

MARCH UPDATE 02.03.2026

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Dates for your Diary

- WORLD BOOK DAY and PTA DISCO - Thursday 5 March: Information shared on J2E. Pupils will take part in reading activities.
PTA Discos on same evening: P1-P3 (6:00-6:45pm) and P4-P7 (7:00-8:00pm).
- SCIENCE DAY - Monday 16 March: Organised by Mrs O'Neill. More information will follow with details of activities and experiments.
- ST PATRICK'S DAY - Tuesday 17 March: School closed to all pupils as this is a teacher training day.
- CEF EASTER CLUB - To be held at Loanends Church on Friday 27 March from 2:00-4:00pm; previously attended by over 50 children!
- EASTER HOLIDAYS - School closes Monday 30 March at 12:15pm and reopens Monday 13 April.



Attendance

- Absences: Written reasons must be submitted via the school website form; absences are monitored by the Education Welfare Officer.
- Attendance Guidance ('Miss School, Miss Out'): 95% = 9 days missed; 90% = 19 days; 85% = 28 days; 80% = 38 days.
<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/campaigns/miss-school-miss-out>



Passports

Passport Signatures: Principal and teachers can no longer sign passport applications due to guidance; parents should plan alternative arrangements.



Holidays in Term Time

Family Holidays in Term Time is not recommended and cannot be approved.

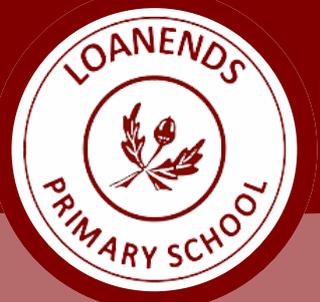
If taken, requests must be submitted in writing. No advance work can be provided. Worksheets/homework are only available on return.



School Uniform



- Light blue hoodies and trainers not part of uniform.
- Black shoes are required.
- No makeup is allowed - Please reinforce this especially with P7 girls. This can be a problem!
- Jewellery is limited to watches, plain rings, and simple stud earrings. No necklaces or bracelets are permitted.
- Please help by checking pupils are kitted out appropriately before they come to school.
- Please refer to the Uniform Policy on our website.



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Timekeeping

Lateness: This is an ongoing concern for some pupils. Pupils must be in school for a prompt 9:00am start. Lateness is recorded on pupils' electronic attendance records.



Core Value for March - April

Core Value for March and April is 'Caring.' Teachers will explore this in class. Parents are encouraged to discuss meaning and examples at home.



Baby News

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs White on the birth of baby Emily on 9 February. We wish them every happiness as a wee family of three.



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