Newsletter Friday 4th September 2026

Headteacher News

A Message from Mr Childs

What a wonderful first week it has been!

It has been a real privilege to begin my time as Headteacher of Loose Primary School, and I have been genuinely touched by the warm welcome I have received from our children, families and staff.

We began the week with our staff training day on Tuesday. Safeguarding was a significant focus because, quite simply, keeping the children in our care safe is the most important thing we do. We also undertook further training around allergy safety following recent changes to legislation

and school requirements, ensuring that staff understand the procedures in place to support our children.

We also spoke about the importance of great relationships. Strong relationships are the foundation of success for children, adults and our wider Loose family. Since joining the school, I have already seen many wonderful examples of these relationships between children, staff and parents, and I look forward to playing my part in strengthening them further.

There has been a real buzz of excitement as the children have returned from their summer break. The corridors and classrooms have been full of the most wonderful sounds: children talking, laughing, asking questions and learning. One of the highlights of my week has been spending time with the children of our school at Loose — before and after school, around the building and at lunchtime. I am quickly discovering that there is never a shortage of interesting conversations when you spend time with children!

I also thoroughly enjoyed my first assembly with the children today. We spoke about how a new school year can bring lots of different feelings and how, as we all begin something new, we can make the very best start possible. I also shared a little information about myself with our Key Stage 2 children, so please do ask them what they found out!

Looking Ahead

Parent communication is an important part of strong relationships across our Loose family. We are therefore continuing to strengthen our approach to communication and parent consultations.

Our first parent consultation meetings will take place in January, allowing us to share meaningful assessment information following our assessment period in December.

We appreciate that parents will also want to know how their child has settled into their new class. I am therefore delighted that we will be launching Loose Open Classrooms this autumn. These informal sessions will allow parents and children to visit the classroom together, see where learning takes place, speak with the class teacher and look through examples of their child's work. Further information will follow soon.

Celebrating Our Staff

Growth and development are real strengths at Loose, and I am delighted to share that Mrs Black has achieved her NPQSEN and Mrs Oliveri has achieved her NPQEYL.

These high-level national qualifications require considerable dedication alongside demanding day-to-day roles. A huge congratulations to them both. Their achievements will strengthen our staff team and benefit the children in our care.

Our Priorities for the Year Ahead

I also want to be open with our families about the key areas we will be focusing on this year.

Following a thorough transition process and plenty of in-depth discussion over recent months, we have identified three key areas of school improvement:

1. Exceptional Behaviour & Culture

Creating an exceptional school culture where the highest expectations, positive relationships, kindness and respect enable every member of our Loose family to thrive.

2. Responsive Assessment and Feedback

Ensuring teaching is highly responsive by understanding precisely where children are in their learning, checking that learning has landed and providing the right support and challenge at the right time.

3. Writing Excellence

Developing confident, skilled and articulate writers, with excellence in writing becoming an expectation across our school.

These priorities give us a clear focus, but they are not the only things we will be working on. Loose has many strengths, and improvement also means recognising, protecting and building upon what we already do well. I have already had some excellent conversations with colleagues about further opportunities for development, and I look forward to sharing more as these ideas take shape.

This ambition reflects our motto, **Potential is Limitless**, and our mission:

We care greatly and ensure the highest quality of learning and character development so that our pupils achieve well and become responsible global citizens.

In just a short time, I have seen how dedicated, invested and passionate the staff at Loose are. There is a genuine commitment to doing the very best for our children, and that gives me great confidence about the future of our school.

Finally, it is my intention to be on the gate for as many mornings and afternoons as I can. Please do come and say hello and introduce yourself! I know it may take me a little while to learn everyone's names, so please forgive me if I ask you more than once.

Thank you again for making me feel so welcome. I am proud to be Headteacher of Loose Primary School and look forward to getting to know our children, families and wider community even better.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Childs

Headteacher



Sickness, Medicines & Medical Appointments

Sickness

If your child is sick, please either email absence@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk or telephone the school each morning on 01622 743549 between 7.30am and **no later than 8.45am** and leave full details on the absence line. If your child has sickness or diarrhoea they must not return to school until at least 48 hours after their last episode in line with the Kent Health Protection Unit guidelines.

Medicines

We are only able to administer 'prescribed only' medicine during school hours (not 'as and when' medicines) and this should be in its original container, with the prescriber's instructions and child's name attached where relevant. All medicines must be labelled and handed into the main school office (**please do NOT give to teachers**) along with a completed medication form.

The form can be found on our website using the following link:-

https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=17&type=pdf

Medicines are given at 11.45am in Years R, 1 & 2 and as necessary for Years 3 to 6 who come to the office themselves for medicines. Please arrange medication times, especially antibiotics, so that they can be administered at 11.45am in KS1 or where possible outside of school hours.

Medical/Dental Appointments

Where possible **all non-urgent medical, dental and optician appointments should be made outside of school hours** or in the school holidays. There are 178 days a year when children are not at school for non-urgent appointments. We understand that hospital appointments may be during the school day. Copies of all appointment letters must be emailed into the school office for our files so the absence can be recorded as authorised.



Emails into school

There are many ways to find out the information you require about your child or school related matters.

Please speak to your child's class teacher before or after school where possible with any queries you have for them. All children have a contact book so please use this for miscellaneous notes, including changes to collection arrangements at the end of the day, and remind your child to hand it to their teacher when they get into school. If your child does not have a contact book a note to the teacher would suffice.

For term dates and queries about letters that have gone home, please check the school website www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk first. There is a wealth of information online including terms

dates for this year and next, copies of most letters that have gone home, newsletters and all sorts of other information.

If your child has lost an item of clothing, ask them to check round their classroom first and ask their teacher/TA to help via a note in their learning journal or catch a teacher at the end of the day. Parents can also come into the lower KS2 cloakroom and check lost property themselves at the end of the school day.

Please can we therefore ask you to think of the other options available to you to communicate with the class/class teacher before sending in an email.

The correct email addresses to use are are follows:-·

extended.services@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk - please use this email address for ALL extended services (breakfast, homework & after school club) bookings/queries/requests & **childcare voucher queries** 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 requests·

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



Diary Dates

Term 1

07/09 - Year 5 & 6 Meet the Teacher session (excluding Topaz Class) 3.30-4.00pm

08/09 - Topaz Class Meet the Teacher session 3.30-4.00pm

09/09 - Swimming starts for Aquamarine & Amber Classes

10/09 - Kent 11+ Test

16/09 - PTA AGM - more info to follow

22/09 - Flu Immunisations

23/09 Year R & 6 Height & Weight checks

25/09 PTA Quiz Night - more info to follow

01/10 Phonics Workshop - more info to follow

02/10 PTA KS2 Disco

06/10 Year 4 to Kent Life

06/10 Year 6 Residential Meeting with parent 5.30-6.00pm

07/10 Fizz Photography in to do class & individual photos for Years R, 1 & 2

07/10 Fizz Photography doing a parent drop in sessions Brook Hall 7.30am to 8.30am for sibling/family photos

08/10 Fizz Photography in to do class & individual photos for Years 3, 5 & 6 (Y6 done in June)

08/10 Year R Biscuit Bake Off

13/10 - Open Classrooms - more info nearer the time

14/10 Harvest Church Services at All Saints Church Loose

15/10 Kent Test Results to parents from 4pm

15/10 Last day of term

16/10 Staff Training Day no children in school - children due back 02/11/26



Uniform Update

It has been wonderful to see so many children in our new style uniform and PE Hoodie, please make sure you label these items before they wear them to school as we already have some unnamed pieces in our lost property.

Some of you are still waiting for delivery of parts of your order. Pages Schoolwear are working hard to fulfil these outstanding orders and as soon as they are delivered to school, we will distribute these to your child's class.

As communicated last term, all the previously used uniform can still be worn until the end of this academic year. We hold some stock of this in our pre-loved shop and the PTA would be happy to provide parents with these for a donation should this be helpful.

Benedicts Law - The School Safety Allergy Bill

Following the new legislation, The School Safety Allergy Bill, 'Benedict's Law', parents must now provide schools with an 'Allergy Action Plan', if their child requires medication for anaphylaxis. This will be provided by the hospital or GP. **If this applies to your child, please ensure you bring the information to the school as soon as possible which will work together with the Healthcare Plan that you will have already completed. Any queries please email Mrs Garrett in the office on** michelle.garrett@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk



Young Carers



PTA Newsletter

💛 LOOSE PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA NEWSLETTER ❤️

Welcome back to a brand-new school year!

We hope you've all had a wonderful summer and that the children have settled back into school life happily. We're so excited for another year of bringing our school community together, creating special memories for the children and, of course, raising as much as we can to support **Loose Primary School**.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the PTA last year — whether you volunteered, donated, came along to an event, bought raffle tickets or simply shared our posts. **Every little bit makes a difference**, and we can't wait to see what we can achieve together this year!

📣 UPCOMING PTA EVENTS

🗓️ AGM – Wednesday 16th September, 5.15pm

At Loose Primary School

Join us for our **Annual General Meeting**, where we'll look back at what the PTA has achieved over the past year, hear about how funds have been raised and spent, and share our plans and ideas for the year ahead.

It's also a great opportunity to find out more about how the PTA supports the school and how you can get involved — whether you have lots of time to give or can only help occasionally.

Everyone is welcome, and we'd love to see you there!

🎉 ADULTS-ONLY BINGO NIGHT

Friday 25th September

One for the adults! 🥂🎱

Come along for an evening to **let your hair down, meet some of the new class parents and have a bit of fun away from the school run!**

Whether you're a bingo pro or have never played before, everyone is welcome.

More information coming next week — keep an eye out! 👀

🕺 KS2 DISCO – Friday 2nd October

Get ready to dance! 🕺💃

Years 3 & 4: 3.30pm–5.00pm

Years 5 & 6: 5.30pm–7.00pm

More information will be shared nearer the time.

If you're available to **volunteer at this event**, we'd love your help!

📧 volunteers@loosepta.co.uk

🎄 CHRISTMAS DESIGN SHEETS – Wednesday 14th October

It's never too early to start thinking about Christmas! 🎅✨

On **Wednesday 14th October**, Christmas design sheets will be sent home for children to create their own **magical artwork**.

Their designs can then be turned into some very special **Christmas cards and gifts for family and friends**, just in time for Christmas.

We absolutely love seeing the children's creativity shine through with these!

🎅✨ **CHRISTMAS LASER SHOW & FAIR**

Friday 27th November

After the excitement of our **Laser Light Show last year**, and the disappointment of not having a Christmas Fair this year, we've decided to **combine the two!**

🎄 **Our Christmas Laser Show & Fair is coming!** 🎄

We're planning an evening packed with festive fun, and it's going to be an event you **really won't want to miss!**

There will be more details to follow nearer the time, but for now…

⭐ **SAVE THE DATE!** ⭐

Friday 27th November

🎁 **ELFRIDGES IS BACK!**

Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th December

Our much-loved **Elfridges** is returning! 🎅🛍️

This is always such a special part of the school year, giving the children the opportunity to choose and buy gifts for the important people in their lives — all by themselves!

We'll need lots of wonderful volunteers to help make the magic happen.

If you're able to help on:

Thursday 3rd December – afternoon

Friday 4th December – morning or afternoon

please email:

📧 **volunteers@loosepta.co.uk**

❤️ **GET INVOLVED**

The PTA is powered by our amazing school community, and **you don't have to be a regular volunteer to make a difference**.

Whether you can spare an hour at an event, bake a cake, donate something, help behind the scenes or simply come along and support an event — **we'd love to have you involved. Email us at** contact@loosepta.co.uk

Here's to another fantastic year at Loose Primary! 🎉

Loose Primary School PTA

Bringing our school community together & creating memories for our children. ❤️

Parking Considerately Around School

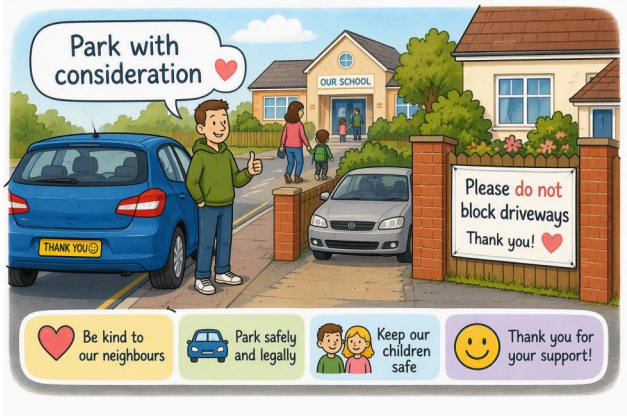
As we begin another busy school year, we would like to remind all families to park considerately when dropping off or collecting children.

Please be mindful of our neighbours and local residents by:

- Not parking across or blocking driveways.
- Avoiding parking on pavements, grass verges or corners where visibility is reduced.
- Respecting local parking restrictions and road markings.
- Allowing extra time for your journey so that parking can be done safely and legally.

We have already received reports of residents being unable to access their driveways due to inconsiderate parking. We ask all members of our school community to help maintain positive relationships with our neighbours by showing courtesy and respect at all times.

Thank you for your support in keeping our children, families and local community safe.



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

