



Newsletter Friday 1st May 2026

Headteacher News

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderfully uplifting week it has been here at Loose Primary School!

Our school comes alive in the summer as the grounds fill with colour and the site doubles in available space for the children. The last few weeks have been a true joy to see our field in full use, filled with smiles, laughter, and jubilation. The recent sunshine has given our children every opportunity to enjoy our beautiful grounds, and it has been a refreshing sight to see our whole school community playing so happily and harmoniously together. These moments reflect so clearly the values we hold dear—respect for one another, compassion in play, and a shared sense of pride in our school.

Our grounds continue to evolve, and we are delighted to share that we have received an incredibly generous offer from a member of our community, who is giving their time and resources to help us realise our vision for our sensory garden. This act of kindness truly embodies the trust and compassion within our community. Phase 2 is now nearly complete and is looking absolutely amazing—more updates in the newsletter!

This week has also been a momentous one for our staff team. We were visited for a two-day school review by Challenge Partners, a network of over 6,000 schools dedicated to driving improvement and positive change. The review team spent time exploring all aspects of school life—visiting lessons, speaking with children and staff, and engaging in detailed discussions with our leadership team.

We are incredibly proud to share that their feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Among their many comments were:

“Loose is a very special place”

“Your teachers are excellent across the school”

“What you do to support your children with SEND is exceptional”

“Your outcomes for pupils are something to be very proud of”

" Your staff emulate your mission" (**caring greatly about the highest quality of learning and character development**)

The review focuses on three key areas: Leadership, Provision, and Outcomes for all pupils. We are thrilled that the team judged us to be the highest standard which was **leading in all three areas**. This reflects the determination of our staff, the trust within our teams, and the respect and compassion shown to every child, every day. It is a tremendous accolade and a real credit to both our dedicated staff and our fantastic children.

But the celebrations didn't stop there—we were also awarded an **Area of Excellence** for our leading practice in professional development. This has been a two-year journey, expertly led by Mrs. Spelman. Her work, alongside the wider team, exemplifies true determination and professional pride. A huge congratulations to her and to all the staff involved in building such a strong and supportive professional development programme.

As we head into the bank holiday weekend, we do so as a very proud team—full of pride in what we have achieved together, and grateful for the trust, respect, determination, and compassion that define our school community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support—it makes all the difference.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable long weekend.

Trevor North



Gates

We are continuing to find real challenge in getting our electric gates fixed. With the addition of a new fence on the school grounds which have coded gates, our school is secure. However, the main gates being open, may cause some concern. Please be assured that the school itself is secure.

We have a constant flow of traffic, staff, deliveries visitors etc. which is why the gates are open. However, we will be from this point forward, be keeping the main gates closed after 08:30 as a visual sign of security. They will be manned by key staff in the morning until registration is closed. After this, visitors will have to open the gates themselves and close them afterwards. Should you not be able to do this due to a medical or physical need, then please ring the office as per instructions on the gates. We will come out and open them for you. We are working as

quickly as possible to get the gates repaired but due to their age, this has taken some time. Of course, if someone is keen to donate a new set of electric gates, we would welcome this!

Diary Dates

Term 5

04/05 Bank Holiday - School Closed

05/05 Amber Class Assembly

06/05 Emerald Class Assembly

06/05 Year 3 Trip to Living Land

07/05 Onyx Class Assembly

07/05 Year R Community Planting Day

08/05 VE Day 81st Anniversary

15/05 Year 3-6 Cricket Event

15/05 KS1 PTA Disco

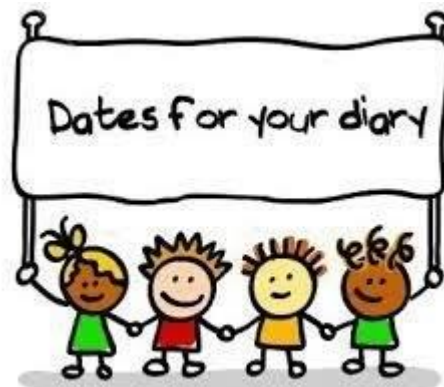
18/05 Sports Day - KS2 AM & KS1 PM

19/05 Reserve Sports Day

21/05 Year 4 & 5 Trust Athletics Event

22/05 Year R Minibeast March

22/05 - Last day of term - children due back 01/06



Sports Day Info for parents

Times for Sports Day on Monday 18th May can be found below. Tuesday 19th is the reserve date.

Years 3 to 6 - From 8.45am parents will be allowed to make their way down to the field and we would ask all parents to be on the field for 9am. Finish time is approximately 11.30am.

Year R, 1 & 2 - From 1.15pm parents can enter via the **main Loose Road gate** and head down to the field for a 1.30pm start. Parents will collect their children from their classrooms as normal at the end of the day.

We ask when on the field, not to cross the taped area at any point. If the weather forecast is expected to hot on the day please do ensure children come prepared for the weather. Sun hats, water bottles and sun lotion will be essential. The children are so excited to showcase their skills and share a sense of community with you all.



School Council Trip to Houses of Parliament

Today, the children enjoyed a visit to the Houses of Parliament, where they learned about democracy, explored the history of Parliament, and took part in engaging activities in the Education Centre.

We were fortunate to have glorious weather, with London shining at its very best, which only added to the excitement of the day.

The children were exemplary throughout the trip and it was a real pleasure to spend time with them.

A huge thank you to the volunteers who accompanied us and provided such valuable support.



Hot Chocolate Friday

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





Request from Mrs Plank

Mrs Plank is asking for donations of any clean takeaway containers with lids. We use them for storing art resources but the current ones are getting a bit tatty and need updating. Please hand them into the office. Huge thanks



Request for donations for nurture

A poster titled "NURTURE DONATIONS" with a border of school supplies like pencils, paper clips, and scissors. The text is centered on a white background.

NURTURE DONATIONS

We are currently looking to enhance our nurture rooms and would greatly appreciate any donations of board games, puzzles, card games, or arts and crafts resources of any age that your child no longer uses, with no missing parts.

If you have any items that you would be happy to donate, please drop them off at the school office at your convenience.

We are very grateful for your support.

The inclusion Team

Ethic of Excellence Awards

Week ending 24th April

Pearl Class - William S

Opal Class - Elsie E

Crystal Class - Harisson E

Diamond Class - Raya M

Sapphire Class - Aaron Li

Moonstone Class - Mason Y

Tanzanite Class - Darcie-Rae F

Aquamarine Class -David L

Turquoise Class -Milita W

Coral Class - Evie F

Amber - Lacey M

Jade - Caspian B

Emerald - Daisy P

Onyx Class - Kadie S

Ruby Class - Edison M/P

Topaz Class - Charlie M

Sunstone - Eve C

Amethyst Class - Jake E

Peridot Class - Olivia C

Zultanite Class - Arabella M

Quartz Class - Hermione G

Week Ending 1st May

Pearl Class - Delilah E

Opal Class - Evanthia K
Crystal Class - Sienna A/S
Sapphire Class - Melanie M
Moonstone Class - Toby F
Coral Class - Theo B
Amber - Cairo T
Jade - Jax B
Emerald - Thea B
Onyx Class - Riley H
Ruby Class - Jude J
Topaz Class - India I
Sunstone - Dolly G
Amethyst Class - Akshana R
Peridot Class - Roman M
Zultanite Class - Sahar M
Quartz Class - Junior J



[Thank you to Dean Castle!](#)

We would like to extend a huge thank you to one of our parents, Dean Castle, for his continued support of the school. Dean has consistently shown a strong interest in helping our community and has generously donated his time, resources, and the support of his company team to assist with the next phase of our sensory garden.

Thanks to his kindness, we now have birdhouses, bug hotels, benches, and planters for each year group.

We are incredibly grateful and look forward to making full use of these wonderful additions.







Mini Marathon

On Saturday, 38 very excited children met me in Trafalgar Square to run in the London Mini Marathon 2026. We had 15 children run the 2.6 km race and 23 children run the 1-mile race. The children began in Horse Guards Parade, ran along Birdcage Walk, in front of Buckingham Palace, up Constitution Hill, and back to finish on The Mall.

They started with a warm-up led by Joe Wicks and Nitro the Gladiator. The children represented the school superbly and ran with so much enthusiasm; it is highly commendable. Thank you to Ms Chow for supporting the runners, and to all the parents for bringing the children and showing their support around the route. Every child who finished received a medal, and it is something to be treasured forever.







Forest School Year 2

Year 2 have had a wonderful two weeks at forest school. They were all so excited to return, as this was the year group that did forest school for the first time at the school back in September

2024. The children enjoyed digging, climbing trees, looking for bugs and making dens. They especially liked the hammocks to chill out in the forest and look up to the canopy of the trees. Another favourite is the hot chocolate and biscuit at the end. I have been so impressed with the creativity and imagination shown during the sessions. Roll on next week!











Art Competition

Calling all young artists! Maidstone Borough Council is running another exciting Mote Park Art Competition, with a prize for under 18-year-old entries. Please click on the link for full details on how to enter and all the terms and conditions. Good luck!

<https://arts.maidstone.gov.uk/home/news-and-opportunities/articles/mote-park-art-competition-2026>

See below the winning entries for last year.





Shout Outs

The weekend of the 10th-13th, Billy D from Emerald class got the chance to play in a football tournament in Spain called 'Football Cup Barcelona'. His team came second out of 16 teams while also playing a year up. They lost in the final 2-1 against a team from Canada. Billy did brilliantly and only conceded 4 goals in the whole tournament 🍌 Well done Billy!



Shout Out

Maddie W in Coral Class has been so inspired by Earth Day, that she asked for her own litter picker to collect rubbish in her local area. Mrs Muir is really proud of Maddie's thoughtfulness and ACTION!! A huge well done Maddie.



Shout Out

Maizie W in Amethyst is going to be donating her hair on 20th June to the Little Princess Trust who provide wigs to children to help restore their confidence and identity. If you would like to donate towards this amazing cause please click on the link below.

<https://fundraise.littleprincesses.org.uk/fundraising/millies-fundraising-page349>



Shout Out

Stanley T in Amethyst will be taking part in the 'Race For Life - Pretty Muddy' in July, for both his Nanna's who are unfortunately both fighting terminal cancer. if you would like to donate towards this amazing cause please click on the link below. Good luck Stanley what an amazing thing to do.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/stanley-tarrants-race-for-life>



Shout Out

Blake B in Diamond achieved his first Blue Peter badge over the Easter holiday. He designed his own gaming themed Blue Peter badge, with icons from his favourite games, drawing and colouring them in. He received his Blue Peter badge in the post and is very proud of himself! Well done Blake!



Shout Out

Sienna O in Amethyst attended her first taekwondo competition and achieved 2 gold medals and a bronze. Well done Sienna!





Shout Out

Phoebe from Quartz Class was asked along with other children from Maidstone Hockey Club to be part of a Ball Patrol Squad helping at the England U16 & U18's International Festival over the Easter weekend. Phoebe was given a place on the sideline where she had to monitor the gameplay and supply a new ball if the match ball went out of play. 70 minutes is a long time to concentrate on a full game but it was a great experience and learning platform to be able to be a part of. She was lucky enough to partake in three full matches. Participating international Teams from England, USA, Netherlands, Scotland, Belgium and Wales.

Well done Phoebe!



Shout Out

Well done to Poppy S in Diamond class who did 'The Brighton Mile'. She completed it in 11 minutes and 45 seconds running the whole thing! She was so proud of herself, as were her family! Well done Poppy.



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

loosenursery@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk - please use for ALL nursery queries.

Phone Number 01622 743549



BOWER GROVE GUIDED TALKS

10-11:30
Join us face to face or online

3rd October	What is anxiety
21st November	Strategies to support behaviour
30th January	Understanding Sensory processing
20th March	EBSA
15th May	Understanding emotional regulation
26th June	Transition support

BOOK A SPACE:
01622 726773 or
connectionsgroutalk@bower-grove.kent.sch.uk



EMOTIONAL REGULATION & NEURODIVERGENCE

FOR PARENTS & CARERS OF NEURODIVERGENT
CHILDREN AGED 5-11

A new interactive workshop exploring:

- What emotional regulation is and why it matters
- Why it can be more challenging for neurodivergent children
- Practical strategies to support your child
- Theories like the Window of Tolerance & Meltdown Mountain
- Ideas for after-school transitions & more



BOOKING ESSENTIAL
£12.50 per ticket

WEDNESDAY 17th JUNE
10:00 - 12:30



MAIDSTONE COMMUNITY SUPPORT CENTRE, MARSHAM ST, ME14 1HH



space2beme.org.uk

support@space2beme.org.uk

Registered Charity: 1140764

Information



<p>Baby Group Sensory</p> <p>4 Week rolling themes</p> <p>Exploring all the senses such as sight, sound, touch, taste and smell. 0-12 months</p>	<p>Baby Massage</p> <p>A 4-week course to learn soothing massage techniques to help your baby relax, sleep better and ease colic. Great for bonding. For babies 0-6 months. Please note we have 2 Baby Massage sessions.</p>	<p>NCT Infant Feeding Clinic</p> <p>Friendly, free infant feeding support from pregnancy through early parenthood. Trained peer supporters help you feel supported and connected. A great way to meet other parents. Please note we hold 4 Infant Feeding clinics a week: Parkwood, Southborough, Westborough & Wiltonwood.</p>	<p>Soilhill Togetherness</p> <p>A 10-week course helping parents understand behaviour and emotions from toddler to teen years.</p>
<p>Talking Walk Ins</p> <p>Play-based session where you can speak to a speech and language therapist. Early Years Practitioners, including childminders are welcome to attend alongside an adult who has parental responsibility. 2-4 years. Please note numbers are limited, see last 2 sessions: Greenfields & Southborough.</p>	<p>Little Talkers</p> <p>A playful 6-week course for 2-5 year olds to build speech, language and attention skills.</p>	<p>Health Visitor Clinic</p> <p>A drop in clinic for you to come along, have your baby weighed and speak to a member of the Health Visiting Team. Please arrive 15 minutes before the end of the clinic. Please note we hold 3 Health Visitor clinics a week: Parkwood, Southborough & Westborough.</p>	<p>Baby, Family & You</p> <p>5 Week Course Face to Face</p> <p>A supportive course for expectant and new parents to build positive routines and confidence in baby's first year. To express an interest please email: Greenfields@kent.gov.uk</p>
<p>Twins Group</p> <p>Group run by parents for families with multiple births. 0-5 years. 2nd & 4th Friday of the month</p>	<p>Little BookWorms</p> <p>Step into the magical world of books! 3 Fun sessions with stories and activities. Free book packs included. For children aged 1-4.</p>	<p>Stay & Play</p> <p>A relaxed session for families with play, singing, stories and messy fun for children aged 0-5. Please note we have 4 Stay & Play sessions: Greenfields, Parkwood, Southborough & Westborough.</p>	<p>Facebook: @MaidstoneFamilyHubs Instagram: @Maidstonefamilyhubs Twitter: @Maidstonefamilyhubs1140764</p>
<p>Healthy Start Vitamins</p> <p>Are you eligible for Healthy Start Vitamins? If so, complete this form and return to your GP.</p>	<p>Free Early Education</p> <p>Some 2 year olds can get up to 15 hours of free childcare per week. For more information and how to apply.</p>	<p>Useful Contact Numbers:</p> <p>Health Visiting Team 0300 013 2204</p>	<p>Please Note:</p> <p>For Health and Safety reasons there are room capacity limits in place. For more information about opening times give your local Hub a call!</p>

www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub
Family Hub Sites are run by Kent County Council



Maidstone Family Hubs
Timetable
 20th April 2026 - 22nd May 2026

Our Family Hubs:

Parkwood 03000 412700 Parkwood, Chislehurst Maidstone ME13 9JR Parkwood@kent.gov.uk	Greenfields 03000 412967 Redhill, Chislehurst Maidstone ME13 6DR Greenfields@kent.gov.uk	West Borough 03000 419361 Greenway, Maidstone ME16 8TL Westborough@kent.gov.uk
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Day	Parkwood	Greenfields	Greenfields	West Borough
Monday	Health Visitor Clinic & NCT Infant Feeding Clinic 9.30-11.30	Stay & Play 9.30-11.00	Solihull Together 24.05 - 30.05 #Interested please contact: @solihulltogether.gov.uk	Closed
Tuesday	Health Visitor Clinic 9.30-11.30	Baby Group Sensory 10.30-11.30 0-12 months	Little Talkers 10.00-11.00	Little Bookworms 1.00-2.30 1-4 years
Wednesday	Baby Massage 10.00-11.00 2-6 months			NCT Infant Feeding Clinic 1pm-3pm
Thursday	Stay & Play 1.00-2.30	Stay & Play 10.00-11.30	Baby, Family & You 10.00-12.00 30 April - 28 May	
Friday	Twins Group 9.30-11.30 1-4 years	Talking Walk Ins 9.30-12.00 1 st & 3 rd Fri of the month		



Online Courses May 2026

Course Code	Course Title	Start	End	Day	Start Time	End Time
153362	First Aid for Babies	05/05/26	05/05/26	Tuesday	09:30	11:30
153364	Supporting Your Child's Anxiety	05/05/26	05/05/26	Tuesday	09:30	11:30
153404	Autism Awareness	06/05/26	20/05/26	Wednesday	09:30	11:30
153361	Supporting Your Teenager with their Mental Health	06/05/26	06/05/26	Wednesday	19:00	21:00
153365	Strategies to Support Your ADHD Child - Webinar	07/05/26	07/05/26	Thursday	12:30	13:30
153957	Living with Perimenopause & Menopause course	12/05/26	12/05/26	Tuesday	19:00	21:00
154441	Strategies to Support your ADHD Child - Webinar	14/5/26	14/5/26	Thursday	10:00	11:00

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.



FREE DROP-IN SESSION

This drop-in session will be held at InfoZone Family Hub in Kent
12-1:30pm

It is for parents and carers of autistic people in Kent (diagnosed or on the pathway).

We aim to help families to learn more about autism and the support available to them by signposting to useful resources and learning.

One of our experienced Aspens Family Support Team will help answer questions about autism, how to access support as well as offer guidance and advice.

We hope to see you there!

The InfoZone Family Hub address is: 3 Palace Avenue, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6NF.

Friday 24th April
Friday 22nd May

- We are here to listen to you
- We are here to offer guidance
- Increase your knowledge
- Help you through challenges
- Increase your confidence
- Help you navigate services
- Provide you with skills that last

Community News




COMMUNITY CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH

Supporting Our Local Veterans



FRIDAY 29TH MAY
MAIDSTONE GALLAGHER FOOTBALL STADIUM

- 🕒 DOORS OPEN: 6:00PM
- ⚽ KICK-OFF: 7:00PM
- 🍷 BAR & FOOD TRUCKS
- 🚚 MILITARY VEHICLES & KIDS GAMES

£5

ENTRY
PER PERSON
PAY ON THE DOOR

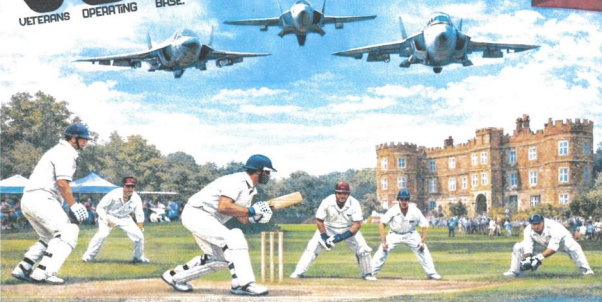


Honouring and Supporting Our Veterans

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO VOB and STONES IN THE COMMUNITY

VOB FUNDRAISER DAY!

VETERANS OPERATING BASE



12TH JULY • CHILHAM CASTLE

ENTRY FROM 10AM • EVENT TILL 7PM

£10 per adult • £5 a child

Buy a ticket now!

OR £25 FAMILY TICKET

+ Eventbrite booking fee

- ★ LIVE MUSIC & BANDS
- ★ KIDS ACTIVITIES & GAMES!
- ★ FOOD & DRINK TRUCKS!
- ★ MILITARY VEHICLES & STALLS!



DOG FRIENDLY (KEPT ON LEAD)



**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO VOB
TO SUPPORT OUR VETERANS!**

Flyover - Subject to weather conditions and flight path on the day

Chequer Tree Camp began in 1987 and continues today as part of The Family Trusts work to inspire the next generation to explore Christianity. Chequer Tree Camp is a place where children can have fun and learn about faith in a safe environment and engaging way!

Chequer Tree Camp is run by The Family Trust, supported by an enthusiastic and dedicated team of volunteers, all of whom have received training and hold an enhanced DBS check.

The venue for camp this year will be St Lukes Church in Maidstone. Stay over night or join each day of fun activities, games, bible teaching and small group conversations.

OVER NIGHT OR **DAY ONLY**
£155 **£110**

Come and stay at camp overnight.

Come to camp everyday, but sleep in your own bed at night.

Both prices include all activities and all meals.

HOW TO BOOK

You can book a space on our website www.chequertree.org.uk or scan the QR code to take you straight to the site.
All bookings close on 28th June 2026.



Get in Touch:

✉ bookings@chequertree.org.uk 🌐 www.chequertree.org.uk
☎ 01622 577960 📍 [chequertreecamp](https://www.facebook.com/chequertreecamp) 📷 [chequertreecamp](https://www.instagram.com/chequertreecamp)

The Family Trust
Registered Charity No: 1162296



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– bring your friends

Any questions contact:
cafeunite@gmail.com

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Organised by the churches in Maidstone



Come to Unite International Café at Costa Coffee Drive Thru, Eclipse Park, Maidstone, ME14 3EN

Fridays, 6:00-7:30pm

- ...enjoy English conversation
- ...meet English speakers and make friends
- ...learn about British culture
- ...play games
- ...receive a free drink each week

*Suggested donation, children are free
Dogs not allowed on site



Dandelion Time



MAY FAYRE

11AM - 3PM
SATURDAY 9TH MAY



£3
ENTRY

GAMES & CRAFTS | TOMBOLA | MEET OUR ANIMALS
LIVE MUSIC | REFRESHMENTS | AND MORE!

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SUMMER NETBALL CAMP



Monday 17 August - Wednesday 19 August 2026

FREE GIFT FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS! 09:30AM - 03:00PM | ages 8 - 16 **ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!**

RUN BY OUR FULLY QUALIFIED COACHING TEAM COME ALONG AND IMPROVE ALL OF YOUR NETBALL SKILLS!

£30.00 per session, or all 3 sessions for £80
(siblings £25.00 per day) open to boys and girls

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT YOUTH@MMNL.CO.UK

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