



Newsletter Friday 9th October 2026

Headteacher News

Celebrating Our Children

What a joy it was to lead our Learner of the Week assembly on Friday. It is always lovely to celebrate the achievements of our children, but I was particularly proud of the way everyone listened so beautifully and celebrated the success of others. Their behaviour was exceptional and a wonderful example of our school value of respect. Being able to feel proud of our own achievements while genuinely celebrating those of others is an important part of the culture we want to continue to build at Loose.

A Huge Thank You to Our PTA

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA and all the volunteers who helped make the KS2 disco such a success. It was fantastic to see our children enjoying themselves with their friends, and even better to hear that the event raised almost £2,000!

This is an incredible amount of money, which will go towards funding projects that benefit our children and enrich their experiences at school. These events simply would not happen without the time, energy and generosity of our school community. Thank you to everyone who helped organise the evening, volunteered their time or supported the event. It really does make a difference.

The Importance of Listening

Over recent weeks, we have been talking with the children about the importance of active listening during lessons. Listening carefully helps children understand new ideas, follow instructions, ask thoughtful questions and make the most of their learning opportunities.

I have already seen some great improvements in this area, which is really encouraging. We will continue to reinforce this expectation because we know that excellent listening helps create the conditions for excellent learning. Every moment counts, and we want our children to make the most of every opportunity in the classroom.

Meeting Children Where They Are

This week, our staff have been thinking carefully about how we adapt lessons to meet children where they are in their learning. Every child develops at a different rate, and our responsibility is to understand what each child knows and can do, then plan the teaching, support and challenge that will help them take their next steps.

We want every child to experience both challenge and success. For some, that might mean providing additional guidance to help them secure a new concept; for others, it might mean offering greater depth or a more challenging task. The important thing is that we understand our children well enough to know what they need next.

This is central to our ambition for Responsive Assessment and Feedback: checking whether learning has landed and using that information to decide what happens next. By doing this well, we can continue to unlock the potential of every child at Loose.

Looking Ahead to Open Classrooms

We are really looking forward to welcoming our families into school for our Open Classrooms event next week. It is a lovely opportunity to spend some time in your child's classroom, look through their books and see the learning they have been working so hard on. We are proud of what our children achieve, and we want you to have the opportunity to share in that pride too.

We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us. We look forward to welcoming you into Loose and sharing a little more of what makes our school such a special place to learn.

Looking Ahead to Harvest

I am really looking forward to celebrating Harvest with our school community next week. I have already heard wonderful things about the singing around the school, particularly from our fantastic school choir, so I am excited to hear it for myself!

Harvest is a lovely opportunity for us to come together, celebrate the season and reflect on the importance of gratitude and looking after others. I am sure our children will make it a special occasion, and I am very much looking forward to being part of it.

Celebrating Our Young Artists

A huge well done to some of our Year 6 children whose artwork has been selected for display at a local art exhibition. This is a fantastic achievement, and they should be incredibly proud to see their work celebrated beyond the school gates.

Providing opportunities like this matters. We want our children to discover their interests, develop their talents and see what they can achieve when they are given the chance to shine. Whether through art, music, sport, writing or any other area of interest, we want to open doors and help our children fulfil their potential.

It is another wonderful example of the opportunities that help make primary school special.

Potential is Limitless.



Harvest Donations - Vine Church Food Bank

A reminder we will be collecting our Harvest donations for the Vine Church next week. Tables will be out on the KS1 playground and in the quiet area on the KS2 playground on **Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th October** for both drop off and collection.

All your generous donations will be distributed by the Vine to local families in need. The church runs a food bank from their building on Northumberland Road, Shepway. They have been supporting local families when times are tough for over 20 years. We particularly need the following items,

Pasta, rice, pasta Sauce, instant noodles (ie Supernoodles/ pot noodle), sugar, cereal, baked beans, soup, tinned spaghetti, tinned fish, tinned meat, tinned veg, tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit, custard, rice pudding, spreads ie jam, honey, peanut butter, long life milk, Tea / coffee, biscuits, toiletries (Shampoo, shower gel, tooth paste, toilet roll)

Please ensure any consumables are well within date. Thank you very much for anything you are able to give.



Diary Dates

Term 1

13/10 - Open Classrooms - 3.30-4.30pm (***except Topaz Class***)

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

Term 2

03/11 Year 6 Magistrate Talks

04 & 05/11 September 2027 Year R Reception tours - see website for link to book a tour!

04/11 PTA Meeting 7.15pm Swan Pub

09-13/11 Year 6 Bikeability all week

11/11 Armistice Day

13/11 Children in Need - more info to follow

16-20/11 Year 6 Bikeability all week

17/11 Emerald Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall - families invited

18/11 Year 5 to Science Museum

20/11 Anti-Bullying Exhibition in Orchard Hall after school

20/11 PTA Christmas Wreath Making

24/11 Onyx Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall - families invited

27/11 PTA Christmas Fayre & Light Show

01/12 Ruby Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall - families invited

03 & 04/11 PTA Christmas Gift Shop - more info to follow

10/12 Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

10/12 Christmas Lunch Day

14/12 Crystal Class Christmas Performance 2.30pm - families invited (2 tickets per child due to numbers allowed in hall)

15/12 Opal Class Christmas Performance 2.30pm - families invited (2 tickets per child due to numbers allowed in hall)

16/12 Pearl Class Christmas Performance 2.30pm - families invited (2 tickets per child due to numbers allowed in hall)

17/12 Christmas Staff Pantomime to children

18/12 Christmas Church Services - All Saints Church Loose

18/12 Last day of term - children due back



Fish & Chips next Thursday 15th October

The lunch menu for students on Thursday 15th October will now be Fish Fingers and Chips and not the Chicken Korma as published.



Harvest Church Services All Saints Church Loose

The children will be going to All Saints Church in Loose on Wednesday 14th October for the Harvest Services. Families are welcome to join us. Please see timetable for details of when your child's class will be there.

CHURCH TIMETABLE ALL SAINTS CHURCH LOOSE

Group	1	2	3
Classes	Crystal	Pearl	Opal
	Diamond	Sapphire	Moonstone
	Tanzanite	Aquamarine	Turquoise
	Amber	Coral	Jade
	Emerald	Onyx	Ruby
	Amethyst	Topaz	Sunstone
	Quartz	Zultanite	Peridot
Time children leaving school	9.00am	9.50am	10.45am
Time for parents/carers to be seated for service to start	9.15am	10.05am	11.00am

Ethic of Excellence

Well done to the children that received a certificate of excellence this week. Your teachers are very proud of you.

Diamond Class - Vinnie-James K

Moonstone Class - Isla W

Aquamarine Class - Arla F

Turquoise Class - Denis P

Tanzanite Class - Brody S

Amber Class - Sebastian S

Coral Class - Milita W

Jade Class - Bruno K

Emerald Class - Marianna B

Ruby Class - Evelyn S

Onyx Class - Calvin s

Amethyst Class - Eli A

Topaz Class - Sean H

Sunstone Class - Eliza R

Peridot Class - Imogen H

Quartz Class - Daisy W

Zultanite Class - Martha F



Hot Chocolate Friday

Diamond Class - Jasper L

Sapphire Class - Lily A

Moonstone Class - Delilah C

Tanzanite Class - Thea M

Aquamarine Class - Alfie-Lee G

Turquoise Class - Misnath M

Coral Class - Mya-Rose S

Amber Class - Zara S

Jade Class - Honour G

Emerald Class - Elliana M

Onyx Class - Parker H

Ruby Class - Jacob B

Topaz Class - Mya F

Sunstone Class - Heath C

Amethyst Class - Sienna B

Peridot Class - Jack F

Zultanite Class - Lily-Mae W

Quartz Class - Joshua H





LOOSE PRIMARY SCHOOL
PTA NEWSLETTER
 Fundraising for our children, making a difference to our school community

Together we can make a big difference

A big Thank you!
 to everyone who supported our recent events!

BINGO NIGHT
 We raised **£260**

KS2 DISCO
 We raised **£1,832**

Christmas Fair and Laser Light Show
Tickets now on sale!
 Friday 7th November 2025
 5.30pm - 8.00pm
 Est. 250 adults + 224 children
 A magical evening for the whole family!
 Get your tickets now!
<https://loosepta.co.uk/xmas-laser/>

Last remaining tickets!
Christmas Wreath Making
 Book now before they're gone!
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/christmas-wreath-making-17>

Food & Drink
Stalls - Games Raffle & More!

Stalls - few spots remaining!
 We still have a few spaces left for local businesses, crafters, makers and budding entrepreneurs to join us and run a stall at the event.
 If you are interested, please contact Becky at becky@loosepta.co.uk

Volunteers needed!
 Events cannot take place without volunteers so if you are able to help please click the link below to sign up.
[Click here to sign up](#)

Upcoming Events for your diaries...

20th November
Christmas Wreath making
 Book here: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/christmas-wreath-making-17>

27th November
Christmas Fair and laser light show
 (See details above)

3rd & 4th December
Christmas gift shop

Corporate Sponsorship
 Help us support the PTA!
 If your business would like to support our events and help make a difference, please contact Charlotte at charlotte@loosepta.co.uk

Uniform
 Do you need any uniform?
 We can help!
 Please contact uniform@loosepta.co.uk

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas
 Thank you for your continued support!

Together we can make a big difference

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.

LooseDSL@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk - please use this email if you wish to contact our Designated Safeguarding Leads about any safeguarding matters

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.

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Community News

Hockey Camp - Wednesday 28th October and Thursday 29th October 10am - 3pm

Children in school **Years 3-11 (in September 2026)** are welcome to join and groups will be structured so children of similar age/ability are coached together.

The camp is open to Maidstone HC members and non-members.

Activities will focus on a variety of hockey skills and games.

Cost £25/day (£45 for 2 children) or £45 for both days (£85 for 2 children)

If you would like to book a place please complete this registration form.

[MHC Junior October Hockey Camp Sign Up Form](#)



MHC October Junior Hockey Camp

Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th October 2026

Open to

- Juniors in Year 3 - 11 (from this September)
- All abilities
- Members and non-members

Children will be grouped in similar age and ability.

Prices

- 1 child
 - £25 for 1 day
 - £45 for 2 days
- 2 children
 - £45 for 1 day
 - £85 for 2 days

Want to get involved?

Email maidstonehockeyjuniors@gmail.com



MEET THE TEAM

Thursday 29 October

11am to 12.30pm

Gallagher Stadium

- ⚽ Watch a first team training session
- ⚽ Meet the players and get their autographs
- ⚽ Take some selfies with your favourites
- ⚽ Visit the club shop

ORGANISED BY MAIDSTONE UNITED'S CHARITY

 **STONES** *in the community* ⚽

Funded by KentHAF26 and DWP's Crisis Resilience Fund


Department
for Work &
Pensions



Free Schools Out! Autumn Holiday Club

HAF registered children, book your place now!

26 - 29 October 2026

Greenfields Community
Primary School
Shepway, Maidstone

Archbishop Courtenay
Primary School
Tovil, Maidstone

Leigh Academy Tree Tops
Furfield Close, Parkwood,
Maidstone

Providing childcare and peace of mind.

Schools Out Club provides the opportunity for children aged between 4 - 13 to participate in a range of **sports and arts & craft** activities. Sessions run for 4 hours between 10:00 - 14:00.

Places are available for children who are registered on the Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) and receive Free School Meals. Simply log into the HAF website holidayactivities.com to book a space at one of our locations.

stonesinthecommunity.org

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MAIDSTONE KIDS LIT FEST

Sunday 4 October
INVICTA GRAMMAR SCHOOL
10am-5.30pm

**A WHOLE DAY OF STORIES,
CREATIVITY AND FUN**

BOOK NOW! 

www.maidstonelitfest.org

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JAMIE LITTLER

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STU HERITAGE

OLAF FALAFEL

MAZ EVANS








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WARRIORS**

**GIRLS
BASKETBALL**

FREE TASTER SESSIONS

**PLAY
LEARN
BELONG**

**COME AND GIVE
BASKETBALL A TRY!**

NEW PLAYERS | ALL ABILITIES | SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

 **TUESDAY & FRIDAY
EVENINGS**

 **6PM - 7.30PM**

 **MAPLEDEN NOAKES
SCHOOL, MAIDSTONE**

 **AGE GROUP
SCHOOL YEAR 6 - 8**

 **COMPETITIVE GAMES
U11s & U13s
SURREY LEAGUE**



**GIRLS
CHANGE
THE GAME**

 **BUILD
CONFIDENCE**

 **MAKE
FRIENDS**

 **DEVELOP
SKILLS**

 **BE PART
OF SOMETHING SPECIAL**

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TEAMWORK
PROGRESS**