



**Loudwater Combined School**

*Learn, Create, Succeed*

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# LOUDWATER UPDATE

## Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents,

### Important Calendar Dates

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** – Foundation Stage children starting full time.

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September** – Blue Cross talk for Year 1

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September** – Y4 Values Assembly 9.00

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September** – Macmillan Coffee Morning

### News from the classes this week:

#### Foundation Stage

We have had another brilliant week! We have all had lunch in the hall and have eaten well and met the bigger children at lunch play. In class we have been learning to write our names with a capital letter to start off. We have been painting self-portraits, paying careful attention to choosing the correct colours, and we have been doing counting activities, using a set of yellow teddies. We have also enjoyed lots of great stories and have been working on getting to know everyone's name.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories>

#### Year One

In English we have been enjoying 'The Enormous Crocodile' by Roald Dahl. We listened to the story but Miss Weston stopped before the ending and we had to predict the end. We have also been learning about adjectives this week. We learned that they are describing words. We thought of lots of great adjectives to describe the Enormous Crocodile. We have also been finding out about real crocodiles and have written some information about them.

In Maths we have been focussing on height and length. We have been using the words long, longer and longest. We have been using the outdoor area to investigate things that are longer and shorter than our feet. We had a surprise visitor in this lesson. A little mouse joined us and we were able to see that he was shorter than our feet!

This week we also had to find the answer to this maths question....'has the tallest child in our class got the longest feet?' The answer was no!

In Topic this week we have been thinking about the 4 seasons. We have been out and about around the school grounds to investigate seasonal changes.

Next week we are learning about pets. Please could you send in a picture of any pets you may have or a picture of a pet your child would like!

Useful website

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkvv4wx/articles/zcx3gk7>

#### Year Two

This week, in Year 2, we have been enjoying the story of 'George's Marvellous Medicine' by Roald Dahl. We have explored the characters of George and Grandma, thinking

about the language Roald Dahl used to describe them. We wrote character descriptions, made a comparison chart and discussed what is the same and different about them. In Phonics we have been learning about verbs. We have explored rules for past tense and present tense verbs and adding the suffixes -ing and -ed.

In Maths we have been partitioning numbers into their tens and ones, finding different ways to partition and present the information. We used bar models, partitioning trees and number sentences to record each number sentence.

In Topic we have been learning how we find out about the past. We became archaeologists, where we dug for treasure in the sand and recorded our findings on a log sheet.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/chinese-dragon-ordering>

### **Year Three**

This week in maths, we have been learning about place value and numbers. We have been learning how to use a number line to add numbers. We have also learnt how to use Maths Whizz on the computer. In English, we have learnt about creating powerful sentences using imaginative writing. We have enjoyed the start of our learning about the Romans. We read an information text about Romans and chose some information to use to create a fact file. We sequenced a timeline of important events during the time of the Roman Empire and found out that Christians believe that Jesus was born during the time of the Roman Empire. We have also started to find out about who Julius Caesar was. We have also recognised that some of the Romans were not very nice!

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

### **Year Four**

In English this week in Year 4, we have been reading the story 'The Spiderwick Chronicles'. So far we have met the main characters and discovered something mysterious in the walls. We have used the Spiderwick house as a basis for writing setting descriptions. We have also explored the feelings of Jared and written a diary entry from his perspective.

During our maths lessons, we have continued to work on place value. We have partitioned four digit numbers and used number lines to compare these numbers.

In our topic lessons, we have looked at the difference between invertebrates and vertebrates. We have grouped the animals based on their characteristics, and found out the scientific classification groups for these.

<https://www.ducksters.com/animals/invertebrates.php>

### **Year Five**

This week In English, we have focused on the features of a non-chronological report. We have started to plan our own reports, choosing sub-headings carefully to hook in the reader and structure our writing. We have researched aspects of life in Britain during the beginning of WWII in Topic lessons and used this knowledge in our English work. We have learnt about Operation Pied Piper (the evacuation of children from Britain's big cities) and discussed how rationing affected the lives of all in Britain during the war. We made our own National Identity Cards which recorded our family home postal address as well as our new, safer rural address. In Maths, we continued to practise and revise our knowledge of Place Value by reading and ordering numbers up to 6-digits. We have enjoyed our second swim of the Term in beautiful sunshine and are hoping this beautiful weather continues.

Research WWII further by checking out <https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/world-war-ii/>

### **Year Six**

This week in Year 6 we have had Assessment Week. We have completed assessments in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling, Reading and Maths. In English we have started a new unit of work based on Roald Dahl's autobiographical book, Boy – Tales of a Childhood. We have thought about what we already know about Roald Dahl and have watched a short film giving us more information about his life and his writing habits. We have begun to read about his life at Llandaff School and

how his friend's father told him never to eat liquorice bootlaces as they were made from rat's blood. We have then written our own 'sweet stories' describing why you should never eat them. In Maths we have been multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000, reading, writing, ordering and comparing numbers up to 10 000 000 and determining the value of each digit and rounding any whole number to a required degree of accuracy. In Topic we have been learning about the heart and the circulatory systems and the impact, benefits and consequences of good / poor diet and exercise / lack of exercise.

Website: A range of English games and activities.

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html>

### Achievement Award Winners

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
<b>13/09/19</b>	Did not attend Assembly	Isabella	George	Tegan	Ellie Reece	Romilly	China
<b>20/09/19</b>	Did not attend Assembly	Matilda	Taaha	Alfie	George	Grace	Riley

The Head teacher's award this week has been awarded to Lilly W and Blake in year 4 for some super collaborative work during maths.

### 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
<b>13/09/19</b>	Did not attend Assembly	Paige Samuel	Layla Sameer	Isabelle Ayaan	Liyana Natasha	Xandros Faith	Oliver Amaya
<b>20/09/19</b>	Did not attend Assembly	Darcy A Max	Kata Esa	Emily Mason S	Ellie Logan S	Amelie Oscar	Isabelle Thomas

### Attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
<b>13/09/19</b>	98%	95%	100%	95%	99%	97%	100%
<b>20/09/19</b>	100%	98%	98%	100%	100%	100%	99%

### Punctuality

Number of children arriving after 9.00am.

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
<b>13/09/19</b>	0	0	1	2	0	1	0
<b>20/09/19</b>	0	0	1	0	2	0	1

### House points for the week

	Beethoven	Mozart	Tchaikovsky	Elgar
<b>13/09/19</b>	145	158	150	162
<b>20/09/19</b>	117	159	97	115

### Flackwell Heath Library Awards

We are proud to announce that three of our students have been awarded certificates from Flackwell Heath library as acknowledgement of their participation in the Space Chase Summer Reading Challenge 2019. Well done Stanley in Year 3, Keira in Year 4 and Kelci in Year 1.

### Book Recommendation

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

## FOLS Lottery

The FOLS Lottery has now been removed from the Gateway. If you would like to register for entry please do so with a member of the FOLS team.

### 'Wrap-around Child Care' - After School

Daily from: 3.20pm till 6pm

We are pleased to be working with uSports who will be providing daily wrap around child care after the school day (term time) until 6.00pm.

Bookings via the uSports website:

<https://www.u-sports.co.uk/loudwater-after-school-care>

Offering:                      Arts, crafts, games, puzzles, sports & more  
                                     A snack will be provided  
                                     Pick-up any time up to 6pm

Contact:                      01494 702107 - or visit the website:  
                                     <https://www.u-sports.co.uk/loudwater-after-school-care>

## Gateway Texts

We must once again remind parents that the text message service is not monitored and they should not reply to texts or send new texts to school via this system. Our only means of contact are by telephone or email.

## Guitar Lessons

If your child is having Guitar lessons at school, provided by Little Strummers, we are now able to confirm that the Gateway is open for payment.

## Consent for Local Trips and Walks

The Gateway is open for you to consent for your child to take part in local trips and walks. We found having consents already in place for these smaller events very helpful and less time consuming. We will of course always let you know of when we wish to use the consent and give you full details of the event. You have the option to withdraw your consent if you wish.

## Contribution for Pencil Case Items

We thank everyone that has contributed to our stationery cost. We are once again asking for a contribution towards this year's stationery for your child. This is due to the continuing budget restrictions that are well publicised in the media.

In Foundation Stage and KS1 stationery is used on a 'share and share a like basis' then in year 3, when the children become more responsible, they are **given** a pencil case with everything they need.

This includes:

Pencil	Whiteboard pen
Glue-stick	Highlighter
30cm Ruler	Red Biro
Eraser	Black Biro
Sharpener	

A Handwriting Pen once they receive their pen licence.

Your contribution aids us to replenish and renew stationery items as needed, not necessarily a new pencil case each year. The Gateway is now open for your contribution, the same as last year, of £4.50.

### **School Safety**

We would like to take this opportunity to ask our new pupils and to remind our other children that they do not play on the grassed area at the front of the school or walk along the top of the wall.

### **After School Clubs**

As you know we organised a number of After School Clubs, with Usports, which started last week. Unfortunately, due to lack of interest we have once again had no choice but to cancel the Multi-Sports. Football will now be for all year groups on Thursday. The booking details are available at the end of this Update

Our normal KS2 Home Learning Club and Choir started last Thursday along with Netball on Tuesday. Please contact school by email or in writing if you wish your child to be registered on any of these.

After half term, as the weather deteriorates and the nights draw in, we will be reviewing the Netball club with the intention of postponing until the spring. We will keep you informed.

### **Swimming**

This week has been the last week for swimming with the pool now closed for the winter. We will be reopening in spring weather permitting. This also means that the after school club is no longer running.

### **Loudwater School Football Team**

Mr Hasyn is once again organising our football team to play in tournaments and events. If your child is in either Year 5 or 6 the trials will be held this Wednesday (25<sup>th</sup>) after school between 3.30 pm and 4.30pm. The qualifiers will be informed at school and they will be expected to attend training every week on a Wednesday.

### **Packed Lunches**

Please can I remind parents that children's packed lunches **should not contain nuts or products that contain nuts**. This is because we have a number of children in school with nut allergies and other children eating products containing nuts in the same environment could cause an allergic reaction – thanks for your understanding.

### **Join the School's Governing Board**

As announced last week, there is a vacancy for a parent governor to join the Board of Governors at Loudwater School. Further details can be found on the letter attached to the email. If you would like any further information about this role, please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of the Governors.

### **Parents Forum Meeting**

The first, 'Parents Forum Meeting' of the year will be held on, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7.00pm in the Year 6 classroom. Parents Forum (PF) is your opportunity to have your say or ask questions about any aspect of school life. At this meeting we will be confirming the class representatives for the year. The chair of the PF is Nicky Springle – should you have any item that you wish to include on the agenda then please contact Nicky or the school office.

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September we will be joining with Macmillan to hold our annual coffee morning. All parents, grandparents and carers are very welcome to join us for tea, coffee and cakes; making a donation to this very worthy cause. It is a great opportunity to meet other parents or just to take that little extra time to have a proper chat that we don't always have time for. Mr Clarke will be asking for "volunteer" cake makers, so thank you if you sign up to contribute a cake – home-made or shop bought is fine. Please bring any cake donations to the hall on Friday morning. If there are any cakes left over we will be selling these outside the main entrance at the end of school.

**Harvest Celebrations**

Next week is the start of our Harvest celebrations. During the next two weeks we are inviting parents and children to bring in donations for the One Can Trust. This is a High Wycombe based organisation which provides assistance to local people and families. There is a list of the items they would find particularly useful at the end of the newsletter. During the week of 30<sup>th</sup> September we will be holding a whole school Harvest Assembly where each class will be performing a poem with a Harvest theme.

Yours faithfully

*Clare Cunningham*

Mrs C Cunningham  
Head teacher

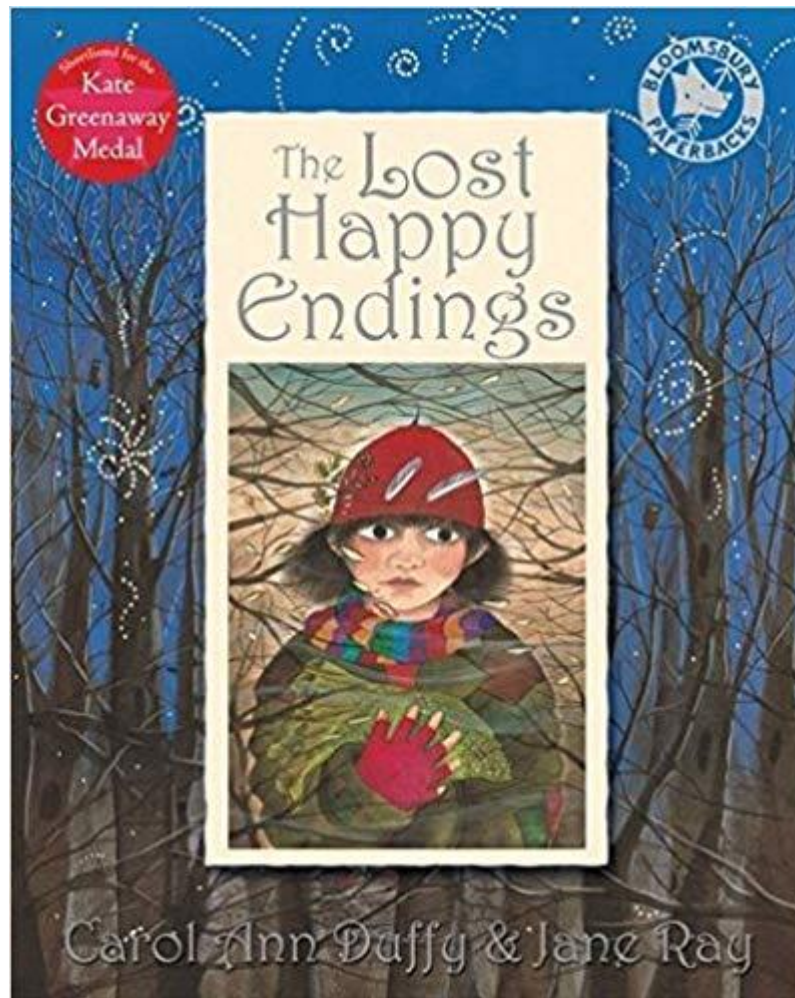
**Update**

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.

## Book recommendation from Mrs Welland



**There are lots of reason why you choose a particular book to read. Sometimes it's the front cover or the blurb that attracts you to it. It might be because you like the author and have read their books before or maybe you are interested in its theme. They are all excellent reason but I chose this book because it was recommended to me.**

What would happen if we lost the happy endings to stories - imagine the tears at bedtime! It is up to Jub, the keeper of the happy endings, to ensure sweet dreams everywhere. So every night she climbs to the top of a huge, old oak tree in the forest with her sack on her back. She opens her sack and shakes out all the Happy Endings into the evening air in time for everybody's bedtime. The next morning all the Happy Endings have returned to the forest hanging from the branches of the ancient silver birch. One night though she is stopped by a wicked witch who steals the sack of Happy Endings. This means that all the children go to bed and there are no happy endings to their stories. Only Jub can save the day!!!

This book is suitable for mainly Year 2 to Year 4 as there are some parts that are a little dark and scary.

**Mrs Welland**

## LOUDWATER COMBINED SCHOOL

### Calendar of Events for 2019-20

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>September</u></b></p> <p><b>4<sup>th</sup></b> Children return to School  <b>9<sup>th</sup></b> Foundation Stage children start school  <b>Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup></b> – u-Sports Clubs start  <b>10<sup>th</sup></b> 11+ Practice Paper (Y6)  <b>12<sup>th</sup></b> 11+ Papers (Y6)  <b>13<sup>th</sup></b> Roald Dahl dress up day  <b>16<sup>th</sup></b> Open House 3.30 -4.30  <b>Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup></b> - Clubs Start  <b>26<sup>th</sup></b> Y4 Values Assembly 9.00  <b>27<sup>th</sup></b> McMillan Coffee Morning</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>October</u></b></p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> Open Day ( 9.00 -10.00 &amp; 2.00 – 3.00)  <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> Parents’ Forum 7pm  <b>18<sup>th</sup></b> 11+ Results (Y6)  <b>21<sup>st</sup> &amp; 24<sup>th</sup></b> Parent/Teacher Consultations  <b>28<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup></b> Half term break  <b>31<sup>st</sup></b> Last day to apply for secondary school places online (Y6)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>November</u></b></p> <p><b>4<sup>th</sup></b> Return to school  <b>7<sup>th</sup></b> Open Day (9.00 – 10.00 &amp; 2.00 – 3.00)  <b>10<sup>th</sup></b> Remembrance Sunday  <b>15<sup>th</sup>/ 22<sup>nd</sup></b> Children in Need TBC  <b>28<sup>th</sup></b> Y6 Values Assembly  <b>28<sup>th</sup></b> Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 &amp; 2.00 – 3.00)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>December</u></b></p> <p><b>6<sup>th</sup></b> Christmas Bazaar  <b>10<sup>th</sup></b> 2.30pm Key Stage 1 Christmas Production  <b>11<sup>th</sup></b> 9.30pm Key Stage 1 Christmas Production, 2.00pm &amp; 7.00pm Key Stage 2 Christmas Production  <b>16<sup>th</sup></b> Pupils’ Christmas Lunch  <b>18<sup>th</sup></b> Christmas Service am  Christmas Activities pm  <b>19<sup>th</sup></b> School closes at 2pm for Christmas break</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>January</u></b></p> <p><b>7<sup>th</sup></b> Children return to School  <b>9<sup>th</sup></b> Open Day (9.00 – 10.00)  <b>29<sup>th</sup></b> Y1 Values Assembly</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>February</u></b></p> <p><b>10<sup>th</sup> &amp; 13<sup>th</sup></b> Parent/Teacher Consultations  <b>17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup></b> Half term break  <b>24<sup>th</sup></b> Return to School  <b>27<sup>th</sup></b> Y2 Values Assembly</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>March</u></b></p> <p><b>9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup></b> Sport Relief  <b>12<sup>th</sup></b> Open Day (9.30 – 10.30)  <b>16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup></b> Shakespeare Week  <b>30<sup>th</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup></b> Parent/Teacher Consultations Y6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>April</u></b></p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> School closes at 2pm for Easter Break  <b>20<sup>th</sup></b> Children return to School  <b>27<sup>th</sup> &amp; 29<sup>th</sup></b> Parent/Teacher Consultations (FS-Y5)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>May</u></b></p> <p><b>4<sup>th</sup></b> Bank Holiday  <b>11<sup>th</sup></b> Year 6 SATs Week  <b>18<sup>th</sup></b> Year 5 Assessment Week  <b>20<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup></b> Residential Visit to Green Park Y6 TBC  <b>22<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>School Closed</b> Training Day for teachers  <b>25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup></b> Half term break</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>June</u></b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup></b> Children return to School  <b>1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup></b> Art Week  <b>4<sup>th</sup></b> Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 &amp; 2.00 – 3.00)  <b>15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup></b> Assessment Week Y1, Y3 &amp; Y4  <b>16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup></b> Art Exhibition  <b>22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup></b> Science Week</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>July</u></b></p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> School closed training day for teachers  <b>6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup></b> Greek/Olympic Week  <b>7<sup>th</sup></b> Secondary School Induction Day (Y6)  New Parents Meeting  <b>9<sup>th</sup></b> Annual Reports to Parents  <b>10<sup>th</sup></b> Sports Day  <b>14<sup>th</sup></b> Reserve Sports Day <b>20<sup>th</sup></b> 7.00pm Y6 Leavers Production  <b>21<sup>st</sup></b> 9.30am Y6 Leavers Presentation Assembly  <b>21<sup>st</sup></b> School closes at 2pm for summer break</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Values Assemblies</u></b></p> <p>All Start at 9.05am  26.09.19 – Thurs - Pride Y4  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>

# One Can Trust Shopping List

- Rice (500g or larger)
- Pasta (500g or larger)
- Baked beans/tinned spaghetti
- Tinned potatoes / instant mash
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned fish eg. tuna
- Tinned meats including meat pies, hotdogs, meatballs, chillis, curries, mince, stew, corned beef, tinned ham etc
- Drinks: coffee, tea, hot choc, squash
- UHT milk (cartons)
- Sugar (500g)
- Cereals: large packets and variety packs
- Bread spreads e.g. jam, honey, chocolate spread, peanut butter
- Puddings e.g. instant whip, tinned fruit, rice pudding
- Snacks e.g. chocolate, biscuits
- Toiletries e.g. shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, soap, toothbrushes and paste
- Sanitary items
- Nappies, baby milk/powder
- Household: washing up liquid, loo roll

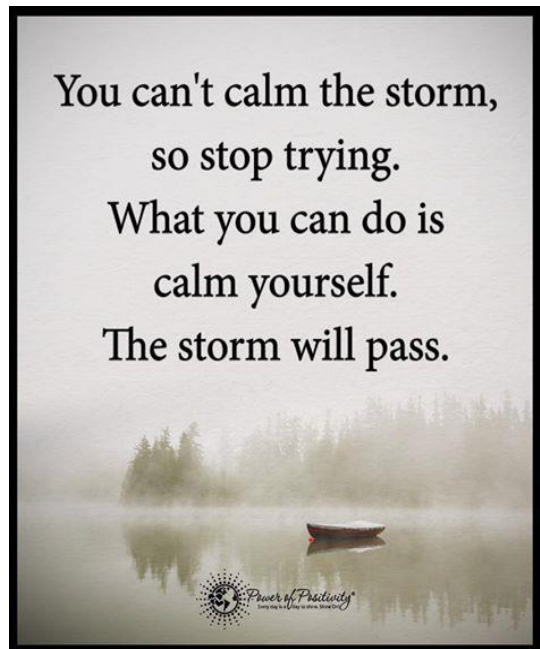
# Calm down and have some fun



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 starting 25<sup>th</sup>  
September  
What time: 3.30pm to 4.15pm

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



For more information contact Jackie Boyce Family Support Advisor through the School office 01494 524919



Info [usports.co.uk](mailto:usports.co.uk)  
0118 449 2641 [www.usports.co.uk](http://www.usports.co.uk)

## 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.

### Football:

- Year 1-6 | Thursday | 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/122>
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)

Twitter, Facebook and Instagram:

**@usports.ltd**

# “Magical Maths is coming to: Loudwater Combined School !!”



Hi Parents,

“Professor Poopenshtinken” and his assistant Katherine visited Loudwater Combined School on Tuesday and showed the children just how much fun can be had with numbers!

This fantastic after school club helps engage children of all ages and abilities with the subject of Maths through really fun and challenging games, tricks and activities.

The six-week club begins on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September so to sign up or find out more simply go to our website [www.magicalmathsclub.com](http://www.magicalmathsclub.com) or call us on 01923 418019 but hurry as places are limited!

We look forward to seeing your children for lots more “Mathemagical” fun!!