



Newsletter Friday 16th January 2025

Headteacher News

Dear all,

Returning to routines and the expectations of hard work after a break can sometimes feel like a challenge; however, it has been a real pleasure to see how positively our pupils have settled back into school life.

Across classrooms, playgrounds and shared spaces, they are exemplifying our values each and every day, particularly through their focus, effort and care for one another.

This week's KS2 assembly focused on the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. and, in particular, how his achievements exemplify our value of determination. The children watched a

powerful first-person recount from someone who was present at his “I Have a Dream” speech and reflected on the impact that this moment had in driving real and lasting change.

Pupils were challenged to think about what they want to achieve in their own lives, the difficulties they may wish to overcome, and the important reality that one person, driven by strong values and determination, can make a huge difference.

The recent water shortage also served as a timely reminder of how quickly circumstances can change and how vulnerable we can all be when everyday systems are disrupted. We hope that things have now returned to normal for all families. Please do contact us if you are experiencing any ongoing difficulties or are in need of support — we are always here to help.

Talking of support, we are pleased to share that our Community Larder will be opening soon, led by Mrs Dutch. Further information will follow shortly, and we look forward to this becoming a valuable source of support for our school community.

I would also like to celebrate the ongoing work of our staff around inclusion and our collective commitment to creating a strong sense of belonging for every child and every family. This is complex and challenging work, but it is driven by a shared determination to ensure that all pupils feel safe, valued and supported. In particular, I want to recognise the excellent work our team are doing to support pupils with additional needs.

Recently, we sought feedback from parents and children and invited other school leaders into Loose. The information gathered highlighted the many ways support is provided to our children. many strengths ranged from thoughtful classroom adaptations and pastoral care, to close communication with families and bespoke interventions that help pupils thrive. We will continue to develop our good work and fulfil our mission to deliver the highest quality of learning for every child.

Thank you, as always, to parents and carers for your continued support and partnership. It makes a significant difference to the life and success of our school community.

Warmest wishes,

Mr. Trevor North



Diary Dates

Term 3

20/01 Sunstone Class Assembly Orchard Hall 9am - families invited

20/01 Community Larder 2.45pm

21/22/23 - Pearl Class Balanceability

22/01 Young Voices 02 Trip for Choir

26 & 27/01 Road Safety Talks Years R, 1 & 2

27/01 Topaz Class Assembly Orchard Hall 9am - families invited

28/01 KS2 Church Assembly

29/01 Year 2 Architect Visit

03/02 Amethyst Class Assembly Orchard Hall 9am - families invited

05/02 Diamond Class Assembly Brook Hall 9am - families invited

06/02 KS2 PTA Disco

06/02 NSPCC Numbers Day - see separate email

06/09/10 Opal Class Balanceability

09/02 Children's Mental Health Week

10/02 Safer Internet Day

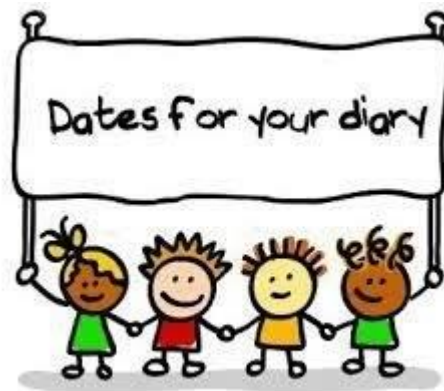
11/02 Maidstone Museum Exhibition starts - more info will follow

11/02 KS2 Church Assembly

11/12/13 Crystal Class Balanceability

12/02 Sapphire Class Assembly Brook Hall 9am - families invited

13/02 Last day of term - children return to school 23rd February



Loose Larder

Our first Loose Larder will open on Tuesday 20th January. You can access this from outside the Hive space along the 4/6 gate from 3pm. We have been fortunate to have the support of some members of our community who have provided us with a regular supply of cupboard staples and fresh produce. With their support, we aim to open a Loose Larder at least two times a term. Should this help you and your family out, please bring a shopping bag and collect what you need.

There is also the opportunity for a hot drink and a chat, should this be wanted and we plan to have some second-hand uniform and non-uniform items available through our pre-loved shop.

This is a new initiative for Loose Primary School and we welcome any suggestions from our community as to how this could be most beneficial to all. Should you be able to help us in providing items for the Loose Larder, please get in touch with myself or Mrs. Little via the school office.

With kind regards

Ingrid Dutch

NSPCC Number Day 6th February

We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on **Friday 6 February 2026**.

Everything the NSPCC does protects children today and prevents abuse tomorrow.

The NSPCC need our support more than ever. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline – the helpline that’s always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern. Half a million children a year suffer abuse or neglect in the UK. That means 7 children in a classroom experience abuse before they turn 18.

NSPCC Number Day makes maths meaningful and is a great way to make numbers fun and bring about a positive, ‘can-do’ attitude towards mathematics.

We are having a fun day of maths activities, and we will be taking part in *Dress up for Digits*. **Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (sports top, football, rugby, netball, hockey shirt or cap). Or get even more creative and become a human calculator, dice or domino by dressing in a maths or numbers theme. To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for donations, and we’d love everyone in the school to take part in this special event.**

Safe fundraising

We’ve set up a Just Giving page:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/loose-primary-school-12?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Please donate and share with friends so we can support the NSPCC.

It all adds up

We’re really looking forward to all the fun of Number Day, and we really appreciate your support.

All the money we raise at Loose Primary School will make an enormous difference to children today and help

the NSPCC be there for children tomorrow.

Thank you.

Mr Bedford-Cooper



Young Carers Group

YOUNG CARERS GROUP

We recognise that some children in our school may have additional responsibilities at home, such as helping to care for a family member. Loose Primary wants to ensure these children feel recognised, supported, and valued.

To support this, we are introducing a Young Carers Group. This group will provide a safe and welcoming space where children can come together, share experiences, take part in activities and receive extra support when needed. If you feel this group may benefit your child, or if you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact the inclusion team via the office. We are here to help.

The poster features a light pink background. At the top left is a yellow rainbow. At the top right is a red starburst with a yellow swirl. In the middle right is an illustration of four children sitting around a table with cards. At the bottom left is an illustration of three children sitting on chairs and talking. At the bottom right is another red starburst.

Hot Chocolate Friday

A huge well done to the children that were nominated last week and this. Your teachers are very proud of you!





Ethic of Excellence Awards

Week ending 9th January

Pearl Class - Isla Q

Opal Class - Olivia R

Crystal Class - Henry A

Diamond Class - Lucas N/K

Sapphire Class - Chris W

Moonstone Class - Henry D

Tanzanite Class - Jude H

Aquamarine Class - Jacob M

Turquoise Class - Charlie B

Coral Class - Sienna L & Oscar W

Amber Class - Harper P

Jade Class - Grace K

Emerald Class - Arthur H

Onyx Class - Spencer L

Ruby Class - Tilly S

Topaz Class - Nico K

Sunstone Class - Florence R

Amethyst Class - Isaac J

Peridot Class - Elise S

Zultanite Class - Bailey J-C

Quartz Class - Erina W

Week Ending 16th January

Pearl Class - Sienna S

Opal Class - Isla H

Crystal Class - Johann F

Diamond Class - Lenny L

Sapphire Class - Oliver D

Moonstone Class - Charlotte B

Tanzanite Class - Frankie A

Aquamarine Class - Owen T

Turquoise Class - George L

Coral Class - Scarlett A

Amber Class - Freya F

Jade Class - Eva D

Emerald Class - Roman P

Onyx Class - Emily N

Ruby Class - Roman R

Topaz Class - Rubi R

Sunstone Class - Katie W

Amethyst Class - Gold N

Peridot Class - Kieran G

Zultanite Class - Tilly G

Quartz Class - Lincoln S



Year 4 Forest School

Year 4 have fully embraced forest school these past two weeks, in cold and wet conditions. They have enjoyed the mud and creating camps with the tarpaulins. This week the children learnt how to whittle and use a palm drill. The children found that the whittling was very calming and showed the safe technique. A firm favourite is the hot chocolate and. I suit to finish the session!













Kent County Decathlon

On Sunday Teddy and Eve came and participated on the. Kent County Sportshall Athletics Decathlon in Ashford. This was a competition for Year 5 & Year 6 children all across Kent. There were over 100 children competing. Teddy and Eve completed ten events with a mix of running, jumping and throwing. Overall Eve came 26th in the girls competition, and Teddy came 10th. As a result Teddy has been selected to represent Kent at the Regional Finals in March. Well done to both of these fantastic athletes.



No Nuts


A reminder we have children with severe nuts allergies in school so please be very careful what you send in for snacks and packed lunches. Nut spreads are not allowed. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



Loose Primary School PTA Newsletter

Happy New Year everyone! 🎉

We hope you all had a lovely break. The PTA is excited to be hosting some fantastic events over the coming months to help raise money for our wonderful children and school.

 Key Dates for Your Diary

KS2 Disco – Friday 6th February

A fun-filled disco evening for our KS2 children!

- Year 3 & 4: 3:30pm – 5:00pm
- Year 5 & 6: 5:30pm – 7:00pm

More details about tickets coming soon!

Sip & Paint Evening – Friday 6th February

Time: 7:30pm

An adults-only evening to relax, paint, and socialise. A great opportunity to support the PTA while enjoying a creative night out. Further information on tickets will follow shortly.

Random Acts of Kindness – February 2026

Would you like to thank a friend, teacher, or family member for being kind and caring?

Nominate them and they'll receive a small token gift from us as a thank you!

Summer Music Festival – 4th July 2026

We're excited to announce our PTA Summer Music Festival, a fun-filled event bringing our school community together. Live performances, inflatables and family activities, it promises to be an unforgettable day for the whole family!

If you are able to help with staging or any music/dance acts please contact us on contact@loosepta.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you at our events and appreciate all the support that helps us continue to give back to the school.

Warm wishes,

The PTA Team 



Correct Contact Details

extended.services@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk - please use this email address for **ALL** extended services bookings/queries/requests etc. Please **do not email the office with these**.

absence@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk - please use this email for all absence related matters including illness and hospital appointments and holiday notifications.

office@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk - use this for all other emails and urgent matters

Phone Number 01622 743549



SEN Information



Online Courses February 2026

Course Code	Course Title	Start	End	Day	Start Time	End Time
152993	Fathers Matter	03/02/26	03/02/26	Tuesday	19:00	21:00
151653	Strategies to Support Your ADHD Child - Webinar	04/02/26	04/02/26	Wednesday	10:00	11:00
152987	Supporting Your Teenager with their Mental Health	04/02/26	04/02/26	Wednesday	19:00	21:00
152992	First Aid for Babies	09/02/26	09/02/26	Monday	10:00	12:00
151161	Supporting Your Child's Anxiety	10/02/26	10/02/26	Tuesday	19:00	21:00
152986	Calm together - Emotional Regulation You and Your Child	10/02/26	10/02/26	Tuesday	09:30	11:30

To help us provide the best possible experience for you, please let us know if you or your child have any disabilities or particular support needs.



To book your place on one of these FREE courses, scan the QR code or go to www.kentadulteducation.co.uk

and enter the course code into the search box.

For further information email businesssupport2@kent.gov.uk

Call 03000 41 22 22

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Online Courses January 2026

Course Code	Course Title	Start	End	Day	Start Time	End Time
152991	Managing Sleep	09/01/26	09/01/26	Friday	10:00	12:00
152918	Exploring Behaviour Strategies	13/01/26	13/01/26	Tuesday	09:30	11:30
152982	Autism Awareness	13/01/26	03/02/26	Tuesday	09:30	11:30
152985	Strategies to Support Your ADHD Child - Webinar	13/01/26	13/01/26	Tuesday	19:00	20:00
151041	Introduction to Working with Children	15/01/26	12/02/26	Thursday	17:30	19:30
153004	Supporting Your Child's Anxiety	21/01/26	21/01/26	Wednesday	19:00	21:00
153173	Supporting Your family through our Screen Obsessed World	27/01/26	27/01/26	Tuesday	19:00	21:00
153189	Keeping Up with the Children-Maths	13/01/26	3/2/26	Tuesday	9:30	11:30

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Maidstone Family Hubs Kent Family Hub Timetable 12th January 2026 - 13th February 2026

All of our groups and services are free. For groups requiring booking at all Hubs, see our web site <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/kent-family-hub>

Our Family Hubs:

South Borough
03000 417770
Stephens Court,
Maidstone
ME15 8ET
Southborough@kent.gov.uk

Infozone
03000 419470
1 Palace Avenue,
Maidstone
ME15 6NF
infozonefamilyhub@kent.gov.uk

Day	Infozone	South Borough	South Borough	South Borough	South Borough	Infozone
Monday	NCT Breastfeeding Group 9.30-11.30	Young Parents 11.30-1.30	Stepping Up 4.00-5.30 5-9 years			
Tuesday	Stay & Play 9.30-11.00	WIND Perinatal Wellbeing Course 9.30-11.30 13 Jan-31 March	Introducing Solids 1.30-2.45 2nd Tuesday of every month	Baby Massage 1.30-2.30 2-6 months	Time to Shine Seniors 4.30-6.30 11-19 years	
Wednesday	Baby Group - Musical 10.00-11.00 0-18 months	Strengthening Family Relationships 10.00-12.00, 29 Jan only	Time To Shine Juniors 4.00-5.30 7-11 years	Speak Out (Youth) 5.00-6.30 11-19 years		
Thursday	Talking Walk Ins 9.30-11.30 2nd Thur of the month	Baby Group - Musical 9.30-10.30 0-18 months	Health Visitor Clinic 1.30-3.30	Time To Shine Juniors 4.00-5.30 7-11 years		
Friday	NCT Breastfeeding Group 9.30-11.30	Baby Massage 10.00-11.00 2-6 months	Parent/Carer Drop In 12.00-1.00 3rd Friday of every month	Speak out Parents 10.30-11.30 3rd Friday of every month		

Please Note: Signing in will not be available until 10 minutes before the session starts.

www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub

Family Hub Sites are run by Kent County Council



Kent Emotional Wellbeing Teams
Medway Emotional Support Teams

Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in primary school

Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears

02/02/2026 - 10:30 - 12:30pm

*Workshop timings change from term to term

Are your child's worries and fears starting to impact their day to day life? Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to support your children so they can manage their concerns and enjoy themselves more?

You are invited to a workshop which focusses on understanding what anxiety is, the symptoms you may notice in your child and some techniques to help manage this anxiety.

If you would like to join, please ctrl + click the link below or by entering the Meeting ID and Passcode within Teams:



[Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears | Meeting Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

Our workshops are held on Microsoft Teams. You can create an account for free. You will need access to the internet. If you have any questions please speak to your child's school. Currently, this workshop is only available to parents/carers of children attending an EWT/EST school. Please speak to your child's school or check our website for our list of schools. If you require materials in another language or have any other access needs then please email:

EWTandESTenquiries@neft.nhs.uk

We look forward to meeting you.





Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in primary school

Understanding Your Child's Behaviour

19/01/2026 10:30 - 12:30pm

*Workshop timings change from term to term

Are you currently experiencing difficulties with your child at home? Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to enjoy your time more with your child?

You are invited to a workshop about understanding and communicating with your child. It will help you consider factors which influence behaviour. We also discuss techniques that you can use at home for behaviours that you feel are difficult to manage.



If you would like to join, please ctrl + click the link below or scan the QR code:

[Understanding Your Child's Behaviour | Meeting-join | Microsoft Teams](#)

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Understanding Neurodiversity

24/03/2026 - 10:30 - 12:30pm

*Workshop
timings
change from
term to term

Do you have questions about neurodiversity? Maybe you would like to build on your understanding of children's different ways of experiencing the world. Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to support your child?

You are invited to a workshop about understanding neurodiversity. We also discuss helpful strategies that you can use at home to help support your child.

If you would like to join, please **ctrl + click** the link below or by entering the Meeting ID and Passcode within Teams:

[Understanding Neurodiversity | Meeting Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

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EWandESTenquiries@nelft.nhs.uk

We look forward to meeting you.



Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in school

Understanding Sleep and Autism

Monday 9th March 12:30—13:30pm

*Workshop timings change from term to term

Are you currently experiencing difficulties with your child's sleeping patterns? Maybe your child has received a diagnosis. Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to support your child?

You are invited to a workshop about understanding sleeping patterns and autism. We also discuss helpful strategies that you can use at home to help support your child.

If you would like to join, please [ctrl + click the link below](#) or by entering the Meeting ID and Passcode within Teams:

[Autism and Sleep 1 Meeting-Join 1 Microsoft Teams](#)

Our workshops are held on Microsoft Teams. You can create an account for free. You will need access to the internet. If you have any questions please speak to your child's school. Currently, this workshop is only available to parents/carers of children attending an EWT/EST school. Please speak to your child's school or check our website for our list of schools. If you require materials in another language or have any other access needs then please email:

EWTandESTenquiries@neft.nhs.uk

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January 2026 Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Autism - Improving Communication	5 Jan 10am
Improving Family Communication	5 Jan 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	6 Jan 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	6 Jan 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	12 Jan 10am
Understanding Anger	12 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	13 Jan 10am
Facing Defiance	13 Jan 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	19 Jan 10am
Anxiety Explained	19 Jan 7pm
Introduction to OCD	20 Jan 10am
What Is ACT	20 Jan 7pm
FREE Responding to Angry Behaviour	22 Jan 7-8pm
Raising Self-Esteem	26 Jan 10am
Decreasing Depression	26 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	27 Jan 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	27 Jan 7pm

Community News



WHEN DREAMS CHANGE

Course for Parents and Carers

We are running a free 4 week course exploring what happens when dreams change and how we process and adjust to our child's additional needs.

WHERE:
All Saints Church Loose, Church St, Loose,
Maidstone ME15 0BU

WHEN 10am-11:45am
Tuesday 27th January
Tuesday 3rd February
Tuesday 10th February
Tuesday 24th February



To sign up please email:
maidstone@growinghope.org.uk

GROWING HOPE

CALLING RECEPTION / YEAR 1. For 2026

Does your Son/ Daughter show an interest in football? We cater for all abilities and confidence levels. Whether this be to turn up for some fun, or with the hunger to progress into various youth teams that take part in league fixtures.

Over the past several years we have been the main provider for the Maidstone United u7 teams. We don't just support Maidstone. We also support many other grass roots teams.

We're welcoming players to attend a no obligation 2 WEEK FREE taster session.

We train every Saturday excluding school holidays at the Cornwallis Academy, ME1745X. On a excellent 4G surface.

Get in touch for more info or to register your interest.



☎ 07714798268

✉ Info@footballfivestar.co.uk

Website link 📍

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