

1 June 2026

Dear Parent

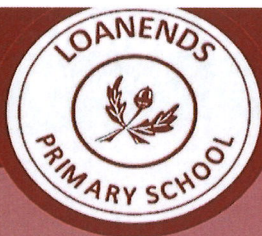
JUNE UPDATE 2026

- **Thursday 4 June Sports Day.** You should already have received information about the plans for Sports Day from Mrs Montgomery.
- **Monday 15 June: New P1 Parents Evening at 7:15pm.** (September 2026 intake)
- **Tuesday 16 June: P1 Induction Morning x2 sessions between 9:15am to 10:15am and 10:45am to 11:45am.** Parents will already have been advised which session to attend.
- **Friday 19 June at 9:30am: P7 Leavers' Assembly** School will be funding a bbq for P7s and their parents after the Assembly - more details will be sent out closer to the time.
- **Tuesday 23 June at 3:00pm: Last day of term for P7 pupils.** We wish all our leavers the very best as they transfer to their new schools in September.
- **Tuesday 30 June at 12:15pm: School will finish for all pupils.**
- **P7 Entrance Tests SEAG:** Registration Opens: 18 May 2026 www.seagni.co.uk Registration Closes: **18 September 2026**
- **Outstanding Payments:** Please ensure that *all payments* for trips, music tuition, instrument hire, dinners and ties are made by **Friday 19 June** at the latest. Your cooperation with this would be greatly appreciated.
- **Please ensure all library books,** text books and reading books are returned to teachers, not later than the last day of term. As mentioned in the September Update, there is a charge of £7.50 for any lost books.
- **End of year reports** will be sent home during the last week of term. If you plan to be away on holiday, please leave a stamped addressed envelope into the office. Reports will not be posted out early.
- **Classes for next year:** Information regarding classes will be sent out with the end of year report.
- **Free School Meals/Uniform Allowance:** Please apply online: <https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants>
- Due to the many pressures on family resources the number of free school meals has risen not only in Loanends but in other local schools as well. We would encourage parents to make use of these.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) can apply if your son or daughter is in full-time education and if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance;
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit;
- Universal Credit and have net household earnings not exceeding £15,390 per year.
- If you are an Asylum Seeker supported by the Home Office Asylum Support Assessment Team (ASAT)
- If your child has a statement of special educational needs and is designated to require a special diet.
- **School Uniform:** Jumpers and cardigans can be purchased from Wallace's in Antrim, or The Jeanery in Glengormley. Both do 10% in June and July and as well as a savings scheme. Ties are available from school. Information about PE kit and blue hoodies will follow shortly.





- **Please note that school will recommence on Wednesday 26 August:** This is a **normal school day for P2-P7.**

P3 will follow the usual pattern:

- Monday and Tuesday 3.00pm
- Wednesday – Friday 2.00pm

Please note the following with regard to the last week in August/start of the new term:

- **There will be no school bus available until Tuesday 1 September.** Parents will need to make their own arrangements to transport children to and from school on **from Wednesday 26 August to the 31 August inclusive.** We appreciate your support with this.
- **All pupils will** require a break and lunch since these won't be available until **Tuesday 1 September.**
- **School milk will be available from Monday 7 September.** More information to follow in the September Update.
- Milk, dinners and healthy break should be ordered on the SchoolMoney App. Please order in advance and ensure prompt payment.

Planning Ahead for September 2026

- **PE Kit (P3 to P7 2026):** We have a school PE Kit for Loanends for the 2026-2027. Orders should have already been placed for these items.

Whilst these items are not compulsory, it is our aspiration at least, that each child should wear a plain white t-shirt and plain black or navy shorts or bottoms.

Blue Hoodies (**P5 to P7 2026**) should also have been purchased in Term 3. Just a reminder these are not to be worn as part of the daily uniform.

- **Arrival and Collection Times:** There is a "window" of 15 minutes for children to arrive to school in the morning. Class teaching will begin at **9:00am**. Time keeping for some pupils hasn't been great at both ends of the day, usually the same group of pupils. The side gates are locked at 9:00am; therefore, all children should be in class by this time since lateness causes disruption and means that children don't get the best start to the day. I would also be grateful if parents could please ensure pupils are collected at the appropriate time in the afternoons. Teachers and Classroom Assistants have other duties at the end of the day. Supervising pupils has a knock-on effect. Please make every effort to keep to the times.
- **Wrap Around Care:** You will be aware that the school is working in partnership with Sleepy Hollow to provide Wrap Around Care. This will be managed totally separately to the school and all enquiries, bookings, changes etc should be made directly to Sleepy Hollow and not the school office. Please also be aware that this provision is separate to the after-school activities provided by the school.
- **Thank you** to all parents who helped out this year with coaching, PTA events, trips, transport, supporting and delivering bespoke lessons.

As always, we are extremely grateful for the time, talents, loyalty and commitment shown by our parents and wider school community. Your support plays a vital role in enriching the experiences we can offer our pupils. We would warmly welcome more parents to get involved, particularly with our PTA. At present, much of the hands-on support rests with a small group, which can make it challenging to organise and staff events. If you feel you could give a little of your time, whether for the PTA, school events or other activities, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please note that



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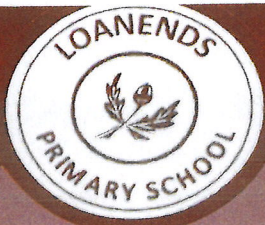
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appropriate checks must be completed for all volunteers. If you would like to be included on our volunteer list from September, please do get in touch.

We would also like to recognise and thank our pupils who have shown wonderful initiative by organising their own fundraising efforts and generously donating the proceeds to the school. Your kindness and creativity are truly inspiring- well done!

Finally, the staff and I would like to express our sincere thanks for the tremendous support we have received from parents throughout the year. Your thoughtful cards, encouraging messages, and the many delicious treats that have made their way to the staffroom have been so appreciated (and enjoyed very quickly!).

This year, we have devoted time to embedding our core values, reflecting on our school ethos, and shaping our vision and mission statements. It has been particularly rewarding to see our pupils grow in their understanding of these values and to hear them speak about how they put them into practice. They are a credit to you as parents and to our school, and we are often praised for their behaviour, manners and conduct, both within school and beyond. This means a great deal to us all.

I am immensely proud to lead Loanends Primary School, and equally proud of the pupils and staff who make up our school family. The positive reputation of our school within the community reflects the teamwork and dedication shown each and every day. Our staff consistently go above and beyond in ways that are often unseen, and it is these small, thoughtful moments that shape the caring and compassionate ethos we value so highly.

I truly believe we are living out our motto: *"Belonging, Nurturing, Inspiring..."*

In the meantime, I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved summer, enjoying rest, fun, and time with family and friends.

Yours sincerely,

Linda Armour

Mrs L Armour
Principal



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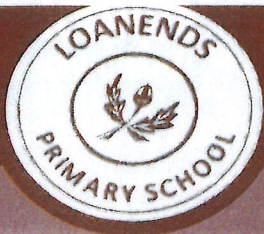
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