



Lovelace Primary School Newsletter

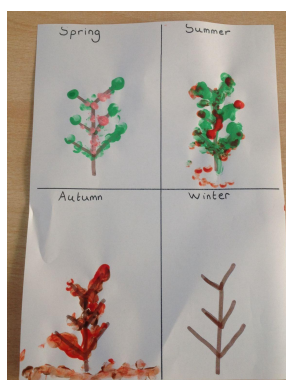
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Celebrating Learning at Lovelace

Phase One

Year 1 have been learning all about seasonal changes in Science. This week we were focusing on how trees change throughout the year. We explored our school grounds to spot seasonal clues before creating our own finger paint tree art to demonstrate our knowledge.



Phase Two

Year 3 has had a fantastic time exploring Antarctica! Throughout the unit, the children researched legendary explorers like Ernest Shackleton and Tom Crean, mastered lines of latitude and longitude, and even created Antarctic animals out of junk modelling to celebrate Antarctica Day. The children were deeply engaged in this topic—and quite surprised to learn that Antarctica has no permanent human residents!



Phase Three

Y6 Sports at Southborough?

Year 6 had a great time seeing what P.E. would be like in secondary school. They played table tennis and team-building games, as well as doing some rock climbing. As we've been doing sport in Foreign Languages they could (possibly) tell you why they loved it in French.



Wider curriculum - a spotlight on swimming with Mrs Moore!



We are incredibly lucky at Lovelace School to have our very own swimming pool, giving our children fantastic opportunities to develop their swimming skills throughout their time at school. From Reception through to Year 6, children have the opportunity to learn and develop all four swimming strokes — front crawl, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly. But swimming is about so much more than learning strokes; it is an important life skill that can help children feel confident and safe in and around water. When the children reach Year 5, they also have the opportunity to learn some basic lifesaving skills, helping them understand how to stay safe around water and what to do in an emergency. Most importantly, swimming should be fun! The children have the opportunity to build confidence, challenge themselves, celebrate their progress and enjoy being active with their friends.

We are very proud of our swimming provision at Lovelace and the wonderful opportunities our pool provides for our children.

Celebrating Sport



We are thrilled to announce that the school has received our **PLATINUM** school games mark award again this year.

Thank you to all the children, staff and parents who attended a sporting event last year in order to make this possible.

Happy Birthday Lovelace!

Join us with our celebration lunch on Ada Lovelace day on 13th October!



Allergen Information

Ce = Celery
Cr = Cereals
E = Eggs

P = Peas
G = Gluten
containing Gluten

L = Lactose
Ma = Malt
Mu = Mustard

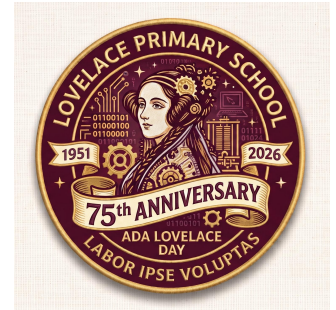
N = Nuts
P = Peanuts

Se = Sesame Seeds
So = Soya
Su = Sulphur Dioxide

Accent



Ada Lovelace Day and Lovelace School 75Th Birthday Celebrations on 13th October!



Dear Families

On the **13th October** we will be celebrating Ada Lovelace day. This year as we are also celebrating our 75th year of Lovelace School being open we will be making the day a fun and themed day!

Dress up

Ada Lovelace was a mathematician and was considered to have invented the first computer programme. To celebrate this achievement, we are asking children to dress up celebrating the achievements of women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). Children can dress up as a famous woman from the world of STEM or something from one of the areas of STEM such as an astronaut or a train driver.

Lunch

Accent are putting together a celebration lunch menu for the day, we will send the menu to you next week.

Stem Lessons

We will be celebrating everything STEM in school! The children will enjoy STEM lessons during the day.

Parent talks

Do any of our parents have a job in an area of STEM and would you like to come and talk to your child's class about your job? We would love parents to come in and share their lived experience of STEM, please talk to your child's teacher to arrange a time to come in on the 13th October.

Our School Priorities For This Academic Year

Year 1 Phonics

2024 Lovelace	2024 National Average	2025 Lovelace	2025 National Average	2026 Lovelace	2026 National Average
71%	80%	81%	80%	85%	82%

Key stage two outcome over time, expected standard and above

	2024 Lovelace	2024 National Average	2025 Lovelace	2025 National Average	2026 Lovelace	2026 National Average
Reading	61%	74%	70%	75%	76%	75%
Grammar Punctuation and Spelling	58%	72%	68%	73%	73%	73%
Maths	61%	73%	71%	74%	79%	75%
Percentage of children achieving all combined	51%	61%	55%	62%	61%	63%
Writing (this is not tested, Lovelace was moderated by AFC in 2026, all judgements agreed)	66%	72%	65%	72%	76%	73%

Key stage two outcome over time, greater depth

	2024 Lovelace	2024 National Average	2025 Lovelace	2025 National Average	2026 Lovelace	2026 National Average
Reading	19%	29%	27%	33%	35%	31%
Grammar Punctuation and Spelling	26%	32%	25%	30%	30%	30%
Maths	7%	24%	26%	26%	30%	27%
Percentage of children achieving all combined	3%	8%	10%	8%	11%	9%
Writing	12%	13%	12%	13%	13%	13%

At the end of last academic year we shared our end of year data with you. We are very proud of the achievements of all of our children and staff. Building on this we have set our targets for the coming year:



School Priorities 2026/ 2027

- *We will develop a whole school approach that celebrates diversity and removes barriers which may prevent children taking part in lessons and not achieving their potential.*
- *We will focus on producing high quality writing across our school. To help us do this we will be starting a project on Oracy, which will help our children to develop creative and critical thinking in their learning.*
- *We will be focussing on reasoning and problem solving in all of our maths lessons to make sure that all of our children can explain their mathematical thinking.*

'Learning together, succeeding forever.'

Achievements

LOVELACE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Certificate of Achievement

The following received
a certificate of achievement:

- 1 Beech: Rowan and Emilia
- 1 Rowan: Vihaan and Ava
- 2 Hazel: Zander and Elena
- 2 Lime: Rosie and Myla
- 2 Cherry: Aarudh and Ella
- 3 Poplar: Freddie and Lucas
- 3 Aspen: Tommy and Kenzy
- 3 Elder: Abyan and Viktoria
- 4 Larch: Stanley W and Jessie
- 4 Hornbeam: Austin and Kezia
- 4 Maple: Philip and Teddy
- 5 Spruce: Riya and Arthur
- 5 Pine: Jayden and Olivia
- 5 Hawthorn: Hamza and Amelia
- 6 Juniper: Logan K and Harriet
- 6 Sycamore: Chloe and Mariela
- 6 Cedar: Alina and Charlie

*Learning Together
Succeeding Forever*



*Well Done
Miss Dixon*

House Points

How many house points has your house collected this week?!

Well done to everyone who has been awarded a house point this week, we are very proud of you! Each week the house points will be added to the display in the corridor and the newsletter.

First place



506

Venus

Second place



484

Mars

Third place



483

Juniper

Fourth Place



412

Neptune

Holiday Clubs With Koosa Kids At Lovelace



EXCITING THEMES - EVERY HOLIDAY!

OCTOBER HALF TERM

DRACULA SPECTACULA!

**26TH-30TH
OCTOBER**



MONDAYS



TUESDAY & THURSDAY



EVERY DAY!



EVERY DAY!



DRSS UP DAY!

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

MERRY & MAGICAL!

21st-23rd December



FEBRUARY HALF TERM

BLAST OFF INTO SPACE!

**15th-19th
February**



BOOK ONLINE 24/7 OR CALL 01276 21884

Koosa Kids will be running their holiday clubs here at Lovelace.

They have released dates for **October** and **February** half term camps as well as **Christmas**.

Remember there are **sibling discounts** for their camps and that families can use **Tax Free Childcare Vouchers** to book places.

Look at our school website for more information.

PRICES, DATES & VENUE'S

KOOSAKIDS.CO.UK

Book online 24/7

01276 21884

(Mon-Fri 9.30am - 6.00pm)

We're social!

Follow us on



Child Feedback

"I Love KOOSA Kids and all of the coaches!"
Cameron, Age 7

Parent Feedback

"The staff are excellent, they made our kids feel so welcome and us feel they were in safe hands. They went above and beyond. We felt all the staff that we encountered were exceptional and felt very lucky to have them looking after our children!"
Holiday Club Parent, August 2026

ACTIVITY PACKAGE

DAILY

WEEKLY (8% DISCOUNT)

Standard Activity Day - 10.00am to 4.00pm	£31.50	£146.90 (Save £12.60)
Standard Activity Day with AM Extension - 8.15am to 4.00pm	£33.50	£154.10 (Save £13.40)
Standard Activity Day with PM Extension - 10.00am to 6.00pm	£33.50	£154.10 (Save £13.40)
Standard Activity Day with AM and PM Extension - 8.15am to 6.00pm	£34.50	£158.70 (Save £13.80)

* Third child goes free applies to siblings only

**BOOK
NOW!**

**Third Child
* goes *
FREE!**



Christmas Celebration Dates

Nursery	In nursery	11 th December times tbc
Reception together	In lower hall	9.15 am 2 nd December
Rowan, Hazel, Elder, Cherry	Lower hall	9.15 am 8 th December
Beech, Lime, Poplar, Aspen		9.15 am 9 th December
Larch, Hawthorn, Sycamore	Lower hall	9.15 am 14 th December
Maple, Pine, Cedar		9.15 am 15 th December
Hornbeam, Spruce, Juniper		9.15 am 16 th December

10th December - Christmas jumper day, Christmas lunch, afternoon Christmas parties

Diary dates

Autumn term diary dates - Please keep checking the newsletter as more dates and events will be added during the term

October	
13 th	Ada Lovelace Day R Chestnut local visit
14 th	R Oak local visit
14 th	Year 5 WOW day – Greek Day Year 5 Showcase – Parent to class – 2.45pm
16 th	Year 4 WOW day – Victorian Day
20 th	Year 6 Science at Chessington School Year 1 showcase
22 nd	Year 2 WOW day
23 rd	Grounds day. Parents invited to join a lesson with their child's class: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EYFS and KS1 2.25pm – 3.15pm - KS2 – 9.15am – 10.15am
23 rd End of half term 3.15pm	
October Half Term 26 th October – 30 th October	
November	
2 nd	Autumn Term 2 - Children Return
5 th	New Reception/Nursery 2027 Parent Tours 9.15-10.15am Year 1 local area walk
8 th	Diwali
9 th	Book Fair Week World Nursery Rhyme Week Y6 Sycamore Imperial War Museum
11 th	Remembrance Day
13 th	Children in Need
12 th	Year 6 Cedar Imperial War Museum
19 th	Year 6 Juniper Imperial War Museum
25 th	iRock Concerts to parents 9.30 & 2.30
26 th	Year 2 Christmas Journey at the King's centre
27 th	Year 6 WW2 WOW day
28 th	PFA Winter Fayre
30 th	Reports to parents (emailed to parents)
December	
2 nd	Parent meetings 1.40pm – 4.30pm
3 rd	Parent meetings 3.50pm – 5.20pm
4 th INSET – no school for pupils	
7 th	Christmas Choir to King's centre
18 th End of term 1.30pm	
Christmas Holidays 21 st December – 2 nd January	
January	
4 th INSET – no school for pupils	
5 th	Spring Term Begins – Children Return



BREAKFAST, AFTER SCHOOL & HOLIDAY CLUBS

FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-13



KOOSA KIDS BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOLS CLUB AT LOVELACE PRIMARY SCHOOL



KOOSA Kids have been managing after school, breakfast & holiday club provision across Berkshire, Greater London, Hampshire and Surrey for 20 years. We are based in Camberley in Surrey (with existing clubs locally in Epsom, Kingston, Richmond and West Ewell) and our mission is to offer children and their parents outstanding, fun-filled childcare, for the best possible value.

Our team of childcare professionals are focused on delivering a fun-packed, safe and engaging environment for the children, whilst supporting working parents year-round with their childcare requirements. For more details about who we are & what we do, please visit www.koosakids.co.uk.

For further details about KOOSA Kids NEW breakfast and after school club at Lovelace Primary School, including how to register your interest, please see below or call us on 01276 21884.



BREAKFAST CLUB

- ✓ Kickstarting your children's school day, every school morning
- ✓ Open every school day from 7.45am until school starts
- ✓ Calm & relaxed environment
- ✓ Healthy and nutritious breakfast on offer
- ✓ Selection of quiet games and activities available e.g. art tables, board games, construction games & books
- ✓ Ofsted registered, high quality before school childcare, priced at £7.00 per session
- ✓ Club will be based out of the lower school hall

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

- ✓ Open every school day from school finish until 6pm
- ✓ Children are able to choose from a host of activities, including construction games, art tables, role play, book corners, puzzles, train sets, play mats and a large selection of active games such as football, hockey, rounders and more
- ✓ Healthy and nutritious snack provided (toast, crumpets / pittas & fruit platters)
- ✓ Ofsted registered, high quality after school childcare, priced at just £17.50 per session
- ✓ Club will be based out of the lower school hall, with access to the upper school hall (from 4.15pm), the playground & field

Book single/multiple sessions the working day before you need them, breakfast club by 1pm, after school club by 6pm, subject to availability. If you require childcare on the same days on an ongoing basis, we can contract the days you need, guaranteeing your sessions each half term.



For more information or to register your interest,
email info@koosakids.co.uk or call 01276 21884

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£20
FOR 4 WEEKS OF CLASSES

FOCUS **CONFIDENCE** **DISCIPLINE** **COORDINATION** **SOCIAL SKILLS** **FUN**

STARTS: TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2026

TIME: 6:00PM-6:45PM

VENUE: St John's Parish Hall
Grove Lane, KT1 2ST

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info@qmc-capoeirauk.com
07931770 153

KINGSTON JUNIOR Cycle Club

SATURDAY MORNINGS, 11-12
LOVELACE PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHESSINGTON

Ages 5-16

Whether they have just mastered pedalling or fancy a go at racing, we cater for all levels with fun and inclusive skills sessions that help kids develop their passion for cycling.

SIGN UP AT KINGSTONJUNIORCYCLECLUB.COM

Richmond Dyslexia Association

Do you want to learn more about how you can support your dyslexic child?

We are hosting a series of events this autumn with **experts** in the field of **dyslexia**

2nd November 19:15-20:45	Dyslexia and Maths Eryn Caddick
16th November 19:15-20:45	Navigating Secondary School Katrina Cochrane
30th November 19:15-20:45	Working Memory. Paloma Forde

Book now through
www.richmond dyslexia.org.uk

VENUE
Richmond Library Annexe
Quadrant Road
TW9 1TP

www.richmond dyslexia.org.uk

£9 per talk

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FREE trial classes
Tuesdays throughout autumn
17:50 - 18:45

Bring your own ukulele or we will give you one!

Parents & carers to stay for the session

Kingston Centre
Creative Industries College
Richmond Road, KT2 5BP

No registration needed – just turn up!
or CONTACT us on: musicservice@kingston.gov.uk





Toilet Training

Online Workshop

Tuesday 27 October 2026
1.00 - 2.00pm

Would you like to know how and when to start preparing your child for toilet training?

If so, join our online Toilet Training Workshop.

A member of the team will send you an online invitation 48 hours prior to the workshop start date.

Booking essential via the link or QR code

Click on the link to book:
[Online Toilet Training](#)

or scan the QR code:




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If you have any questions, please email us at:
Familyhubkingston@achievingforchildren.org.uk




Autism Seminars for Families

Managing Emotions

Supporting families to manage anxiety, distressed behaviours and meltdowns

Seminar date: Thursday 12th November 2026

Start and finish times: 9.30am to 2.15pm

Venue name: Grand Avenue Primary School

Venue address: Grand Avenue, Surbiton

About the Seminar

'Managing Anger' is one of the Autism Seminars for Families which provides information and advice to parents and carers of children and young people with autism. This is a face to face seminar.

The Seminar will help families to:

- > discuss why children with autism often have challenges with distressed behaviour and managing their emotions
- > identify a low arousal approach for support through stressful situations
- > explore the cycle of anger and possible support strategies
- > examine strategies for managing feelings.

Seminar cost?

Families can book a 'Managing Emotions' seminar place for £5 each (cash please), which includes a full resource pack of useful information, advice and support guidelines. This seminar is delivered by a seminar facilitator using materials from The National Autistic Society.

Light refreshments will be provided, but please bring your own lunch.

How to book a place

Please complete the registration form by following this link –

<https://forms.gle/kG5tQmqrJbDvuDZp9>

or contact the seminar facilitator below for more information.

Name: Jane Pidduck
Email: jpiddu2@grandavenue.kingston.sch.uk
Telephone: 020 8399 5344

As places are limited please only book a place if you are able to attend and let me know ASAP if you know that you can no longer attend, so that I can give that place to someone else.



As a school, we spend lots of our budget on school supplies, classroom decorations, books, notebooks and pencils.

One way to cut down on our spending and get supplies for your child's classroom is by creating an Amazon Wish List.

Please click on the relative link below if you wish to buy an item for your child's class.

- N - <https://amzn.eu/0h0jbEjn>
R - <https://amzn.eu/0gKSJpuc>
1 - <https://amzn.eu/0ilxlrrr>
2 - <https://amzn.eu/0atL7JNN>
3 - <https://amzn.eu/02TJEzbS>
4 - <https://amzn.eu/09WiCcZS>
5 - <https://amzn.eu/03b3fnPU>
6 - <https://amzn.eu/0d3uXOfH>
Meadow - <https://amzn.eu/02claNOI>

Swim Safe. Stay Clean

This week we have had a few children attempting to enter the pool with verrucas. Please make sure that if your child has a verruca they need to be wearing a protective latex sock to be able to swim in school.





GET CAUGHT READING... IN STRANGE PLACES!



THE LOVELACE PRIMARY SCHOOL READING CHALLENGE



21st Oct - 2nd Nov



THE RULES:



#1:

SAFETY FIRST:

No high roofs, dangerous heights, road hazards, or water risks. An adult **MUST** take or supervise the photo.



#2:

BOOKS ONLY:

Physical books, eBooks, audiobooks, or comics all count!



#3:

ONE ENTRY PER CHILD:

Choose your *best* strange place entry!

