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# Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following various trips taking place last week and visitors to the school, it has been something of a quieter week at school over the past 5 days. This has especially been the case in some classes in Key Stage 1 as a number of children have been absent due to a sickness bug or with similar symptoms. We have reported our absence levels to the UK Health Security Agency and, unlike what has been reported in some WhatsApp groups, they have advised us that there are occasions when this type of situation arises in schools, especially during the winter months, and for us to remind pupils, (together with staff and parents), about the importance of hand washing to reduce the spread of germs. We have also increased the amount of hand sanitiser available to help limit the spread of germs and we do hope those children who have been unwell start to feel better soon.

An unplanned fire drill took place on Tuesday, as one of the sensors in the kitchen became faulty, and the children once again showed great responsibility and calmness to evacuate the building in approximately 2 minutes. You might remember that we had a number of false alarms at the very start of the school year and so we hadn't done a practice drill for some time, but the children should feel proud of how they reacted to it and hopefully they will demonstrate similar behaviours during the lockdown drill next week.

And finally, the area near the bottom gate on the playground was inundated with black bags yesterday as many of you donated clothes, shoes, together with a wider range of items for the PTA initiative 'The Little Recyclers.' Despite the rain arriving at precisely the wrong time, the weight of donations (whilst soggy) was approximately 440kg. The exact amount of money raised will be shared with you all as soon as we receive confirmation of it, but hopefully it helped with providing some of your old clothes with a new home whilst also raising money for the school so thank you for your support with this initiative.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr B Ellis (Headteacher)

## Diary Dates

### January 2025

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January – PTA AGM @ 6pm  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> - Zambezi Class Assembly  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> – Maths Parent Workshop 2.30pm  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> – PHS Maths Day

### February 2025

w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Children's Mental Health Week  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Onyx Class Assembly  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Safer Internet Day  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Parents Evening 3.30 – 6.00pm  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Orinoco Class Assembly  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> – Parents Evening 4.00 – 7.00pm  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> - INSET DAY (School Closed)

## Celebration

These pupils are being celebrated this week in class.

**Lunchtime Supervisor Nomination: Poppy P**

Class	Lead Learner	Star of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
Nile	Alice M	Iwenose O	92.03%
Thames	Libby P	Evie L	84.67%
Amazon	Saskia VB	Jack W	95.33%
Danube	Ollie L	Amelia R	97.01%
Yangtze	Elijus K	Scarlet H	95.16%
Onyx	Aiden L	Freddy G	<b>97.48%</b>
Orinoco	James B	Scarlett M	91.43%
Zambezi	Eva P	Hannah D	95.26%

\*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

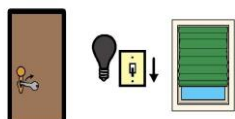
**This week's Potley Points results are:**

**Raducanu – 286**      **Williamson – 236**  
**Peacock – 224**      **Farah – 202**

**Timestable Rockstars:**

**Most Active & Improved – Zambezi Class**

## Lockdown Drill



Next week we will raise awareness of pupil and staff safety as we have a 'lockdown drill,' which many of you will be aware we have done annually for the last few years. It is particularly pertinent this year as very recently Farnborough Sixth Form had to go into lockdown and the practice next week will provide a reminder to the children about what to do if we ever need to do this. I will talk the children through the process during Monday's assembly, but they are likely to come home and discuss it once it has taken place next week, so I thought it was sensible to make you aware of this beforehand.

## PTA AGM Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm

If you would like to play a more active role in the school community, want to learn a little more about what we do or simply meet other like-minded parents, why not come along to our Annual General Meeting next Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm? Head towards the School Office for 6pm and we will meet you there.



**YOUR  
PTA  
NEEDS  
YOU**

<p align="center"><b>MONDAY</b></p> <p align="center">Year 1 &amp; 2 Art Club (max 12) Mrs Wilson - Amazon</p> <p align="center">Years 3 to 6 Mindfulness (max 15) Miss Gregory - Yangtze</p> <p align="center">Year 5 &amp; 6 Football (invite only) Mr Ellis - FCC Astro Pitches</p> <p align="center">Year 6 Girls Booster (invite only) Miss Miles/Mrs Richards - Zambezi/Orinoco</p>
<p align="center"><b>TUESDAY</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Year 4</b> Cooking Club (max 8) Mrs Kent &amp; Mrs Wetherill - Food tech room <b>Spring half-term 1 only</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p align="center">Year 1 &amp; 2 Mindfulness (max 12) Mrs Watson - room TBC</p> <p align="center">Years 3 to 6 Recorder Club (max 20) Mrs Wilding - Music room</p> <p align="center">Year 5 &amp; 6 Netball (max 12) Mrs Bailey – Netball courts (meet in Onyx)</p>
<p align="center"><b>THURSDAY</b></p> <p align="center">Year 1 &amp; 2 Colouring Club (max 20) Mrs Guillaume – Nile</p> <p align="center">Years 1 to 3 Picture Book Club (invite only) Mrs Wallace &amp; Miss Miles - Library</p> <p align="center">Years 3 to 6 Geography Club (max 20) Mrs Smith – Danube</p>
<p align="center"><b>FRIDAY</b> (external provider)</p> <p align="center">Judo 4 Juniors School Hall Years 1 to 6 <a href="#">Click here</a> for more information</p>

### Attendance Information

**Every day that your child is on time and in school maximises their learning potential**

*(We are aware this inclusion in the Bulletin while we have a sickness bug in school is not the best timing, but as per our Attendance Policy, we are obliged to send the following information to parents at the start of the Spring and Summer terms)*

To see your child's registration marks over the course of the previous term and their overall percentage attendance rate for the current academic year, please visit the **Arbor Parent Portal**:

On your child's individual 'Home/Profile' page, under Statistics, the Attendance box shows you briefly your child's percentage attendance rate for this academic year so far (on the LHS) and for the last 4 weeks (on the RHS).

For an alternative view, from your child's 'Home/Profile' page, scroll down and tap on the 3 bars in the green area at the bottom of the page. This will take you to your child's main dashboard. Below the Quick Actions, tap on 'Attendance' and then the drop down 'By Date', which will take you to session-by-session attendance marks. Tap on the green 'Attendance Certificate' at the top of this page and you will be able to download a current Attendance Certificate for your child.

**If your child's attendance rate is:**

**95% to 100%** Hampshire's expectation is for all children to have attendance rates of 95% or above. If your child's current attendance rate falls into this category, they are meeting/exceeding this target and there are no concerns about their attendance.

**90% to 94.9%** This is below Hampshire's target and is a consequence of both authorised and unauthorised absences (except for school visits and trips). There is a direct link between attendance rates of below 95% and under achievement in school and this is when school starts to monitor your child's attendance.

**Below 90%** Your child is considered a persistent absentee by the Department of Education, and it is highly likely that you will already have received one or more communications from school about this, as it is a **serious cause for concern**.

**Late marks**

These may be late before the register closes (Code 'L' – arrival between 8.50 and 9.15am) or late after the register has closed (Code 'U' – arrival after 9.15am). Whilst 'L' marks do not affect your child's attendance rate, 3 or more 'L' marks may be a sign of a developing habit and school starts to monitor your child's punctuality at this point. 'U' marks are considered unauthorised and do affect your child's attendance rate and can lead to a Penalty Notice fine if the problem persists.

## Potley Hill Primary School menu October 2024 to April 2025 - £3.20 per meal

*Daily Jacket Potato with choice of cheese/baked beans/tuna mayo filling and hot tomato pasta will also be on offer each day. These choices are in addition to the main menu options below.*

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Veggie Bolognese pasta	Vegetarian sausage roll with crinkle cut wedges	Homemade Margherita pizza	Plant based sausage and Yorkshire pudding roast potatoes & gravy	Somerset cheddar cheese and onion quiche
	Chicken katsu curry with brown & white rice	Ham carbonara with pasta	Sticky honey glazed chicken with brown & white rice	Sliced beef with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Fish fingers with chips and beans
	<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>
	Shortbread	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Rice crispy cake	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Ginger sponge
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Plant based hotdog with half portion of diced potatoes	Roasted vegetable lasagne	Homemade Margherita pizza	Quorn pieces in a Yorkshire pudding roast potatoes & gravy	Sweet potato and lentil curry with brown and white rice
	Chicken curry with brown and white rice	Pork sausages with mashed potatoes & gravy	Bubble salmon and crinkle cut wedges	Sliced chicken with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Fish fingers with chips and beans
	<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 Pudding	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Honey biscuit	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Lemon drizzle sponge
Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb, 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Macaroni cheese	Veggie cottage pie	Homemade Margherita pizza	Quorn and pastry crown	Cheese and potato frittata
	Beef chilli con carne with brown and white rice and tortilla chip	Chicken nuggets with diced potatoes	Vegetable and bean burrito	Sliced pork with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Fish fingers with chips and baked beans
	<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 brownie	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Jammy shortbread biscuit	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Toffee apple sponge