



Newsletter - Friday 27th June

We are delighted to announce that through the huge amount of effort, hard work and dedication of the FLS, the summer fair raised £1800 - an amazing amount that will hugely support the school to invest in even more ways to ensure your children are provided with the very best opportunities whilst at Laddingford.

We are also immensely proud to announce that we have secured a grant of £2000 to develop the Lathams space near the calm cabin and sensory hut. This means that hopefully, over the summer holiday we will be able to begin work to transform this space into a calm and reflective sensory garden. An incredible well done to Mrs Smith and our Year 6 team who have been busy working behind the scenes to write proposals, draw plans and formulate ideas that were all submitted with the grant application.

It is once again an incredibly busy time at Laddingford, and I know that our children are very excited about our up-and-coming Sports Day. We can't wait to see you there on Tuesday 1st July.

Mrs Clark

Worship



We are continuing to enjoy our worships being 'technology free'. Due to a broken interactive whiteboard in Russet classroom, we are temporarily without technology in the hall. This initial inconvenience has surprising led to moments of calm, story sharing and reflection which we have enjoyed considerably.

Our School Values in Action



Our school values are **love, peace** and **joy**.

At Laddingford, love means to be kind and inclusive, showing care and understanding to everyone.

At Laddingford, peace means to be respectful, calm, confident and responsible.

At Laddingford, joy means to be a team-player, have fun, to be resilient and achieve excellence in all we do.

Each week, we plan to celebrate children who are noticed putting our values into action. If you spot your child putting a 'value in action' at home, please take a photo and send this along with a brief caption to office@Laddingford.kent.sch.uk¹ with the subject line 'Values in Action' and your child may have a starring role on our newsletter.

Congratulations to Mikey - Joy- For putting fantastic effort into his Phonics and reading.

Congratulations to Indi - Peace- for always being respectful towards adults and children around her.

Congratulations to Barney - Joy- for putting excellent effort into his work, particularly his writing this week.

¹<mailto:office@Laddingford.kent.sch.uk>

Attendance and Punctuality



Our attendance expectation is 96%

Attendance from week beginning 16/6/25

Pippin = 78%

Russet = 84%

Jazz = 79%

Bramley = 92%

Whole School = 84%

Please remember, if you are concerned that your child may not be well enough for school, please check the following website: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)²

Studybugs



The banner features a blue background with a white bird-like character holding a blue envelope, flanked by light blue clouds. Below the illustration, the text reads: 'Please get the **free Studybugs app** for reporting your child's absence due to illness.' The website URL <https://studybugs.com> is displayed in white. Three download buttons are shown: 'Download on the App Store' (with the Apple logo), 'GET IT ON Google Play' (with the Google Play logo), and 'Get it from Microsoft' (with the Microsoft logo). Below these buttons, the text states: 'Report sickness, receive guidance, help improve children's health', 'See what illnesses are going around', and 'Secure system, all communications encrypted'. At the bottom, it says 'Working in partnership with:' followed by logos for NHS, Brighton and Sussex medical school, Brighton & Hove City Council, and Epi concept. The Studybugs logo with a green shield icon is in the bottom right corner.

We're pleased to announce that Laddingford St Mary's is introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs.

If you haven't already, please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school.

Get the app or register now (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>)

Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs.

1. It helps us know sooner if your child is unaccounted for.
2. It's quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
3. You'll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations improve children's health. (<https://studybugs.com/about/schools>)

²<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Over and Above



Don't forget, if your child participates in extra curricular activities and wishes to share their successes, please send these into school so they can be featured in our newsletter.

Spotlight on Pippin Class!



The children in Pippin have been making the most of the warm weather this week, spending lots of time outdoors. They've loved getting creative in the mud kitchen, mixing up their own

imaginative recipes, and building grand castles in the garden, which have inspired some fantastic role play all week long. To top it off, they had a brilliant final session at forest school where they enjoyed cooking sausages over the fire and even made their own butter – a wonderful way to end the term’s outdoor adventures!

Spotlight on Russet Class!



This fortnight Russet have been incredibly busy! We've had a delivery of caterpillars and we cannot wait to watch their transformation over the next few weeks. Russet have also been writing their own return narratives based on a journey along a river and it has been lovely to see their writing really flourishing. Maths has been really tricky, looking at fractions however the children have all persevered and worked incredibly hard on it. We are getting very excited for Sports Day too and are busying away practising for it.

Spotlight on Jazz Class!



We have started our geography topic, What are rivers and how are they used? We have learnt about the water cycle. In science we are continuing with our topic on rocks. We used chocolate to represent how rocks are formed. Also conducted a test to see which rocks are permeable and impermeable. In comprehension we are continuing to enjoy our book Cats and today performed to the rest of the class The song of the jellies poem.

Spotlight on Bramley Class!



This week Bramley class celebrated the end of their Linking project by having a zoom call with their partner class, Lower Halstow Primary School. The children focused on what made them different and the same and shared some of the work they had been doing with each other. They also asked lots of questions and Bramley class were surprised that the other class didn't really like football! Lower Halstow were really interested in how our mixed aged classes work.



Forest School



Two weeks of learning to report:









Week 3 at the Forest


What a scorcher ☀️ today but under the leaves 🍃 of trees 🌳 we were cool and shaded. The reception and nursery children really are bug crazy... today I brought in lots more bug hunting pots. The children found so many beetles 🐞 K in particular found a huge stag beetle and spent most of the day looking after it and putting it in his new home 🏠 😊 the adults worked with the children spending adding new items to the mud kitchen to enhance their play experience, to the 🚩 🏴‍☠️ pirate ship and a we added a hammock for rest and relaxation. Thank you to the friends of Laddingford for the generous donation allowing us to buy new items for Forest school. The children absolutely loved the new areas to play in, especially the pirate ship with its new flags and shelter over the top. We also added a parachute over the mud kitchen area to allow the children shade whilst playing. Lots of the children got involved in using the hammers & nails again to create taller/higher sides to the pirate ship and we added a plank and sand area using sawdust. 😊 these children really are amazing such a lovely session today. We'll see you next week for the last session before the summer holidays. 🌞

Week 4 at the Forest

Today was our last session for the nursery and reception children at Laddingford school. What a fabulous six weeks we've had together the children spent their time playing together today, these are the most resilient independent four year olds I have ever met! So happy to

play together and enjoy each other's company. We started the session by making a group fire together. All of the children had to go at fire striking and were successful in lighting their own of cotton wool. All the children know the three elements that are needed to make a fire. Fuel, a spark, oxygen.

As usual, some of the boys, Joey and Kenny enjoyed bug  hunting and found a huge variety of Beetles  Miss Longyear and Miss Lovell worked together to make a bug hotel so that the children could set their bugs free ..Together we made butter for our garlic  bread,  and enjoyed sausages and buns at lunchtime. After lunch  the children wanted to make swords  so they could continue their pirate   fun...

The last addition to the pirate ship was a new treasure chest - some of the children enjoyed using the laplander saw to cut wooden discs from a branch so that they could paint them yellow and use them as gold doubloons! Elsewhere in the woods today, there was a lot of fun being had making potions in the mud kitchen with rose  petals kindly brought in by our volunteer Bo. We finished our session today by toasting marshmallows and telling each other what our favourite things have been about forest school... mud kitchen, swing, pirate ship, playing in the Hazel trees, lunch, marshmallows!

We've had such a great six weeks. Have a great summer, everyone!

If you would like to see more photos From your child's six weeks at Forest School, you can visit my Facebook or Instagram page; Wild Wood Kids Forest School.













Summer Fair Amazingness!

On the 14th June we held our Summer Fair. So many people were able to contribute and we were blown away (quite literally at times ☹️) by the level of support in the preparation and running of the day.

We had over **200** people visit the fair taking advantage of the tasty BBQ, punchy Pimm's, yummy cakes, sweets and ice creams.

The children were busy bouncing, beating the goalie, hooking ducks, grabbing teddies, making craft, petting and feeding the ponies, grabbing straws. There was lots to do.

The Raffle was an enormous success. We sold nearly **500** tickets with more than

20 prizes won on the day!

Huge thanks to our partners and contributors:

Willow's Ices

Lady Glitter

Bellyflops Bouncy Castles

The Latham Family

The BBQ Man

Yalding Village Tea Rooms

The Chequers Inn

Gracie's Doggy Snacks

We took £1,800 on the day – truly wonderful.

This will allow us to support project across the school including the revamp of the Latham area

We are delighted to be supporting Sports day this year we will be selling a range of refreshments to fill tummies and keep cool – the weather looks to be HOT 🥵



We will be accepting cash and cards on the day.

See you on Tuesday!

Save the date

We are planning to take part in the Paddock Wood Carnival. We would like to be part of the procession and running a stall. So please pop the date in your diaries and join the carnival procession.

You can always contact us at Laddingfordfriends@hotmail.com³



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Diary Dates



Week beginning Monday 30th June:

Monday -

Tuesday - SPORTS DAY!!!

Wednesday - Teddy Bears Picnic (September Reception)

Thursday - Stay and Play (September Reception)

Friday - Kent Life (Pippin and Nursery)

- Lego Workshop (Jazz Class)

Week beginning Monday 7th July:

Monday - NO Rounders Club

- Bramley Class Activity Week

Tuesday - Bramley Class Activity Week

Thursday - Class Transition Afternoon

Thursday Afternoon - Art Workshop with Anna (Year 6)

Friday - The Malling School (Bramley)

Instrument Tuition



We are very excited to announce that from September 2025 we will be welcoming Andrew Parry Music into the school to provide our instrumental tuition. Please see the letter sent via parentmail for more information.

Apply For Lessons — Andrew Parry Music⁴

Please note, we have had enquiries as to whether we will still host RockSteady - the answer is yes. Please contact them to book your lessons.

⁴<https://www.andrewparrymusic.com/apply>

Notices



With warmer weather expected in the coming weeks, please help us keep your child safe and comfortable at school by ensuring the following:

- **Sun Protection:** Make sure your child comes to school wearing sun cream or has some they can apply themselves during the day if needed.
- **Sun Hat:** A hat for outdoor play is strongly recommended.
- **Water Bottle:** Please provide a reusable water bottle (with Water) so your child can stay hydrated throughout the day.

Thank you for your support in keeping our students safe in the sun!

Contact Us

To contact your child's class teacher please either speak to them on the gate at the end of the school day or email office@laddingford.kent.sch.uk⁵ FAO - class name - child's name. The teacher will then endeavour to get back to you with two working days.

Visit us on the web at www.laddingford.kent.sch.uk⁶

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