPACT - SOLUTION



**Restorative Practice** - As you know we use Restorative Practice with regards to our relational approach in school. Last term, both staff and pupils have embedded this further throughout school by ensuring 'relationships' are at the heart of all we do.

**The Restorative Practice continuum is:**

- \*Make & develop relationships
- \*Maintain relationships
- \*Repair harm & relationships

In school any issues that arise are discussed from a restorative viewpoint using the story telling stages. As expected, restorative language is becoming second nature to our pupils which is just wonderful. This term, we are hoping to offer a workshop for parents/carers giving an insight into the benefits of Restorative Practice, but for now why not take a look at our poster and try it out at home.

**Exciting Opportunity for Year 6 Students: Join the June 2025 Residential Trip!** We are thrilled to announce an exciting opportunity for our Year 6 students - the much-anticipated Residential Trip in June 2025! This annual event is a highlight of the school year, offering students a chance to create lasting memories, develop new skills, and strengthen friendships in a fun and supportive environment.

### Why Should Your Child Attend?

**Personal Growth:** The Residential Trip is designed to help students build confidence and independence. Through a variety of activities, they will learn to step out of their comfort zones and discover new strengths.

**Team Building:** Our carefully planned group activities encourage teamwork and cooperation. Students will work together to solve challenges, fostering a sense of camaraderie and mutual support.

**Outdoor Adventures:** From hiking and orienteering to campfires and storytelling, the trip offers a range of outdoor experiences that promote physical health and a love for nature.

**Educational Value:** The Residential Trip is not just about fun; it's also an educational experience. Students will engage in hands-on learning activities that complement the school curriculum, making learning enjoyable and meaningful.

**Unforgettable Memories:** This trip is often remembered as a highlight of primary school. It's a chance for students to bond with their peers and create memories that will last a lifetime.

**Dates:** June 2-4, 2025      **Location:** Laches Wood, Staffordshire      **Cost:** £150 (£50 deposit to secure your child's place. The remaining balance to be paid before June 2025. Payment plans are available to ensure all students can participate).

**Registration Deadline:** 31 January 2025

We understand that sending your child away can be a big decision. Rest assured, the safety and well-being of your child is our top priority. School staff will be on hand 24/7 to provide support and ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone.

**How to Sign Up:** To register your child for the Residential Trip, please log on via your Arbor app and pay the deposit of £50. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact the School Office.

There will be a meeting nearer the time in school where parents will be asked to complete the necessary paperwork and we will inform you further about the week. Please do not hesitate to come in and have a chat with us about anything to do with the residential, as we would welcome the chance to show parents how brilliant it is. You can also find out more about the trip on the centre website at [Laches Wood](#).

Why not also read more information including FAQs on the centre's website at:

[Outdoor Education - Resources | Entrust Education](#)





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Just a reminder that choir will be attending the Young Voices concert on Wednesday 29th January 2025 at BP Pulse Live Arena, previously known as Resorts World, in Birmingham. The children have all been practising lots, and we look forward to performing with thousands of children from other primary schools.

At the concert, there will be special guests performing such as **MC Grammar**, a multi award-winning rapper and viral social media sensation, **Tommy Blaze** and **Souparnika Nair!**



## Emergency Lock Down Procedure

As you may be aware, all schools have to have a lockdown procedure in place in case of an emergency. We wanted to assure parents and carers that we have had a Lockdown procedure in place for many years. We review our procedures annually and practise the procedure at least annually with children so that they would know what to do should we ever need to use lockdown. This is done sensitively with children and in an age appropriate way so as not to cause any distress, in the same way that school would practise the Fire Evacuation Procedure.

Lockdown procedures are important and would be used in response to an internal or external incident which could be a threat to the safety of staff and children in the school. Lockdown procedures may be activated in response to any number of situations, these may be:

1. A reported incident, disturbance in the local community
2. An intruder on the site
3. A warning being received regarding a local risk of air pollution (smoke plume, gas cloud etc.)
4. A major fire in the vicinity of the school
5. The close proximity of a dangerous dog.

Our procedure aims to minimise disruption to the learning environment whilst ensuring the safety of all pupils and staff.

## News About Our After-School Clubs from Easter onwards!

We are thrilled to continue to offer a fantastic variety of after-school clubs for the children of Loxdale, giving them the chance to explore new interests and have fun.

Sadly, running these clubs comes with costs that aren't covered by our regular funding. To continue providing these wonderful opportunities, we've made the difficult but necessary decision that, starting from Easter, all after-school clubs will have a small fee of £1 per session. This fee will be payable upfront via Arbor on a termly basis.

We'll share more details soon about how parents can sign up for the Summer term clubs, as the process will be a bit different from the current one and will require you to pay at the point of signing up.

Thank you for your understanding and support!

Please click the link below for this month's online safety newsletter which provides lots of useful information about AI chatbots, how to set up YouTube Teen Supervision, and the new Roblox Party feature.

<https://onlinesafetypro.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Parents-Online-Safety-Newsletter-December-2024-compressed.pdf>







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**Monty Pupdate-** WOW Monty has had a very busy term, and he has loved every second of it. Helping Miss Hughes with Lego and Play Therapy sessions, well-being sessions, playing in the snow, protecting the school grounds from the 'Fox invaders', and he has been having plenty of cuddles on the sofa (naughty boy! 🐾). He was also really spoilt again at Christmas—thank you for all his presents.



Our partnership working with West Midlands Police is something we are very proud of. Last term, Years 5 and 6 and their parents, were able to attend a workshop on social media dangers and criminal responsibility. This informative session taught us all about risks, digital footprints and joint enterprise.

A big thank you to those parents and carers who were able to join us, we hope to be able to offer more workshops throughout 2025.



**The school's website** - Don't forget we update our website regularly with information and support for parents/carers. Please follow the link to access and click on the 'Parents' tab [Loxdale Primary School | Bilston](#). The online world has become almost as significant as the real one which consequently results in extra concerns about how to keep our children safe. To support with this, we have recently added an 'online safety' link with guidance relating to the most popular sites that children are accessing [Parent/Carer Info/Wellbeing | Loxdale Primary School](#)

**Reminder:** We have a coffee morning, with the SEND school nurse team on 21<sup>st</sup> January, regarding children who follow a restricted diet and who may be over-eating.

What a great term, last term was for sports at our school!

First, a massive *well done* to our Year 3 and 4 children who shone at the basketball festival. Their energy, teamwork and determination were amazing to see. Their fantastic basket-scoring performances earned them the title of *Most Determined Team!* We are so proud of their efforts and can't wait to see them continue to improve in our new Basketball After-School Club, launching this term. This will be a great opportunity to develop their skills as we prepare for an exciting tournament this term.

Our Mixed Football Team has also had an excellent season so far, with some brilliant performances in their fixtures. We are excited to cheer them on as they continue their mixed matches, and are thrilled to announce that girls-only fixtures will begin in the spring term. We can't wait to see what they achieve!

But that's not all—there's even more to look forward to this spring term! Keep your eyes peeled for updates on exciting sporting opportunities, including dance, gymnastics, tag rugby and much more.

Congratulations to all our pupils for their hard work, dedication, and fantastic attitudes this term. Let's keep up the momentum as we head into what promises to be an incredible new year for sport at our school!

Miss Gordon and Mr Johnson



9/10 <sup>th</sup> January	Nursery day visits to Kingswood, with parents
10 <sup>th</sup> January	Christmas Carol Panto Year 1 - Year 6
17 <sup>th</sup> January	House Day - Team Building
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Choir at Young Voices
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening Year 6 Parent Consultation Day
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for Half-term at usual time
<b>Half Term - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	
6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Eid Celebration Day
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Non-uniform—please 'pay' in chocolates eg Easter eggs
9 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 3 Class Assembly - 2:30pm
11 <sup>th</sup> April	School finishes at 2:30pm for Easter Holidays
<b>Easter Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	
<b><u>Back to school Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025</u></b>	

A polite reminder - due to health and safety rules, the EYFS or any play equipment is not to be used before or after school by children. Please may we ask that parents/ carers supervise children carefully and do not allow them to run around and play on the equipment. PLEASE can children also be supervised when in the cycle shed too as too many cycles are being damaged. Thank you for your support with this matter.

**Parental Concerns:**

Could any parent wishing to discuss any concerns regarding their child, please see their class teacher in the first instance. If any concerns cannot be resolved with the class teacher then please feel free to make an appointment to see one of our Assistant Headteachers: Mrs Mould (Key Stage 2), or Miss Cowley (Key Stage 1 and EYFS.) If the problem is still unresolved then please see our Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Wright-Jones, or if the problem is still unresolved, Mrs Scott (Headteacher).

*Please can we remind you that smoking cigarettes or vaporizers is not acceptable on, or near the gates of, school premises.*

**Children being collected at the end of the school day:** If a responsible adult, who is known to your child, comes to collect them from school, then your child will be handed over to them, regardless of whether they are on the contact card. This is due to the number of issues with continued changes to contact details. If parents do not want a certain individual to collect their child then please could you inform school in writing. **Brothers or sisters sent to collect children must be of at least secondary school age and judged to be competent by school.** We reserve the right not to allow children to be taken home by other minors if there are any concerns around safety of the children at Loxdale.

**Late collections:** May we also please remind parents that children must be collected on time at the end of the day. If, for any reason you are going to be late, please inform the school in advance. As you will appreciate, persistent lateness will have an impact on the running of school. **If you are later than 3.45pm, your child will be put into teatime club and a charge will be applied.**

**PLEASE MAY WE RESPECTFULLY ASK PARENTS/CARERS TO PROPERLY SUPERVISE THEIR CHILDREN UPON COLLECTION FROM SCHOOL AT THE END OF THE DAY. We have had a number of incidents where children have run away from parents/ carers down the path, where pedestrians have been knocked over by children running down the path and also where bikes and scooters have been damaged in the bike sheds where children have been unsupervised and have been 'messing around' with other children's bikes and scooters. At the end of the school day, we have over 1000 people on site and we ask that everyone is respectful of each other and adheres to our request for an orderly dismissal from the school premises.**

**MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS MATTER**

