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# Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The week started with our Year 4 pupils going for their first school swimming lesson and despite a small number of them feeling apprehensive, they all came back having had a great time and looking forward to going again next week. Whilst being an important life skill, swimming is also on the PE curriculum and it is our commitment to **all** pupils at Potley Hill that we provide two terms worth of swimming lessons during their time with us, (currently when in Year 4 & Year 5), and we endeavour to make them **free** too. However, as with anything in life, nothing is free, but it is only due to the use of the minibus from Frogmore Community College and the swimming pool itself at St Neots Preparatory School that we are able to keep costs low so I would like to take this opportunity to thank both of these organisations for their continued support with our swimming programme, it is greatly appreciated.

Just a reminder to parents about the playground arrangements for the start of the school day, whilst the children aren't expected to stand still like statues, they should not be using the adventure playground apparatus or any of the equipment in the Reception outside area, so please remind them of this and thank you for your support.

At the start of term you might have seen in the media that OFSTED announced they have changed how they record their judgements about schools and will no longer be providing a 'one word' judgement. With our last inspection taking place in April 2019, I thought it would be helpful to let you know that we are expecting to be visited by OFSTED within the next 6 months. When they notify us of their planned visit we will obviously communicate this to parents, but if in the meantime if you want to share your thoughts with them about the strengths of the school together with anything you would like improved, then you are able to do so via the [Parent View](#) part of their website once you have created an account.

And finally, many of our Year 6 pupils will be heading off to PGL Osmington Bay on Monday for their week-long residential, so it might be a 'little' quieter at school next week, but I hope they have a great time.

Mr B Ellis - Headteacher

## Diary Dates

### September 2024

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> – 'Potley Hill Help Out' 10am - 1pm  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Y6 PGL Residential  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> – Reception Parents Phonics and Reading Workshop @ 2.45pm

### October 2024

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Prospective Parents Tour @ 9.30am  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Amazon Class Assembly  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Prospective Parents Tour @ 2.00pm & 6.00pm  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Danube Class Assembly  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Individual School Photographs  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Y6 SATs Parents Meeting @ 2.45pm  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> – Prospective Parents Tour @ 9.30am  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6.00pm  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> – Parents Evening 4.30pm - 7.00pm

## Celebration

These pupils are being celebrated this week in class.

**Lunchtime Supervisor Nomination: Penny L**

Class	Lead Learner	Star of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
<b>Nile</b>	Elodie A	Fearne M	92.19%
<b>Thames</b>	Wynter D	Dexter L	96.21%
<b>Amazon</b>	Elliot P	Mya-Rose D	<b>97.99%</b>
<b>Danube</b>	Natalia S	Piper S	95.2%
<b>Yangtze</b>	Charlie E	Farrah D	96.33%
<b>Onyx</b>	Miyah V	Lexi R	96.77%
<b>Orinoco</b>	Penny L	Issy R	95%
<b>Zambezi</b>	Reyon S	Jonah P	96.67%

\*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

**This week's Potley Points results are:**

**Raducanu - 237**

**Williamson - 57**

**Peacock - 137**

**Farah - 200**

**Timestable Rockstars:**

**Most Active – Danube Class**

**Most Active – OnyxClass**

## Democracy in Action

Democracy has been the focus of our assemblies this week and we have put it in to action by providing all pupils with the opportunity to vote for their class School Council representatives whilst also being able to vote for their Team Captain from Year 6. It was great to see so many speeches and posters focusing on the importance of a range of values to fulfil those roles, and well done to everyone who stood for election but the pupils chosen were:

School Councillors	Team Captains
<b>Nile – Rico G</b>	<b>Raducanu</b>
<b>Thames – Nola W</b>	<b>Declan R &amp; Penny L</b>
<b>Amazon – Charlotte D</b>	<b>Williamson</b>
<b>Danube – Erin A</b>	<b>Hannah D &amp; Evie S</b>
<b>Yangtze – Tahlia W</b>	<b>Peacock</b>
<b>Onyx – Corben G</b>	<b>Taylah M &amp; Robyn H</b>
<b>Orinoco – Ruby H</b>	<b>Farah</b>
<b>Zambezi – Robyn H</b>	<b>Kristen T &amp; Nichalo A</b>

## Allergy Aware School



Just a reminder to all parents that we are an 'allergy aware' school, therefore pupils are not able to have any nut related products, including fruit and nut bars, Nutella or other nut based chocolate spread. Thank you for your support.

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The extra-curricular activities starting w/c 30<sup>th</sup> September (apart from Picture book Club which has already started) are listed below.

We will endeavour to run extra-curricular activities whatever the weather.

However, if any activities need to be cancelled, we will contact you via Arbor.

**Please collect your child from the gate at the lower end of the top playground at 4.15pm from school-run clubs (4pm from Picture Book club).**

### MONDAY

Year 1 & 2 Art Club (max 12)  
Mrs Wilson & Mrs Watson - Amazon

Year 6 Girls Maths (invite only)  
Miss Miles/Mrs Richards -Zambezi/Orinoco

Judo 4 Juniors  
School Hall Years 1 - 6  
[Click here for more information](#)

### Tuesday

Year 6 Cooking Club (max 8)  
Mrs Kent & Mrs Wetherill - Food tech  
**First Half-term only**

### WEDNESDAY

Year 1 & 2 Board Games (max 12)  
Mrs Leighton - Amazon class

KS2 Recorder Club (max 20)  
Mrs Wilding - Music room

### THURSDAY

Years 1 & 2 Picture Book Club  
Mrs Wallace & Miss Miles (invite only) -  
Zambezi/Amazon

KS2 Space Club (max 12)  
Mrs Smith - Danube

## PHPS Help Out - Tomorrow 10am-1pm

A big thankyou to those parents who have already let us know that you will be coming along to the second of our 'Potley Hill Help Out' sessions tomorrow at some point between 10am and 1pm. If you find yourself at a loose end in the morning then feel free to head to the school for however long you are able to give. Whilst the weather doesn't look great, (so the painting of the fence might have to go on hold for now), we still intend to go ahead with the general 'spruce up' of the Reception outdoor learning space and many of you would have seen the skip has already been delivered. We do have a range of equipment at school to help with the 'sprucing up,' but if you have any shovels, gardening tools or gardening gloves at home that you would be happy to bring with you, it just might make everything a little easier. Hot drinks, cold drinks and snacks will be available for those helping and if you are coming along, you will be able to enter the school site via the **Reception Gate** near the Leisure Centre.

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Potley Hill Primary School

Over the past week, many of you may have noticed the 'strange white markings' that have appeared on the bottom field and you might be wondering what they are for?

With the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our school fast approaching, we are starting to think about how this can best be celebrated by our school community, together with the other organisations on Frogmore Community Campus, but also how we can leave a lasting legacy of this important milestone. Even though the celebration plans are in their infancy, the 'strange white markings' on the bottom field are the outline of a planned 'human sun dial' that we hope to install, together with a time capsule and community orchard. With the support of various branches of Hampshire County Council and Councillor Alex Drage from Yateley Town Council, we are hoping to celebrate five decades of Potley Hill Primary School in style, whilst also redeveloping an underutilised area of our school land that can be enjoyed by the wider community, so watch this space over the coming months for further details!

## Potley Hill Primary School Menu April – October 2024 £3.20

**Daily sandwich choice (Mon/Thurs: Cheese, Tues/Fri: Ham, Wed: Tuna) and cold tomato pasta will also be on offer each day. These choices are in addition to the main menu options below.**

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept, 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Tomato pasta	Sweet potato and lentil curry with white and brown rice	Margherita pizza	Vegetable wellington, roast potatoes & gravy	Roasted vegetable lasagne
	Chicken fajita with brown and white rice	Pork Sausages with mashed potato & gravy	Bubble salmon with crinkle cut wedges	Sliced beef with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Baked fish fingers with chips
	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>
	Chocolate shortbread biscuit	Fruit & Jelly	Banana Cake	Chocolate sponge pudding	Jam and coconut sponge cake
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Vegetarian sausage roll with mashed potato	Cheddar cheese and tomato quesadilla with diced potatoes	Margherita pizza	Quorn and leek pastry crown, roast potatoes & gravy	Plant based burger in bap with cheese and chips
	Macaroni Cheese	Chicken katsu curry with brown and white rice	Ham carbonara with penne pasta	Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding, roast pot. & gravy	Baked fish fingers with chips
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	Shortbread biscuit	Fresh fruit wedges	Apple sponge cake	Marble sponge cake	Chocolate brownie
Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept, 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Cheddar cheese, onion and potato pasty	Plant based sausage hotdog with diced potatoes	Margherita pizza with crinkle cut wedges	Quorn pieces in a Yorkshire pudding with roast potatoes & gravy	Cheddar cheese and potato frittata
	Chicken nuggets with diced potatoes	Chicken curry with brown and white rice	Beef bolognese pasta bake	Sliced gammon with Yorkshire pudding, roast pot. & gravy	Baked Fish fingers with chips
	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>
	Marble shortbread biscuit	Apple crumble	Chocolate banana cake	Lemon drizzle cake	Flapjack