



Loudwater Combined School

Learn, Create, Succeed

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LOUDWATER UPDATE

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Dear Parents,

Important Calendar Dates

Tuesday 4th September – Inset Day

Wednesday 5th September – Children Return to School

Monday 9th September – New School Year for pupils starting in Foundation Stage

Swimming starts (see below)

Service to School

The Service to School award is for those children who have made an outstanding commitment to all areas of school life. This year, this was awarded to:



Joseph Adegbulugbe – Year 6
Callum Ryder – Year 6

Well done to both of you!

Learning Champions

This is awarded to the child in each class who has made the most progress in the summer Term.

Foundation Stage	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Adam	Yan	Joshua	Charlie	Kallia	Mannan	Eleithyia

Friendly Fox

This award is given to reward children who are excellent friends to their classmates and others.

Foundation Stage	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Harper	Josiah	Holly	Noemi	Amelia	Jensen	Finley

Building Learning Power Awards

These awards focus on the skills children have developed to build their learning power.

A Resilient Learner always tries their best, enjoys a challenge and never gives up.

A Resourceful Learner uses different resources to help them as well as using what they already know to solve new problems.

A Reflective Learner learns from their mistakes and uses this information to improve their learning.

A Reciprocal Learner is a good listener and works well with others in a team.

Class	Resilience	Resourcefulness	Reflectiveness	Reciprocity
Foundation	Ruairi	Margot	Eddie	Finn

Year 1	James	William	Hope	Eshal
Year 2	Sienna	Harrison	Teodor	Bentley
Year 3	Aadya	Felicity	Abbie	Yanis
Year 4	Dylan	Magdalena	Felix	Lucy
Year 5	Louie	Darcy A	Mei	Lilah
Year 6	Ruby	Elizabeth	Breagha	Sulaymaan

Attendance

Congratulations to Year 3 who had the best attendance this **term** at 95%.

Congratulations to Year 5 who had the best attendance this academic year – they achieved 95%!

Key Stage Cup Winners

This award is given to two pupils, one in each key stage who have been outstanding in all areas of school life

Key Stage One: Hadi in FS

Key Stage Two: Imogen in Y5

House points for the term

	Elgar	Beethoven	Tchaikovsky	Mozart
Summer Term 2024	3670	3475	3629	3587

House Points for the year

Elgar	Beethoven	Tchaikovsky	Mozart
11,726	11,261	11,566	11,377

Congratulations to Elgar who were the winners for the summer term and also the school year.

Citizen of the Month for July

The following children have been awarded Good Citizen for the month of July.

Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Raheem	Shaylee	Rose	Yanis	Ollie	Kelci	Sameer

Values

The following children have been awarded a Values Award for demonstrating our value for July, Happiness.

Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Josephine	Carrie	Ailbe	Nyah	Tilly	Amine	Tilly

These children have been recognised for having 100% attendance in the Academic Year

Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Harper Finn	Zoe Eshal	Jamie	Albert	Diya	Mei	Freddie Finley Evan

These children have been recognised for having 100% attendance in the Summer Term

Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Harper Leo Josephine Ruby	Josiah Zoe Carrie Eshal	Janeil Rose Natan Jessica	Nyah Harry Marius Albert	Amelia James Mason Diya	Darcy A Molly Amine Ryan	Joseph Elizabeth Breagha Evan

Dylan K Eddie Frankie John Jacob Dylan S Finn	Dexter Ollie	Dyuthi Maya Jamie	Ronnie Elsie Christopher Felicity Abbie	Jaden Ruben	Mei Denise	Jack Narin Eleithyia Mia Freddie Mark Finley
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Swimming Awards

These awards are given to one child from each swimming group who has made the greatest improvement:

Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Bentley Bryony Holly Harrison	Christopher Eesa Marius Moleigh	Rahin Lakshmitha Emily Alyssa	Isla Samuel Max	Adil Callum Evan

Swimming

Weather permitting, Year 3 -6 will continue to swim from the week commencing Monday 9th September. We are not yet able to confirm when each class will swim but will do so as soon as we can.

End of Key Stage 2 SATs outcomes

Most of our children have undertaken some kind of assessment during the last part of the summer term to explore the progress they have made and the areas we need to focus our teaching on next year.

The end of Key Stage 2 SATs are an indication of how well pupils have done during their time at our school and demonstrate that they are ready for the next stage of their education. Whilst they are not the only indicator of how well the children have achieved we are extremely proud of the results they have achieved:

2024 Test outcomes for Y6

	Achieving the expected standard	Achieving above the expected standard
Reading	100%	55%
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	93%	58%
Writing	77%	10%
Maths	90%	62%
Achieving Reading, Writing and Maths combined	74%	10%
Science	86%	

Goodbyes to Year Six

It has been quite an emotional few days saying 'Good-bye' to Year 6, starting with the Leaver's Disco on Friday evening. The whole school was entertained by Year 6's performance of 'Pirates of the Curry Bean', which was really enjoyable. This was followed yesterday evening with a performance for their parents'. The Leavers' Assembly this morning was an emotional event for everyone; children, parents and staff. The water 'fight' brought the morning to a great ending. Year 6 enjoyed pizza for lunch, kindly organised by FOLS.

The children who have left the school today have achieved so much in the time they have been with us, especially given the impact of the disruption caused by lockdown and remote learning. They have achieved great things academically and made very good progress. Just as importantly, they have matured into kind, responsible and polite young people. The support that parents show for the school and their children has been important in achieving this – it really is a team effort. I have no doubt that all our Year 6

pupils are ready for the next stage of their education and I look forward to hearing about the progress they will go on to make.

FOLS

We would like to thank all parents and children for their continued support over the last year whether you have attended events, volunteered your time, donated clothes for bags to school, taken your children to discos or purchased tea towels or Christmas cards it is much appreciated and raises vital funds for the school and the children.

Our last big event was the summer fete, which was a great success. It was lovely to see so many people there enjoying the fete and the weather was kind. We made a total of £3830.96 which was amazing so thank you to everyone who helped make it such a success and to all the wonderful volunteers who help make it possible.

We are losing some valuable FOLS members this year as their children move onto Secondary school. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all their hard work over the years. We will be back in September and looking to build a new FOLS team so we would love to hear from you if you are interested in joining.

Good-bye from Mrs Cunningham

I have had the most amazing fifteen years working at Loudwater School. I have been so proud to be the head teacher and to serve the community.

The children at Loudwater School are incredible. It is not just myself and the staff who think this but it is something often commented on by visitors. We have always been able to rely on our Year 6 pupils to show prospective parents around the school; they have always impressed with how articulate and polite they are. It is the quality of the staff and the support of parents that means that our children are making good progress in all areas of their development.

Two other groups of people who also add much to our school are FOLS and the School Governors. FOLS support the school by raising funds to enhance the opportunities available for the children. AT the helm of FOLS for a number of years has been Shelley Sheppard, Vikki Marzana, Annabel Balderson and Natalie Ross. Their children are now leaving the school and so they are stepping aside. I thank them very much for the contribution they have made to the school over the last seven years. A new team is now in place and are looking for others to join them to keep on the good work.

During my time at the Loudwater School, I have been fortunate to work with Paul Randall as Chair of Governors. He has been a great advocate of the school and an invaluable support to me. He leads a team of dedicated governors who will continue to work to ensure that the school continues to be the best it can be.

I have been extremely fortunate to work with a committed and dedicated staff team. I want to thank all of them for the support that they have given me and the high quality care and education they have provided for the children. They have all worked so hard, especially over the last 18 months and deserve a well-earned break over the summer. I am not the only member of staff leaving today; Caroline Harris, Clare Underdown and Stephanie Inglis also finish their time at the school today; I thank them for the contribution they have made during their time with us. I know that in September the staff will welcome the new head teacher, Mr Christopher Spratt. I am sure that they will support him, as he becomes the new school leader so that the school continues to develop and prosper. I wish him every success.

All of the good wishes, cards and gifts that have been given to me in the last few days have overwhelmed me. Thanks to everyone for their generosity. I will spend tomorrow reading cards and opening gifts. I have many ideas about things that I would like to try in the coming months, although I do not yet have any firm plans. What I certainly do have are many fond memories of my time at Loudwater that I will treasure for a very long time.

Yours faithfully

Clare Cunnington

Mrs C Cunnington
Head teacher

Update

As you are aware we have moved to sending out our update via email. Due to the GDPR, we are only able to continue sending out to those of you who have agreed, by email, for us to do so. If you know of anyone not receiving their weekly newsletter please make them aware of this procedure.

Disclaimer

From time to time we are asked by a range of organisations to give out leaflets. We always agree if we think this could be of interest or benefit to the children. However, we do not endorse any of these organisations and parents should always check their credentials carefully to make sure children would be safe and well looked after.

TERM DATES: SEPTEMBER 2024 - JULY 2025

Autumn term 2024

Inset/Training	Tuesday 3 rd September 2024
Starts	Wednesday 4 September 2024
Half term	28 October to 1 November 2024
Ends	Friday 20 December 2024
Christmas holiday	23 December 2024 to 3 January 2025

Spring term 2025

Starts	Monday 6 January 2025
Half term	17 February to 21 February 2025
Ends	Friday 4 April 2025
Easter holiday	7 April to 21 April 2025

Summer term 2025

Starts	Tuesday 22 April 2025
Half term	26 May to 30 May 2025
Ends	Wednesday 23 July 2025
Summer Holiday	24 July to 29 August 2025

Further inset dates to follow.