

**Loudwater Combined School***Learn, Create, Succeed*

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LOUDWATER UPDATE

Friday 17th December 2021

Dear Parents,

Important Calendar Dates**Tuesday 4th January 2022** – Inset Day – school closed for pupils**Wednesday 5th January 2022** – Children return to school

Earlier today we had our end of term achievement assembly and the award winners are listed below.

Learning Champions

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

Foundation Stage	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Jamie	Elsie	Ami	Mei	Mia	Karolina	Ameerah

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
Blake	Lily E	Alyssa	Darcy P	Kata	Emily	Blake

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	Luna	Rose	Sienna	Jess
Year 1	Abbie	Eesa	Zak	Lee
Year 2	Oliver	James	Ruben	Miley
Year 3	Samuel	Jensen	Amine	Kelci
Year 4	Ellie-Louise	Ruby	Callum	Rose
Year 5	Mason S	Stanley	Lisa	Isabelle
Year 6	Chloe	Adna	Isobel	Reece

Attendance

Congratulations to Years four and five who had the best attendance at 98%, once any covid related absences were discounted.

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: Carley – Y2

Key Stage Two: Natasha – Y6

House points for the term

	Elgar	Beethoven	Tchaikovsky	Mozart
Autumn Term 2021	2860	2758	2768	2802

Citizen of the Month

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

Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Avaya	Felicity	Scarlett	Imogen	Sameer	Ayaan	Lilly W

Values

The following children have been awarded a Values Award for demonstrating our value for December, contentment.

Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Ailbe	Harry	Justyna	Max	Leo	Ciaran	Leah

Attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
03/12/21	92%	95%	97%	93%	97%	95%	78%
10/12/21	98%	88%	99%	96%	93%	94%	98%
17/12/21	95%	93%	97%	99%	90%	93%	93%

Punctuality

Number of children arriving after their class start time.

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
03/12/21	1	0	1	2	0	1	2
10/12/21	1	0	0	2	0	1	1
17/12/21	0	2	0	0	0	1	0

The Beaconsfield School Admissions Policy

Please see attached information regarding proposed changes to their Admissions Policy.

A message from the Pride of Bucks Award Team

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The nomination window for Buckinghamshire Council's Proud of Bucks Community Awards 2021 closes soon – but more nominations are needed!

The Proud of Bucks Awards, generously sponsored by The Clare Foundation, are a fantastic way to celebrate all those who have gone above and beyond in their local community. The awards aim to shine a local light on adults, young people and

community groups that deserve recognition for their contribution within Buckinghamshire's amazing communities. There's already been some incredible nominations through, but more are needed – particularly for the young person category.

With the deadline for this year's Proud of Bucks Awards nominations fast approaching, please consider submitting your own nomination for a young person who deserves recognition and praise for going the extra mile in your local community, and encourage friends and family to share their nominations too.

Deadline for nominations is **31 December**.

For more information, including how to submit your nomination please take a look at the Proud of Bucks Community Awards

webpage: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-and-safety/proud-of-bucks-awards/>

Balloon Race

If you have entered this year, the race starts at Midday on Christmas Day and finishes Midday on New Year's Day. Mr Clarke was last year's balloon winner! Who knows ... it could be you! Good luck everyone!

St. Peter's Church Holiday Lunch Club

To book your child a place you can contact Gemma Northeast, our Family Support Advisor, on 07792 142825, call or email the school office or contact the church directly. For more information, please see the attached flyer.

Christmas at St. Peter's Church

Please see the attached flyer for more information.

St. Peter's Church Christingle and Friday Club

Please see the attached flyers for more information.

End of term thoughts

The start of this term was a time when school got a little bit more back to normal and I am pleased that to a greater extent we have managed to carry on almost as normal. This has been despite some challenges along the way with increasing numbers of infections and of course the normal round of coughs and colds we always see at this time of year. I thank all parents for bearing with us when we have asked for children to be tested so we know whether we are dealing with a normal winter illness or if we need to take precautions to manage a possible covid outbreak.

As ever the children have been amazing. They have displayed consistently good behaviour for learning, got back into routines, and in many cases got used to new ones. It has been lovely for them all to have playtimes together and to see new friendship being established with our older children looking after the younger ones – that's something I have particularly missed.

I am extremely grateful to all members of the staff team who have worked tirelessly this term to ensure that learning returns to normal. They too have been vigilant to ensure that everyone remains as safe and well as possible. When I reflect on everyone's hard work, pupils and staff alike, I am more proud than ever to work here at Loudwater School with them all.

What the start of next term will bring is somewhat uncertain at the moment, although we are very much hoping for a normal return. We have contingency plans in place to cover a range of scenarios which could include staggered start and finish times and possibly the return of 'bubbles' or a remote learning for the majority of children. When there has been previous changes to our normal operation we have received information

through the media and governmental announcements at the same time as you do. If any announcements are made that necessitate a change in the normal operation of school we will let you know by email as soon as possible. Hopefully you will not hear from us and we will return as planned on Wednesday 5th January.

I hope that everyone has a peaceful Christmas. I hope that you can make the season special in your home and for your family. I wish you all a Happy New Year.

Yours faithfully

Clare Cunningham

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.

Calendar of events for 2021-22

<p><u>January</u></p> <p>5th Children return to School</p>	<p><u>February</u></p> <p>Week beginning 14th Parent /Teacher Consultations 18th School Closed – Training day for teachers 21st - 25th Half term break 28th Return to School</p>	<p><u>March</u></p> <p>1st Notification of Secondary School Places 18th Red Nose Day 21st - 27th Shakespeare Week</p>
<p><u>April</u></p> <p>Week beginning 4th Parent /Teacher Consultations Y6 Y5 Event for parents 8th School closes at 2pm for Easter Break 25th Children return to School</p>	<p><u>May</u></p> <p>Week beginning 2nd Parent /Teacher Consultations (FS-Y5) 2nd Bank Holiday 9th Year 6 SATs Week 16th Year 5 Assessment Week May 16th – 18th Year 6 residential</p>	<p><u>June</u></p> <p>6th Children return to School 9th Open Day 9.30 – 10.30 13th – 17th Assessment Week Y1, Y3 & Y4</p>

	27th School Closed Training Day for teachers 30th – 3rd Half term break	
<u>July</u> 1st School Closed Training day for teachers 5th Secondary School Induction Day (Y6) New Parents Meeting 8th Sports Day 14th Reserve Sports Day 20th 7.00pm Y6 Leavers Production 21st 9.30am Y6 Leavers Assembly School closes at 2pm for summer break	<u>Class Assemblies</u> <u>Spring Term</u> 9.05 Start 20 th January - Year Six 27 th January - Year Two 3 rd February - Year Four 10 th February - Year One 17 th March - Year Five 24 th March - Year Three 7 th April - Foundation Stage	<u>Values Assemblies</u> All Start at 9.05am 01.02.22 – Tues – Honesty 03.03.22 - Tues – Love 31.03.22 - Tues – Forgiveness 05.05.22 – Thurs – Perseverance 25.05.22 – Weds – Trust 29.06.22 – Weds – Self-belief 19.07.22 – Thurs – Friendship