



Dream Big, Aim High
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Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great to see so many of you attend the Maths Workshop run by Mrs Wallace on Thursday afternoon which started our 'Potley Hill Maths Day' event, (more on that below), together with those of you who were treated to Zambezi's 'rocking' class assembly on Wednesday morning. We appreciate it is not always easy for parents to come along to every event run by school, but your support is greatly appreciated. Hopefully we will see many more of you in a few weeks for Parents Evenings, (if you haven't received notification about these via Arbor then please do contact the School Office).

As mentioned in last week's bulletin, the children took part in a 'Lockdown Drill' this week and were incredibly responsible when following instructions in this unfamiliar situation. Whilst we hope to never need to put the drill to use in a real context, it is important to be prepared, the children should be proud of their reaction to what was asked of them.

Sporting fixtures returned last week as our boys' football team played the first league game of the season against Westfields. Whilst it was lovely to see Mr Farrer back on 'home soil' unfortunately the team lost 3-1, but they will be looking to get their first win under their belts this evening as both they, and the girls' team, take on Dogmersfield Primary School.

And finally, next week is Children's Mental Health Week across the country and we will be joining this initiative as we talk to the children about this year's theme of 'know yourself grow yourself'.

Have a lovely weekend.

Diary Dates

February 2025

w/c 3rd February – Children's Mental Health Week
Wednesday 5th – Onyx Class Assembly
Tuesday 11th – Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 11th – Parents Evening 3.30 – 6.00pm
Wednesday 12th – Orinoco Class Assembly
Thursday 13th – PTA Fundraiser 'Be Yourself Day'
Thursday 13th – Parents Evening 4.00 – 7.00pm
Friday 14th - INSET DAY (School Closed)
Monday 17th – Friday 21st HALF-TERM (School Closed)

Celebration

These pupils are being celebrated this week in class.

Lunchtime Supervisor Nomination: Brodie G

Class	Lead Learner	Star of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
Nile	Ginny W	Elodie A	92.86%
Thames	Maisie C	Ava D	88.67%
Amazon	Alexis S	Ella B	97.33%
Danube	Miles H	Rowan G	94.58%
Yangtze	Jamie G	Elise P	95.81%
Onyx	Sneha P	Fatima K	98.13%
Orinoco	Penny L	Cassius T	93.81%
Zambezi	Evelyn C	Danel M	87.37%

*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

This week's Potley Points results are:

Raducanu – 289 Williamson – 271
Peacock - 300 Farah – 274

Timestable Rockstars:

Most Active & Improved – Yangtze Class



"Stay and Play" is a new Parent/Carer & Toddler group at St Barnabas church. The group will meet every Wednesday during term time from 9am – 10.15am. "Stay and Play" will start with breakfast followed by a time for the children to play and a short story.

Starting Wednesday 5th February

£1 per child

Potley Hill Maths Day from Mrs Wallace

Today, children have enjoyed Maths Day 2025 in mixed ability groups. They have engaged in a range of fun maths activities which has helped to raise the profile of maths for them as well as giving them fun experiences linked with maths to spark their enjoyment of the subject. They have taken part in maths games, Sudoku puzzles, shape pictures, games on the playground and the younger years experienced buying items from a shop with coins. I'm sure they are going to be really excited to share with you some of the fun activities they did today and will be able to teach you some of the games they played!

It was also lovely to welcome parents and carers into school yesterday to see how they could support their child at home with their maths learning. We looked at lots of fun, practical activities that can support children to understand the representation and structure of numbers, develop fluency and engage with mathematical thinking. We also spent some time looking at Potley Hill's calculation policy. This can be found in the Curriculum section of our website [Potley Hill Primary School - Maths](https://www.potleyhill.hants.sch.uk). Please look out for future parent workshops where we will give more hints and tips on how to support your children's maths progress at home. Also, if you haven't already downloaded the One-minute maths App, we would recommend you do! Your children will love completing the challenges as it also helps them to develop fluency when calculating.

<p>MONDAY Year 1 & 2 Art Club (max 12) Mrs Wilson - Amazon</p> <p>Years 3 to 6 Mindfulness (max 15) Miss Gregory - Yangtze</p> <p>Year 5 & 6 Football (invite only) Mr Ellis - FCC Astro Pitches</p> <p>Year 6 Girls Booster (invite only) Miss Miles/Mrs Richards - Zambezi/Orinoco</p>
<p>TUESDAY Year 4 Cooking Club (max 8) Mrs Kent & Mrs Wetherill - Food tech room Spring half-term 1 only</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY Year 1 & 2 Mindfulness (max 12) Mrs Watson - room TBC</p> <p>Years 3 to 6 Recorder Club (max 20) Mrs Wilding - Music room</p> <p>Year 5 & 6 Netball (max 12) Mrs Bailey – Netball courts (meet in Onyx)</p>
<p>THURSDAY Year 1 & 2 Colouring Club (max 20) Mrs Guillaume – Nile</p> <p>Years 1 to 3 Picture Book Club (invite only) Mrs Wallace & Miss Miles - Library</p> <p>Years 3 to 6 Geography Club (max 20) Mrs Smith – Danube This club is not running 6th or 13th Feb.</p>
<p>FRIDAY (external provider) Judo 4 Juniors School Hall Years 1 to 6 Click here for more information</p>



PTA Update

With Children's Mental Health week being next week, we thought it would tie in nicely to our fundraising idea of 'being yourself.' Therefore, on Thursday 13th February, the children are encouraged to come to school in whatever clothes that 'make them feel like them.' We are asking for a £2 cash donation to be brought to school with the children on the day to help us hit our goal for the year. The PTA thanks you for your ongoing support, including with The Little Recyclers Project last week that helped raise a further £132.



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 th Feb, 10 th 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
	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad
	Shortbread	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Rice crispy cake	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Ginger sponge
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 24 th Feb, 17 th 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
	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad
	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 rd Feb, 3 rd & 24 th 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
	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad
	Chocolate brownie	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Jammy shortbread biscuit	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Toffee apple sponge