

# LOXLEY'S LATEST!

**JANUARY 2025**

## Message from Mr Dale

Dear Families,

I'm excited to share my first monthly newsletter as head of Loxley CofE Primary School and welcome you to the new year. On behalf of the staff, we wish you all a happy and healthy 2025. We're looking forward to continuing to work together to support your child's education and personal growth.

It was wonderful to see the community involvement during the Christmas period, and we hope to offer even more opportunities in the Spring and Summer terms. We're grateful to have you as part of our Loxley family and look forward to building lasting relationships with you all.

Looking ahead, we're focusing on key areas to further enrich our school development:

**Reading:** We believe "Children who read well, do well," and encourage you to support your child's reading practice at home to improve fluency and foster a love of reading.

**School Values:** Our value this term is 'Forgiveness.' Please discuss this with your child and praise them when you see them using our values in action.

**Attendance:** Regular attendance is essential to your child's success, and we're committed to working with families to ensure all children attend school consistently.

We look forward to a wonderful 2025 together. If you have any concerns or would like to share something positive, please feel free to catch me on the playground or contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

Kind regards and happy new year,

*Mr Dale*

Headteacher



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## Dates for your diary

**Thursday 6th Feb**

Chinese dance workshop

**Tuesday 11th Feb**

Safer internet day—Yrs 5&6 assembly & workshop

**Friday 14th Feb**

Last day of term

**Mon 17th—Friday 21st**

Half Term

**Monday 24th Feb**

Term starts

**Thursday 6th March**

World Book Day—details to follow (lunch menu will change today)

**Tuesday 11th March**

Recycling assembly

**Thursday 12th March**

Parents evening—details to follow

**Tuesday 18th March**

Irish dance workshop

**Thurs & Fri 25th/26th March**

Bikeability—Yrs 5&6

**Wednesday 26th March**

Yr 1 fire safety talk

**Thursday 27th March**

Yr 5 fire safety talk

## Monthly House Points

**Red House 131**

**Blue House 127**

**Yellow House 126**

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# CLASS NEWS



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## Acorns Class Reception & Year 1

In Forest School, Acorns cut out slices from branches to make wooden cookies. They drilled holes in them and hung on strings to make decorations.



In Science, the children investigated what happens when milk has washing up liquid added to it.



Acorns also painted numbers using primary colour paints, in Art.



## Horse Chestnut Class Year 2 & 3



Reading the Pied Piper of Hamelin in English has led the class to learn many new rat facts. Using this information, they have written their own reports and adverts and also presented their findings to the Mayor of Hamelin. In Music, the children have been

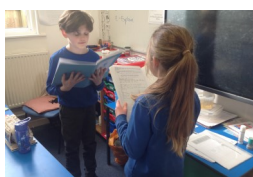
comparing Mars and Venus from Holst's 'The Planets' and have demonstrated the differences through drawings and movement. Geography has involved fieldwork including learning sampling techniques and how to use a compass.



## Sycamore Class Year 4, 5 & 6



Sycamore have been very busy the last couple of weeks, immersing themselves in World War 2. The book we are reading - Letters from the Lighthouse - has been enthralling and the children have been continuously linking the story to what we have been learning in History. They have been using some fabulous language - both technical and emotional - during class discussions, as well as in their writing. During our History lessons, the children have interviewed an RAF pilot (using role play) and looked at some real photographs taken during The Blitz. In DT, they learnt how to chop and prepare all the ingredients needed to make spaghetti bolognese and, after Mrs Ballantine cooked her own special version of it, they thoroughly enjoyed demolishing the fruits (or vegetables) of their labour! Apparently, it was delicious!



## ★Stars of the Week★

### ★Acorns Class★

Ivy  
Julia  
Roo

### ★Horse Chestnut Class★

Saami  
Evie  
Seb

### ★Sycamore Class★

Lily  
Freddie  
Ellie

### ‘Catch Me’ Values Awards

Kacey  
Sienna-Lou  
Wren

# COMMUNITY INFORMATION



An important part of what we do as a school is being part of a community. We would like to share information from our wider community with you such as; local events, information from local groups or businesses, information that can help parents and other relevant information.

Please find listed below links, posters and information from outside organisations.

**TV personalities Matt and Emma Willis said they wanted to be a part of a new documentary because they felt they had "lost their kids" to smartphones.**

Copy and paste the link below for more information

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cn4x8jynpgzo>



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