Newsletter Friday 6th November 2026

Headteacher News

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to Loose after the half-term break. Our children have settled back into school brilliantly, and it has been lovely to see classrooms full of enthusiasm, purposeful learning and happy faces again.

There is always a little adjustment after a week away, but our children have quickly found their rhythm and returned to their routines. Thank you to everyone for helping us make such a positive start to the new half-term.

Welcoming Our New Families

A real highlight of this week has been welcoming prospective new families to Loose for our new entrant open mornings and afternoons. Across the sessions, we welcomed around 125 families

into our school, giving them the opportunity to see our children learning, meet members of our team and experience a little of what makes Loose such a special place.

It was wonderful to see so many families interested in joining our school community. I was incredibly proud of the way our children represented Loose, and I want to thank all the staff who helped make these visits such a success.

A particular highlight was our Year 6 tour guides, who were exceptional ambassadors for our school. We received some wonderful feedback from visiting parents about the way they welcomed families, answered questions and spoke so confidently about their school. It was a real pleasure to see our value of trust modelled so beautifully. We place a great deal of trust in our children, and they certainly repaid that trust.

This year, we were also delighted to welcome members of our PTA, who provided refreshments for our visiting adults and shared information about the important work they do to support our school. It was a great opportunity for prospective families to see that Loose is about much more than what happens in the classroom; it is a community where people come together to create opportunities for our children.

What Our Visiting Families Said

At the end of our sessions, we invited visiting parents to share their feedback. I thought it would be lovely to share some of their comments with you. They were incredibly encouraging and reflect many of the things we value so highly at Loose:

- "It is clear that lessons are carefully adapted to respond to the needs of the children."
- "We loved seeing the interactions across the school, particularly the relationships between older and younger children."
- "The children in classrooms were exceptionally well behaved, engaged and happy."
- "We were impressed by the facilities, ethos and values of the school. The children were so confident."
- "There is a real sense of passion throughout the school."

It is particularly pleasing to see families noticing the relationships between our children, the responsiveness of our teaching and the passion that exists across our school. These things don't happen by accident; they are the result of the care, commitment and high expectations of our staff and children every day.

Thank you to everyone who helped make our open sessions such a success. You should feel incredibly proud of the school we are building together.

Sporting Success at Loose!

There has been some fantastic sporting success at Loose this week, and I couldn't be prouder of our children.

Our girls' football team recently won the district tournament, meaning we can proudly say that we currently have the strongest girls' football team in Maidstone! Our boys have also enjoyed success this week, winning the Aylesford competition. What a brilliant achievement for both teams!

We celebrated their success in assembly today, and it was wonderful to recognise the commitment, determination and teamwork shown by all of the children involved. Winning competitions is something to be proud of, but just as important are the values they demonstrate along the way: supporting one another, showing respect, working together and giving their very best.

A huge well done to everyone involved. You have represented Loose brilliantly, and we are incredibly proud of you all!

Our Value of the Week: Respect

Next week, our school value of respect will be particularly important as we recognise Remembrance Day.

We will be talking with our children about the importance of remembrance and why we take time to remember those who have served, those who have lost their lives and those who continue to work to keep us safe today.

As part of our recognition, the children will be making their own remembrance wreaths and taking part in a short assembly on the day. We will finish by observing the two-minute silence together as a school.

This is an important opportunity for our children to reflect, show their respect and appreciate the sacrifices made by others, both in the past and in the present. We hope it will help them understand that remembrance is not simply about looking back, but also about recognising the importance of the values of courage, service and respect.

Keeping Our School Community Informed

We recognise how important good communication between home and school is. We want all our parents and carers to feel informed, included and connected to what is happening at Loose.

This term, we intend to develop our weekly newsletter as the central place for families to find out about the events, activities, achievements and important information from across our

school. We are also keen to find ways to reduce the volume of individual emails we send, while ensuring that important information continues to reach families in a timely and accessible way. However, we recognise that communication is a two-way process. Moving forward, we would like to gather more feedback and ideas from our parents and carers about how we communicate as a school. Our ambition is to work together to develop a Loose Communication Charter, setting out how we can make sure communication across our school community is clear, consistent and effective.

We want to get this right, and your thoughts will be an important part of helping us shape an approach that works for everyone.

A Reminder: Children in Need

A quick reminder that next Friday, 13 November, is Children in Need. We are inviting children to come to school wearing yellow or spots to help us celebrate and support this wonderful charity. We look forward to seeing lots of yellow and plenty of spots around Loose!

Have a wonderful weekend.



Children in Need Friday 13th November

Next Friday, 13th November, children are invited to come to school in casual dress for a donation to Children in Need. The theme is yellow and/or spots if you have it but don't buy anything new. ***Click on the link below to donate via the charity's Just Giving Page - please don't bring cash into school.***

Lets try and raise as much money as possible and have a fun day!

https://www.justgiving.com/page/loose-primary-school-16?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL

Odd Socks Day – Monday 16th November & Anti-Bullying Exhibition Orchard Hall Friday 20th

We will be launching Anti-Bullying Week with **Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November**. This is a lovely opportunity to celebrate what makes each of us unique and reinforce the message that our differences should be recognised, respected and celebrated. Children and staff are encouraged to wear odd socks to school.

Anti-Bullying Exhibition – Orchard Hall Friday 20th November from 3.20pm - 4.00pm

As in previous years, we will be holding our Anti-Bullying Exhibition in Orchard Hall for parents and children to attend straight after school in Orchard Hall. This has always been a very well-attended event and is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the children's learning and the important conversations that have taken place throughout the week. Please do come along to Orchard Hall at 3.20pm once you have collected your child(ren) from class.



Dangerous Behaviour at Crossing outside school

Before half term, we were contacted by a number of concerned parents who had witnessed children running towards the zebra crossing as a game, seemingly to encourage cars to stop. Unfortunately, this has resulted in some near misses and potentially dangerous situations.

We would like to remind all parents of the importance of supervising children outside the school gates and in the area around the zebra crossing. For children who are permitted to travel to and from school independently, please take a moment to remind them of the importance of behaving safely, waiting sensibly and using the crossing appropriately.

We appreciate your support in helping us keep all our children safe, both on and around the school site.

September 2027 Year R Admissions

If you have a child starting in Year R in September 2027, Primary Admissions have requested parents read all the information on their webpage www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions which includes their Admission to Infant, Primary & Junior School in Kent 2027 Booklet.

The admissions team have requested that parents apply online as this is the simplest and most secure method of application. This can be done on www.kent.gov.uk/ola where you will receive an acknowledgment for your completed application directly from the admissions team. You can also go online and amend your application at any time and resubmit it up to the deadline date.

Online applications opened at 9.00am on the 6th November 2026. The deadline for online applications is midnight on 15th January 2027.

Notes for your information:-

- If you apply online you must not also then complete a paper form.
- Put your schools in the order you would like to attend. If the schools you have chosen cannot offer you a place KCC will find the nearest school to your home which still has a space and offer you that one.
- Loose Primary School LA Number is 886 & DfE number is 2044.
- Other DfE numbers are in the KCC booklet, in the column after the name of the school.
- Admissions have advised that you should put more than one school down, as if they cannot offer you that school, they will allocate your child a school place once all other applications that have more than one preference have been considered, and you may end up with a school several miles from where you live.
- For the question "Will you have any other children attending this school?" please list the names of any children who already attend Loose Primary School except for pupils in Year 6 as they will have left by September 2027.

All places at Loose Primary School are allocated by the Primary Admissions Team who will email you after 4pm on offer day, 16th April 2027, allocating you one school place per child. You will also be able to go online and see what school you have been allocated after 5pm that day.

You must accept or decline this offer by 30th April 2027.

If you have any questions about the process please contact Mrs Thomson in the school Office

Diary Dates

Term 2

09-13/11 Year 6 Bikeability all week

11/11 Armistice Day

13/11 Children in Need - **casual dress for a donation to the charity - see link below**

16-20/11 Year 6 Bikeability all week

16/11 Odd Socks Day - **children to wear off socks to school for the start of Anti-Bullying 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 for parents from 3.20pm

20/11 PTA Christmas Wreath Making

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

26/11 Year R Parents Maths Workshop 2.30-3.00pm - more info to follow

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 Piano & Guitar Concert 2.40pm

10/12 Christmas Lunch Day

14/12 Crystal Class Christmas Performance **2.15pm** - families invited (2 tickets per child due to numbers allowed in hall)

15/12 Opal Class Christmas Performance **2.15pm** - families invited (2 tickets per child due to numbers allowed in hall)

16/12 Pearl Class Christmas Performance **2.15pm** - 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 05/01/2027 (04/01/2027 is a staff training day)



Maidstone United Champions

We are incredibly proud of our girls' football team, who finished last term on a real high by winning the Maidstone United Girls' Football Tournament, competing against an impressive 28 schools!

This is the biggest tournament we enter each year, so to come away as winners is a fantastic achievement. The girls will now go on to represent Maidstone United at the South Regionals in March, where they will compete in the next stage of the competition.

What makes this achievement even more special is that this was the first time the girls had played together as a team. They should be incredibly proud of what they have accomplished, and we look forward to following their progress in the next round. Well done, girls! Mr. Corcoran




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Winners

Loose Boys Football Champions - Aylesford Pass Tournament

A fantastic day for our Boys football team on Tuesday who won the Pass Football Tournament. The team only conceded 1 goal all day and were fantastic, scoring bags of goals. A big well done to all the players involved and a thank you to all of our parents who braved the rain and cold. This was only the second tournament the boys have played as a team so a fantastic achievement and one we are incredibly proud of. Mr Corcoran



Ethic of Excellence

Moonstone - Joshua D

Sapphire - Alfie A & Isabelle C

Aquamarine - Declan G

Turquoise - Isabelle G

Tanzanite - Teddy W

Amber - Chloe B

Coral - Hugo P

Jade - Samuel C

Emerald - Elliana M

Ruby - Evie F

Onyx - Joshua S

Amethyst - Samar K

Topaz - Ivannah A

Sunstone - Riley H

Peridot - Karim A

Quartz - Ava B

Zultanite - Louise B



Hot Chocolate Friday

Diamond - Constance R

Moonstone - Jasper T

Sapphire - Isaac H

Aquamarine - Charlotte B

Turquoise - Alex K

Tanzanite - Poppy F

Amber - Charlotte H

Coral - Marlie T

Jade - Freddie M

Emerald - Rachel A

Ruby - Bobby Sean M

Onyx - George T

Amethyst - Jemil A

Topaz - Lucas P

Sunstone - Ella S

Peridot - Abigail C

Quartz - Lily M

Zultanite - Lily-Mae W



PTA Newsletter



Harvest Donations - Vine Church Food Bank

A huge thank you for all the donations we received for Harvest. The Vine Church have been very grateful and these will help lots of local families through hard times.



Maidstone Museum

Dear families,

As the term moves towards Christmas, here's a round-up of what's happening at Maidstone Museum, including exhibitions that work well for class visits and family events you may want to share with your school community.

Exhibitions

- **Hiroshige's Tōkaidō: A Japanese Journey** opens on 14 November. Follow the famous Japanese woodblock prints along the Tōkaidō road, with plenty to spark art, history and geography work. Make your own Japanese print to take home with you!.

Family events

- **Stories & Rhymes**: Wednesday 4 November and Wednesday 2 December, 10.30am to 11.30am. Book at reception.
- **Dungeons & Dragons Taster Session**: Saturday 7 November, 11am to 3pm.
- **Christmas Craft Market**: Saturday 5 December, 10am to 3pm.
- **Father Christmas' Fireplace**: 5 to 19 December.

Full listings are at https://museum.maidstone.gov.uk/events/.





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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Online Courses December 2026

Course Code	Course Title	Start	End	Day	Start Time	End Time
ONL/155895/R/PF	Supporting your child with Phonics	03/12/26	03/12/26	Thursday	12:30	14:30
ONL/155899/R/PF	Strategies to Support Your Child with Maths (7-11 yrs) - Webinar	09/12/26	09/12/26	Wednesday	11:00	12:00
ONL/155902/R/PF	Strategies to Support Your ADHD Child - Webinar	07/12/26	07/12/26	Monday	19:00	20:00
ONL/155989/R/PF	Family First Aid	08/12/26	08/12/26	Tuesday	10:00	12:00
ONL/155806/R/PF	Supporting Your Teenager with their Mental Health	01/12/26	01/12/26	Tuesday	12:45	14:45
ONL/155901/R/PF	Supporting Your Child's Anxiety	09/12/26	09/12/26	Wednesday	10:00	12:00
ONL/155904/R/PF	Navigating the Perimenopause & Menopause Workshop	09/12/26	09/12/26	Wednesday	19:00	21:00
ONL/155907/R/PF	Supporting your Neuro-Diverse Child to eat Healthily	17/12/26	17/12/26	Thursday	09:30	11:30

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155536	Strategies to Support your Autistic Child Webinar	03/11/26	03/11/26	Tuesday	19:00	20:00
155893	Supporting your Child with Language (ESOL)	03/11/26	24/11/26	Tuesday	10:30	12:30
155898	Understanding your Teenager	09/11/26	30/11/26	Monday	19:00	21:00
154967	Supporting Your Teenager with their Mental Health	10/11/26	10/11/26	Tuesday	19:00	21:00
155531	Strategies To Support your Teen's Positive Friendships Webinar	11/11/26	11/11/26	Wednesday	19:00	20:00
155755	Self-Harm Awareness Webinar	11/11/26	11/11/26	Wednesday	19:00	20:00
155896	Family First Aid	11/11/26	11/11/26	Wednesday	10:00	12:00
155897	Strategies to Support your Child with English (7-11 years) - Webinar	20/11/26	20/11/26	Friday	11:00	12:00
155905	Fathers Matter	25/11/26	25/11/26	Wednesday	19:00	21:00
155894	Calm together - Emotional Regulation You and Your Child	25/11/26	25/11/26	Wednesday	12:30	14:30
155900	Self-Harm Awareness Webinar	26/11/26	26/11/26	Thursday	19:00	20:00
155903	Strategies to Support your Autistic Child Webinar	26/11/26	26/11/26	Thursday	19:00	20:00

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