

Lovelace Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

Wow what a busy Autumn term this has been!

I wanted to start by thanking everyone for the warm welcome that you have given me for my first term here at Lovelace, it has been really wonderful getting to know all of our families and of course our children over the last few weeks.

The staff and children have been busy taking part in a wide range of sports events such as football tournaments as well as athletics when we were named the borough 2024 champions and cricket we won an award for being the junior team of the year— well done everyone who represented Lovelace in sport this term!

I have been absolutely amazed by the talent of our children over the last few weeks. Every child has taken part in one of our Christmas performances, showcasing their beautiful festive singing – I am sure you all agree that they were simply wonderful.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for their support when we had our visit from OFSTED last week. Your kind words and messages of support for our staff were very much appreciated. It was a very busy 2 days for everyone involved and we look forward to sharing the report with you all when it is published in the new year.

From my family to yours, I wish everyone a wonderful Christmas break and look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Miss Dixon





Staffing News

This week we are saying a very sad goodbye to Mr Sedgwick, our Deputy Head, who after 22 incredible years of service will be leaving us. We are so grateful for all of his hard work and dedication to the school community over this time and we wish him lots of luck for the future.

We are also sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Siddle, Designated Safeguarding Lead, who has been at Lovelace for over 15 years. Mrs Siddle has worked hard at supporting lots of families over the years and been an integral part of enabling additional support for families that may have needed it.

Miss Crawford, Nurture Group Practitioner, will be moving on too after 11 years as a Teaching Assistant and then as a key member in setting up The Meadow, our nurture provision which started 5 years ago. Miss Crawford has been such a key member of staff supporting children who have needed something different to support their social and emotional development. She has joined AfC and we wish her all the best in her new chapter.

Finally, we are sad to see Mrs McAtamney leaving, who after 15 years, is retiring. She has helped and served all of our children in the lunch hall and cleaned areas of the school with such care and attention. We wish her a wonderful retirement!

Message from Mr Sedgwick:

Dear Parents

I would like to thank you from the depths of my heart for your partnership over the past 22 years as I have served in this wonderful Lovelace community. It has been a real pleasure to work alongside you, to teach your precious children and get to know you and your families in this journey we have been on together. It is my time to part company with this community now but I know that I am leaving you in the hands of staff that are highly skilled, talented and totally dedicated to enable your children to be successful learners, responsible citizens and confident individuals- the 'Lovelace Way'. Please continue to support and champion them as you have done for me over these many years.

I pray that you will each have a special festive period and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.



With my warmest regards.

Matt Sedgwick. Deputy Headteacher.

Parental Use of Social Media

Social media is such a fantastic app for parent groups as it helps to keep everyone up to date with school life. However we have had reports where parents are using it to talk about children at our school and to make comments about pupils in their child's class.

Please can we remind parents that this is not an appropriate platform to talk about children or our community. If you have concerns please talk to staff at school and we can look into any incidents for you.

This expectation is outlined in our Parent and Visitor Conduct policy which can be read on our website:

*'Almost all parents, carers and visitors to Lovelace Primary School are keen to work with us and are supportive of the school. However, on very rare occasions the behaviour of a very small minority of parents falls short of what we expect. This sometimes manifests itself in aggression or abuse towards members of the school community. This can be in written communication (**including social media**), on the telephone or in face-to-face incidents.'*



Our Attendance percentage this week is 94%

Excellent attendance is extremely important for your child's personal, social and emotional development and their academic progress.

If your child is unwell, check the guidance located here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> A video short of the advice is available here: [Is my child too ill for school? | NHS #shorts](#). Children should attend school every day unless they are unwell. They should also arrive on time to school: being late doesn't give your child the best start to their learning and disturbs the learning of others.



HAVE YOUR SAY & PLAY

Join Kingston PCF at YMCA Hawker Centre, The Pod

Monthly from 1:15pm- 3:15pm

2nd February 2025
9th March 2025
13th April 2025
11th May 2025
8th June 2025

Private play session, exclusively SEND children and young people
A chance to chat to other parent carers and hear from the forum

For More Information Email
help@kingstonpcf.co.uk



Spring programme 2025



<https://tinyurl.com/Spring-1-2025-Kingston-CCs>

**Kingston Programme
Children's Centre services**
serving: Kingston, New Malden, Old Malden, Chessington, Surbiton and Tolworth





Spring Term 2025

We are looking forward to our current clubs returning in the New Year and also introducing some new clubs that offer a different experience such as cookery, fencing, chess, pottery and coding.

Please do take a look at the school website 'clubs' page where you will find flyers and sign up links to each club.

<https://www.lovelace.kingston.sch.uk/school-life/clubs/>

Before School - 7.45 - 8.30

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Busy Lizzy Pottery</u> Year 2-6 Art Room	<u>BG Football</u> <u>Coaching</u> Year 1-3 Playing Field	<u>Busy Lizzy Craft</u> Year 2-6 Art Room	<u>BG Football</u> <u>Coaching</u> Year 4-6 Playing Field	<u>Ourcamps Games</u> Years R-2 Upper Hall

Lunch Time - KS1 12.15-1.00pm KS2 12.30 - 1.15pm

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		<u>Chess Club</u> Year 3-6 Y5 Intervention Rm		

After School - 15.15-16.15

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Target Sport</u> <u>Dodgeball</u> Year 1-6 Upper Hall	<u>Community</u> <u>Advantage</u> <u>Gymnastics</u> Years 3-6 Upper Hall	<u>Target Sports</u> <u>Multisports</u> Years 1-6 Upper Hall	<u>Chelsea FC Football</u> Years 1-6 Playing Fields	<u>La Jolie Ronde</u> <u>French Tuition</u> Years 1-6 DLL
<u>Boo Theatre</u> Year 3-5 Sunset Room		<u>Ourcamps</u> <u>Basketball</u> Years 3-6 KS2 Playground	<u>Y6 Drama</u> Year 6 Y6 Intervention Room	<u>Ruby Dances Club</u> Year 2-4 Upper Hall
<u>Codecamp</u> Year 3-6 Y5 Intervention Rm		<u>Debutos Drama</u> YR-Y2 Sunset Room	<u>Inspion Sports -</u> <u>Fencing</u> Years 3-6 Upper Hall	
		<u>Mini Cooks</u> <u>Kitchen</u> Years 3-6 Cookery Room		

Christmas Holiday Safeguarding

What to do if you are worried about a child...

- If you are worried or concerned about the safety or wellbeing of a child out of school hours, please contact Kingston's Single Point Access (SPA) on **0208 547 5008**.
- If you are worried about a child's immediate safety you should phone the police on **999**.

INCLUSIVE KINGSTON

Kingston Council are working on a new strategy to address inequalities and promote inclusion.



www.kingstonletstalk.co.uk



bit.ly/InclusiveKingston



Richmond & Kingston SENDIASS

We look forward to welcoming you on our online workshops in January 2025.

Considering an EHC Plan?
8th and 21st

These sessions aim to empower you with information and advice to help navigate the EHCP process.

Responding to a draft/working document
7th and 22nd

Follow us at

[f /RichmondKingstonSENDIASS](https://www.facebook.com/RichmondKingstonSENDIASS)
[i /rksendiass](https://www.instagram.com/rksendiass/)

www.rksendiass.co.uk

Young voice



Participation group for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)



Join other children and young people from Kingston and Richmond who want to make a difference. Aged 7 to 25 years

You will:

- influence change on topics which affect you
- help improve services that you use



By taking part you will:

- develop confidence
- learn new skills
- make friends and have fun



We meet in two age groups:

- 7 to 13 years
- 14 to 25 years



We will meet monthly on Mondays

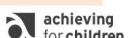
- 20 January, 4.30 to 6pm
- 24 February 4.30pm to 6pm
- 17 March 4.30pm to 6pm
- 19 May 4.30pm to 6pm
- 16 June 4.30pm to 6pm



Where we meet:

Windham Croft Centre, 20 Windham Road, Kew TW9 2HP

For more information complete the enquiry form at kr.acinfo.org.uk/Participation or scan the QR code. Email participation@achievingforchildren.org.uk

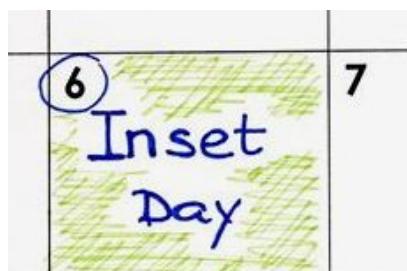




Where
creativity and
confidence
unlock a
passion for
music potential



Well done to all of our iRock bands on Wednesday, as they performed to their parents. We would like to thank Dan from iRock for leading the children each week this term.



INSET DAY REMINDER

A reminder to all parents that **Monday 6th January** is an **INSET** day – children will return to school on **Tuesday 7th January 2025**.

Nursery Places Available for January 2025



We have places available in nursery for morning, afternoon and full day sessions. Please enquire at the office for places or to increase your child's hours.

Nursery Times

The Nursery has both full time and part time places hours who share the same classroom.

Apple Class: 8.45 – 11.45 am

Pear Class: 12.15 – 3.15 pm

Plum Class: 8.45 – 2.45pm

Nursery Additional Costs:

11:45 - 12:15 and 2:45 - 3:15 = £3.50 per $\frac{1}{2}$ hour session

3 x hours = £18.75

Please speak to the school office if you are interested in a place or would like to increase your child's hours!

Nursery Christmas Concerts 2024



Nursery sang 6 Christmas songs to their grown ups with Makaton actions. They created their own Christmas hats and showed lots of confidence singing to a large group of people. Well done Nursery!