



Dream Big, Aim High
& Make a Difference

Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Having spent some of this final day of the school year saying goodbye to a wonderful group of Year 6 pupils together with two valued members of staff, it would be easy to head in to the summer holidays focussing on the things that will be missed when September rolls around once again. However, the end of any academic year also provides an opportunity to reflect on the many great things that have been achieved over the past 12 months and there have been too many successes to celebrate in one bulletin! Although if you were to look back through the 39 previous bulletins that have been written this year, (YES, 39!), you will see they are full of the fantastic achievements of your children and they should feel proud of what they have accomplished. By living the School Values each and every day, they are great ambassadors for Potley Hill and I look forward to celebrating more successes with them next year.

For our Year 6 pupils, who will be moving on to secondary school in September, they have had some truly wonderful experiences over the past few weeks including their memorable end of year performance of Rock Bottom, trip to the National Gallery and it was all rounded off by the Year 6 Leavers Assembly last night. The evening provided staff and pupils the opportunity to share some of their favourite moments during their time at Potley Hill, whilst also looking forward to what might come next. It is never easy to say goodbye, but they have been a great year group who have accomplished some great things and I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the very best of luck for September and beyond!

All of these successes at our school however, wouldn't be possible without the hardwork and dedication, of all the staff. Each and every one of them plays an invaluable role in ensuring children make the most of the opportunities we have to offer at Potley Hill and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for what they do for the children on a day-to-day basis, and hopefully they get a chance to relax and recharge over the next few weeks.

And finally, I would also like to thank you; parents, carers and other members of the school community for your support throughout this year. As always there will have been ups and downs, but your continued support is greatly appreciated. I hope you enjoy spending time with your children over the summer with whatever you might have planned and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school when we re-open for pupils on Tuesday 3rd September 2024!

Mr B Ellis - Head Teacher

Diary Dates

July 2024

Tuesday 23rd – Last day of term (School finishes @ 3.20pm)

September 2024

Monday 2nd – INSET Day - School Closed

Tuesday 3rd – Autumn Term Starts for pupils in Y1-Y6, Home visits for new YR pupils

Wednesday 4th – New Reception pupils start

Thursday 19th – PTA Annual General Meeting @ 2.45pm

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th Y6 PGL Residential

Potley Point Totals

Weekly Potley Point Totals

Blue – 20 Yellow - 19

Red – 47 Green – 43

Termly Potley Point Totals

Blue - 1951 Yellow - 2331

Red - 2464 Green – 1818

**Well done to Red Team who continue
their winning streak!**

Goodbye and Good Luck!

As the academic year draws to a close, we have to sadly say goodbye and good luck to staff members who will be moving on to explore new opportunities.

During our 'Taskmaster' themed end of year assembly, (please ask your child for more information about this), we took the opportunity to say farewell to Miss Clarke and Mr Farrer after six years loyal service to our school. We would like to thank them for their hardwork and many valuable contributions they have made to school life, both to current and past pupils, whilst also wishing them all the very best for the future.

In addition to this we would also like to thank Mrs Ashfield, Mrs Tam and Mrs Tondelli for their dedication and commitment to fulfilling their temporary roles as Learning Support Assistants throughout the past year. Whilst they will all be returning in September to their permanent roles as Lunchtime Support Assistants, their support has been appreciated by not only the children they have been working directly with but by the wider staff body too.

Termly Awards

Below are the names and awards given out in our end of term assembly to pupils throughout the school.
Each and every child should feel incredibly proud for being chosen for these awards by staff.

Termly Trophies	STEP Badges	Handwriting Heroes	Termly Headteacher Awards
Barrett (progress) – Evelyn D (Rowan)	Sadie R - Reception	Albert C - Reception	Bruce S – Oak
Kaufmann (citizenship) – Robyn T (Maple)	Logan M - Year 1	Lena-Rose S - Year 1	Charlotte D – Maple
Bailey (reasoning) – Kayden L (Rowan)	Grace R - Year 2	Natalia S - Year 2	Maverick R – Juniper
Fletcher Boys Writing – Max VB (Aspen)	Jenson H - Year 3	Emily L - Year 3	Mia R – Aspen
Fletcher Girls Maths – Hannah D (Katsura)	Freddy G – Year 4	Elsie-Lou D – Year 4	Oliver S – Redwood
Roedellington (100% effort) – Archie G (Oak)	Annabelle M -Year 5	Amber C -Year 5	Poppy C – Bonsai
Clarke (environment) – Cade L (Maple)	Ryan B – Year 6	India M – Year 6	Nichalo A – Rowan
Wilson (kindness) – Elliott H (Katsura)			Jack T – Katsura

The Water Safety Code

With many families and children visiting the coastline over the summer holidays here are some safety reminders and helpful websites from Hampshire County Council.

STOP & THINK - Look for the dangers. Always read the signs and understand what they mean.

STAY TOGETHER - Never go near water on your own. Always have an adult with you.

FLOAT - If you fall in, float or swim on your back and stay calm. Throw something that floats to someone who has fallen in.

CALL 999 or 112 - In an emergency call 999 or 112 (coastguard)

[Float to Live Toolkit: resources for download \(rnli.org\)](https://www.rnli.org)

[Teach your children the Water Safety Code - Hampshire SCP](#)

[The Water Safety Code | Royal Life Saving Society UK \(RLSS UK\)](#)

[Get to know your Water Safety Code with RLSS UK - YouTube](#)



Term Dates 2024-2025

INSET Day: Monday 2nd September 2024

Autumn Term 2024: Tuesday 3rd September - Friday 20th December 2024

Autumn Half Term: Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November 2024

INSET Day: Monday 2nd December 2024

Christmas Holidays: Monday 23rd December 2024 - Friday 3rd January 2025

INSET Day: Monday 6th January 2025

Spring Term 2025: Tuesday 7th January - Friday 4th April 2025

INSET Day: Friday 14th February 2025

Spring Half Term: Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2025

Easter Holidays: Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April 2025

Summer Term 2025: Tuesday 22nd April - Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Summer Half Term: Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025

INSET Day: Friday 27th June 2025

These dates can also be found on the school website by clicking [here](#).

