



Loudwater Combined School

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LOUDWATER UPDATE

Friday 8th November 2019

Dear Parents,

Important Calendar Dates

Sunday November 10th - Remembrance Sunday – Service at St Peter's Church 9.45am

Monday November 11th - pm Visit from Pudsey

Friday November 15th – School Bat Walk

Friday November 15th - Children in Need – Mufti Day

Value of the Month

The value of the month for November is Generosity. During assemblies and class discussion times we will be exploring questions linked to generosity and being generous:

- How can we be generous to others?
- How can we be generous to our parents and families?
- How are people who look after us generous?
- How can we be generous to people we do not know? What difference will this make?

Our inspirational person this month is Michael Jordan. The children will be finding out about his life and achievements and what we can learn from these.

On Monday 11th November we will be focusing on Remembrance in our morning assembly and this will include a period of silent reflection. At the end of the month our Values Assembly will be held on 28th November and will be led by Year 6.

News from the classes this week:

Foundation Stage

In Foundation Stage this week we have started a new topic and we will be learning about People Who Help Us. To start off our topic we have learnt about Dentists, and how they help us to look after our teeth. We have made posters to remind people to clean their teeth twice a day, and we have had a story about Clarabella the Crocodile who had a problem cleaning her teeth. She had so many teeth that it took her all day to clean them all! In maths, the Tooth Fairy has been in our classroom and has lost all our money. We have been helping them by collecting up all the pennies they have dropped and counting them for them. We have also been drawing crocodiles with very long jaws and seeing if we can draw exactly twenty teeth on them.

We have also attended our first Whole School Assemblies this week and we have shown that our listening skills in assemblies are very good.

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/Phase2Menu.htm>

Year One

This week in English we have been introduced to our new class text which is 'After the Storm' by Nick Butterworth. We have been investigating the features of a storm and thought of lots of good words to describe a storm and how it makes us feel. We have also been focussing on prediction this week. We had to predict what problems the wind might cause for Percy the park-keeper and how we might solve these problems. We enjoyed imagining what the animals might have said to Percy and we enjoyed acting our ideas out in front of an audience. This week our focus in Maths has been on 2d shapes. We have been learning all about the names and properties of 2d shapes. We investigated the 2d shapes

that we could find around our playground. We also had fun making 2d shape pictures and sorting 2d shapes.

In Topic we really enjoyed finding out what life was like in the past for our family and friends. We shared the results of our questionnaires and had fun looking at video clips and pictures of some of the sweets and television programmes that were enjoyed in the past. We have also been learning about the importance of Remembrance Day. We have made poppies that will be displayed at Tesco.

Next week we will be walking to the war memorial to see the poppy tributes. We will send a text to let you know which day we will go.

Useful website...

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/caterpillar-ordering> (choose the 1-100 option)

Year Two

This week, in Year 2, we have been enjoying our new text – 'Dogger' by Shirley Hughes. We have been developing our reading skills by retrieving evidence from the text to explore the characters, and making predictions using evidence from the text. We have labelled a picture of Dogger, written a description of Bella and sequenced events from the story. In Phonics, we have been revising compound words. We have read compound words, built them and learned to spell them. Then we wrote sentences using the compound words we had built. In Maths, we have been learning to add single digit numbers to 2-digit numbers, bridging the tens e.g. $26 + 7 =$. We have been learning to partition the ones digit to make a multiple of 10, then add the remainder.

$26 + 7 =$ (partition the 7 into 4 and 3)

$26 + 4 = 30$

$30 + 3 = 33$

In Topic we have been learning the reason for why we celebrate Bonfire Night. We have explored the facts of the story and sequenced the events in chronological order.

<https://www.roythezebra.com/reading-games/full-stop-1.html>

Year Three

This week in English, we have been learning about poems and calligrams. We have written calligrams about fireworks and bonfires. In Maths, we have started learning about multiplication and division. We have learnt that multiplication can also be repeated addition and that division is the inverse. We have learnt how to group arrays and write the related number sentences. In Art, we have had lots of fun creating some amazing firework pictures. We used paint, glue and glitter! Our pictures look brilliant. In History we presented our super Roman projects to each other. We all worked hard and learned different facts about Roman life. We also found out what the Romans gave to Britain such as sewers, roads and even - fast food! In Science we have been exploring the weathering and erosion of rocks. We placed different rock samples covered with water in boxes with water-tight lids and gave each box 100 shakes. We then looked at what had happened to the different rocks and water.

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Romans.html>

Year Four

We have begun to read our new text for this half term, 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'. We have looked at some of the rich vocabulary that the story uses to describe fireworks. We then designed our own fireworks before writing descriptive paragraphs about them using expanded noun phrases. We have looked at how the author has been able to effectively describe the setting during the ceremony of the full moon, and used the text as a basis to draw the scene using the author's description.

During our maths lessons, we have learnt how to multiply and divide numbers by 10 and 100. We have looked at how this can be represented in different ways such as with place value counters, base 10 blocks and money. We have also looked at multiplying numbers by 1 and 0.

We have started our topic lessons this week on our topic 'Light and Sound'. We have begun to learn how sound is created and found out that sound happens when something vibrates. We looked at different examples of this and used different instruments to represent this.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zgffr82/articles/zstr2nb>

Year Five

In English this week we were introduced to our new focus text: 'Beyond the lines' (a powerful, yet short animated film about the D-Day landings in WWII). Before watching the film, we had to make predictions based on still images and clues that Mrs PC had left for us. We then asked questions to enhance our understanding of the film text and this really helped us to develop our inference skills. We were able to make many comparisons between authors and directors.

In Maths, we have begun revising and extending our knowledge of multiplication and division. We have used arrays to help us understand inverse relationships and see the difference between multiples, factors and integers. We furthered our Geography and History skills by using an atlas to help us label a blank map of northern Normandy with the main D-Day landing sites. To prepare for Remembrance Day, we produced some really effective 'poppy art' which we have displayed in our classroom. We also produced a collaborative paper poppy cross which will form part of the local community display at Tesco Loudwater. In Music, we have begun to learn a new song with a 1940s Big Band rhythm! Please practise singing the lyrics by visiting the website below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tJdXRch93MM> Song: When you're a kid in WWII

Year Six

In English we have started a new unit of work based on the epic Old English poem 'Beowulf'. We have been using Michael Morpurgo's version of the story. We have read about how the fearless Beowulf fought and killed the evil monster Grendel. We have used drama in our lessons such as Whoosh activities to develop a good understanding of the story. The story contains a lot of archaic language and we have created a Beowulf glossary to support us in developing our understanding of the more challenging vocabulary in the text. In Maths we have been exploring scale factors and have solved problems involving finding fractions of amounts by using multiplication and division facts and number rods. We have also been calculating the mean (average) by adding all the numerical data and then dividing the total by the number of data. We have then used this skill to calculate the mean in an investigation of our own choice. In History we have started to study the Anglo-Saxons. We have begun to develop an understanding of where the Anglo-Saxon settlers came from and where they settled in Britain. On Monday morning we all walked to the Flackwell Heath Library. We have a brilliant time at the library and were able to choose a book for use in school.

<http://www.spellzone.com/games/index.cfm?wordlist=2255>

A range of activities and games to practise a range of spelling rules and patterns.

Achievement Award Winners

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
08/11/19	Eliza	Amine	Kata	Andreea	Logan W	Xandros	Isabelle

The following children have been recognised in achievement assembly for their good behaviour:

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
08/11/19	Tilly Finlay	Isla Molly	Charlie Mia	Ben Lisa	Leah Lily W	Rohan Kobee	Riley Teyha

This week there were two Head Teacher Awards: one went to Year 6 for being excellent tour guides during our open day on Thursday and the other to Louie in Year 1 for the super efforts he has been making with his handwriting.

Attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
08/11/19	87%	100%	95%	98%	96%	98%	97%

Punctuality

Number of children arriving after 9.00am.

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
08/11/19	1	0	4	0	1	0	1

House points for the week

	Beethoven	Mozart	Tchaikovsky	Elgar
08/11/19	172	186	200	195

Bat Walk

On Wednesday we emailed everyone with details of our forthcoming Bat Walk event. For the children it will be an opportunity to find out more about the wildlife that lives in or visits our school when the children have usually gone home! At the end of the school day there will be a movie (bat focused) a bat talk and craft activities in the hall whilst we wait for it to get dark. Teachers will be supervising the children in the hall.

When it is dark (approx. 4.15) teachers will take the children outside at the top of the school grounds, near the woods and on to the area of grass near the outdoor classroom and use bat detectors to identify whether there are bats in the woods roosting in the trees. At this point parents are very welcome to join the younger children outside.

Children should bring warm, waterproof clothes to change into at the end of the day, including waterproof shoes – wellies will be ideal as we are going on the field. Please also bring a torch. The event will finish at 5pm and children whose parents have not attended the event should be collected from the top gate.

Whilst this is happening in the hall there will be an opportunity for parents of **Foundation Stage and Key Stage One** children to hear from staff about the approaches used to teach phonics and early reading and about how valuable parental support is in emphasising these approaches at home. Please give your consent, via the Gateway, for your child to take part in the Bat Walk and at the same time confirm if you will be attending the talk.

FOLS members (Friends of Loudwater School) will be on hand to talk about the vital work that they do fundraising for the school and after the bat walk there will be refreshments which will include hot chocolate, tea, coffee, hot dogs (including a veggie option) and snacks. All Loudwater school children will receive a free hot dog and drink; other items will be available for purchase at a small cost.

Children in Need

We are once again taking part in this National Charity Fundraising. We will be visited on Monday November 11th by Pudsey Bear himself. He will be bringing with him a range of Pudsey merchandise which the children can purchase from Tuesday with all the money collected going to Children In Need. Prices range from £1.00 to £5.00 and we will be holding a raffle for a giant Pudsey with tickets costing £1.00 each.

On Friday there will be a mufti day to raise funds for Children in Need. We are requesting a donation of £1.

USports After School Clubs

We have arranged for USports to provide a number of after school sports clubs going up to Christmas. The booking system has been open for some time but the registrations have been extremely slow. All clubs have been postponed to start next week and if the numbers do not increase they will be withdrawn. Their information letter and booking details are attached at the end of this Update.

Flackwell Heath Library Visits

Year 6 have taken their turn to visit Flackwell Heath Library as noted in the News from the Class above. The visits for each class will take place on a Monday morning. The children will have the opportunity to borrow books for their classroom and learn how a library operates. This is a very exciting opportunity and I am sure the children will value this experience.

Your child will require appropriate warm or waterproof clothing for the walk depending on the weather.

Year Five	Year Four	Year Three	Year Two	Year One	Foundation Stage
18 th November	25 th November	2 nd December	13 th January	20 th January	27 th January

Kingsmead Carpark Resurfacing

We trust that the carpark resurfacing has now finished. Although we realise the difficulties of parking for the 'school run' we would remind you that it is unacceptable to park or drive in School Way and please do not block our neighbours' drives or the crossing area.

Allergy Information

As you are all aware we do have a number of children in school with serious allergy issues and due to this we ask that packed lunches do not contain any traces of nuts. We are now requesting that the same care is taken if you send sweets in to be distributed on your child's birthday. Sweets may be sent in for birthdays but not for any other reason.

Energize 2020

The choir will be taking part in Energize 2020 at the Wycombe Swan. Along with around twelve other schools they will be performing a musical called 'Out of this World'. The performance dates are March 19th and 21st 2020 at 7.00pm. We will be giving further information to our choir nearer the time.

Book Recommendation

Our book recommendation this week comes from Miss Harris. We have added her review to the end of this newsletter.

Bags 2 School

You should have received your empty Bags 2 School ready to fill over the half term break. We will be collecting your full bags on Tuesday 19th November. Please do not bring the bags into school until the collection date as unfortunately we have nowhere to store them.

Flackwell Heath Bonfire Association

Even though the event was postponed from last week to this Saturday November 9th all tickets are still valid and all tickets ordered and purchased via the Gateway have now been distributed. Have a fabulous **dry** time!

Message from the School Council

The School Council has now launched their wrapper free Wednesday initiative to try to cut plastic waste. We have attached further information to the end of this Update. Also, a quick reminder that our School Council are still saving used batteries.

Yours faithfully

Clare Cunningham

Mrs C Cunningham
Head teacher

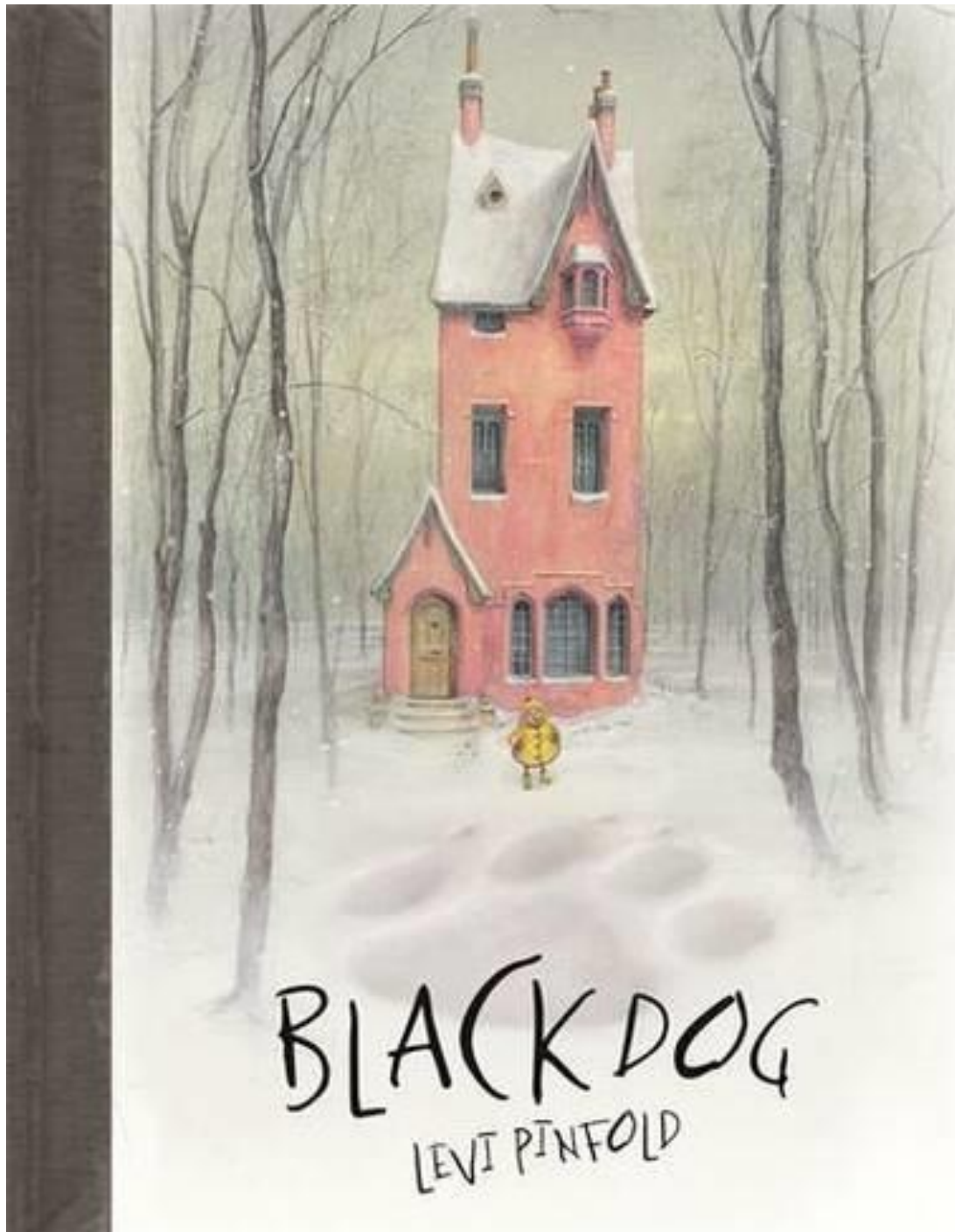
Update

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.

This Week's Book Recommendation



They say "You shouldn't judge a book by its cover" but I ignored the advice on this occasion. I chose this book because I loved the illustration on the front cover, and when I looked inside I loved the way the story unfolds in both the words and the pictures. Although this is a picture book, I think it is more suitable for older children, as there is a slightly scary element to the book, but it is more about bravery and courage, and all ends well. I'm not going to tell you much more, except to say, look at the pictures of the black dog. What do you notice about its size, and why do you think the author chose to do this?

Miss Harris

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Calendar of Events for 2019-20

<p><u>November</u> 10th Remembrance Sunday 11th pm Visit from Pudsey 15th Bat Walk (4.15 – 5.00) 15th Children in Need 19th Bags 2 School 20th Year 6 Height and Weight 28th Y6 Values Assembly 28th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00 – 3.00)</p>	<p><u>December</u> 6th Christmas Bazaar 10th 2.30pm Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 11th 9.30am Key Stage 1 Christmas Production, 2.00pm & 7.00pm Key Stage 2 Christmas Production 16th Pupils' Christmas Lunch 18th Christmas Service am Christmas Activities pm 19th School closes at 2pm for Christmas break</p>	
<p><u>January</u> 7th Children return to School 9th Open Day (9.00 – 10.00) 29th Y1 Values Assembly</p>	<p><u>February</u> 10th & 13th Parent/Teacher Consultations 17th – 21st Half term break 24th Return to School 27th Y2 Values Assembly</p>	<p><u>March</u> 9th – 13th Sport Relief 12th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30) 16th – 22nd Shakespeare Week 30th & 2nd Parent/Teacher Consultations Y6</p>
<p><u>April</u> 3rd School closes at 2pm for Easter Break 20th Children return to School 27th & 30th Parent/Teacher Consultations (FS-Y5)</p>	<p><u>May</u> 8th Bank Holiday 11th Year 6 SATs Week 18th Year 5 Assessment Week 22nd School Closed Training Day for teachers 25th – 29th Half term break</p>	<p><u>June</u> 1st Children return to School 1st – 5th Art Week 4th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00 – 3.00) 9th – 12th Residential Visit to Green Park Y6 15th – 19th Assessment Week Y1, Y3 & Y4 16th – 19th Art Exhibition 22nd – 29th Science Week</p>
<p><u>July</u> 3rd School closed training day for teachers 6th – 10th Greek/Olympic Week 7th Secondary School Induction Day (Y6) New Parents Meeting 9th Annual Reports to Parents 10th Sports Day 14th Reserve Sports Day 20th 7.00pm Y6 Leavers Production 21st 9.30am Y6 Leavers Presentation Assembly 21st School closes at 2pm for summer break</p>		<p><u>Values Assemblies</u> All Start at 9.05am 28.11.19 – Thurs – Generosity Y6 29.01.20 – Weds – Honesty Y1 27.02.20 – Thurs – Love Y2 31.03.20 – Weds – Forgiveness Y6 30.04.20 – Tues – Perseverance Y4 21.05.20 – Thurs – Self-belief Y3 25.06.20 – Thurs – Creativity Y5 16.07.20 – Thurs – Individuality FS</p>

Loudwater - Autumn 2019 Clubs

Dear Parents/Guardians,

uSports are pleased to announce that we will be delivering the following after-school clubs at Loudwater Combined School for the Autumn term.

Indoor Football:

- Year 1-4 | Thursdays | 3.30 – 4.30pm |

Dodgeball:

- Year 3-6 | Mondays | 3.30 – 4.30pm |

Indoor Athletics:

- Year 1-3 | Tuesdays | 3.30 – 4.30pm |

Prices:

After school clubs | £5.25 per session

All bookings can be made by:

1. Going to 2019 <https://usports.class4kids.co.uk/term/136>
2. Scroll down to Loudwater Clubs
3. Click 'Book now' – This will take you to our bookings page
4. Find the club for your child/children
5. Add your child's details
6. Pay (booking will not be confirmed until payment is made)

WRAPPER FREE WEDNESDAY!!



Have your pack lunch with no plastic in at all!!! You can bring your own lunch box. Will you be able to do it children vs teachers! Every Wednesday if you have a pack lunch then come in without any plastic wrapping for your food. You can enjoy new food that has no plastic. You can also buy paper bags to put your sandwiches and nibbles in. Now for your drink don't worry you can bring a plastic reusable water bottle and maybe a carton of juice. The best things to use are tin foil, paper and even beeswax!! Plastic free Wednesdays aren't just good for the environment it's also good for you. Come on plastic busters are you up for the challenge!!!!



As many of you will know **Loudwater Combined School** is registered with Easyfundraising.

Easyfundraising is a great website where you can help Loudwater Combined School raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping with over 3,600 big name retailers like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S.

Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say 'thank you' and it's completely free too!



However, FOLS have recently become aware that the way that donations are raised on Amazon purchases has changed and we are losing out on valuable donations! If you link to Amazon via the Easyfundraising website or the Easyfundraising App then there is no issue, but if you go direct to the Amazon website or use the Amazon app on your smartphone/tablet, then this is where the change means donations are no longer being received.

When you click to Amazon via Easy Fundraising it will take you to AmazonSmile website. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices and shopping features as [Amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk). The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to your chosen charity.

We have now registered the Friends Of Loudwater School (FOLS) charity on AmazonSmile to be able to collect donations. When you first visit AmazonSmile, please select Friends of Loudwater School as your chosen charity. After this all your future Amazon purchases will raise money for the school.

Whilst there is no AmazonSmile App, it is easy enough to make sure that you use the AmazonSmile website to make your purchases. Please see the instructions below how to [change and select the school as your chosen charity](#) and [add the shortcut for AmazonSmile to your smartphone/tablet](#)

How to use AmazonSmile on your iphone / IOS

1. If you have the Amazon App installed, you should remove it. To do this, tap and hold the app icon until it starts jiggle. Tap the cross at the top left of the icon and confirm that you want to delete it. Don't worry, this will not delete your Amazon account or any of your settings.
2. You now need to go online via Safari (the iPhone internet browser) and go to smile.amazon.co.uk. Select Friends of Loudwater School as your charity. If not prompted to do this, click the three lines in top LH corner



Scroll down to **Your AmazonSmile**, click change your charity, type Loudwater School in the search box and press search and select **Friends Of Loudwater School**



3. Now, tap the square shaped 'share' button on the bottom of the screen.
4. Tap the 'Add to Home Screen' icon. You may need to swipe to the left to see this:
5. You will now have an AmazonSmile icon on your home screen which you can use in exactly the same way you used the Amazon App.

How to use AmazonSmile on your android phone

1. If you have the Amazon App installed, you should remove it. Don't worry, this will not delete your Amazon account or any of your settings.
2. You now need to go online and go to smile.amazon.co.uk. Select Friends of Loudwater School as your charity.
3. Now, you need to click the three dots in the top right corner and 'Add to Home screen'
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Calm down and have some fun



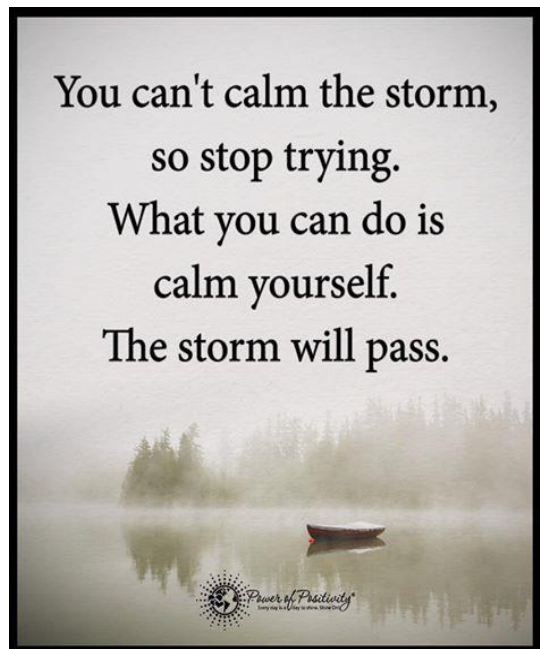
Learn calm down, relaxation and breathing techniques you can use with your children to help them better manage their emotions. Mindfulness delivered in a fun and accessible way. Ideas and activities for helping children (and adults!) to calm down Stories, Craft, Songs, Music, Drawing, Imagination, Physical exercise, Nature

Where: Loudwater School
When: Wednesdays
What time: 3.30pm to 4.15pm

Next date: 13th November 2019

For more information contact
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Advisor through the School office
01494 524919

You can't calm the storm,
so stop trying.
What you can do is
calm yourself.
The storm will pass.





LUNCH WITH SANTA

AT THE COLNE VALLEY VISITOR CENTRE GROTTO

**Includes craft workshop, lunch with
Santa**

and a gift for every child

ONLY £13.50

11am-12pm, 1pm-2pm

Sunday 1st December Saturday 7th

December Sunday 22nd December

Saturday 14th December



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