



Dream Big, Aim High
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Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

With Parents Evening taking place on Tuesday and later this evening it is always lovely to welcome the vast majority of you into school and I hope you find the opportunity beneficial to have a quality conversation about the progress your child is making rather than just a 'brief chat' at the door. Many of you also spoke positively about the slight changes made to the Uniform Policy and the examples that were on display but if you have any questions or queries regarding this then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Parents and carers have also been in school this week for other reasons too, as Orinoco Class had their Class Assembly on Wednesday morning with Danube Class having their project celebration of a 'Class Museum' in the hall at the end of the day. Both of these celebrations of learning demonstrate the engaging curriculum in place for pupils together with the variety of creative outlets they have to showcase their talents too!

In terms of showcasing talent, this was once again on display last Friday as the Boys Football Team continued their good run of form as they secured a 7-0 victory against Westfields Juniors B. Hopefully this form continues into next half-term but well done to all those involved.

Also at school this week, Tuesday marked Safer Internet Day and Mrs Leighton launched the day with an assembly before pupils learnt age appropriate strategies to help protect themselves from scams online. By clicking [here](#) you can access an article for parents about how you can protect yourself, (and others), from scams online because anyone can be a victim.

And finally, a big thankyou for your support with today's PTA fundraiser, 'Be Yourself Day.' Outfits ranged from Roblox, to Buzz Lightyear to tutus and it was great to see so many children take part and once again thank you for putting your hands in your pockets and supporting us.

Just a reminder that school is closed tomorrow for an INSET Day before the half-term break so we look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday 24th February.

Mr B Ellis (Headteacher)

Diary Dates

February 2025

Friday 14th - INSET DAY (School Closed)

Monday 17th – Friday 21st HALF-TERM (School Closed)

Monday 24th – Pupils return to school

Thursday 27th & Friday 28th - Year 6 SCRIP Train Journeys

Thursday 27th – Y1 Maths Calculation Drop In @ 2.45pm

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Wednesday 5th - Y2 Maths Calculation Drop In @ 2.45pm

Thursday 6th – World Book Day

Wednesday 12th – PTA Money trail Fundraiser

Thursday 13th – Y3 Maths Calculation Drop In @ 2.45pm

Tuesday 18th – School Council Cake Sale

Thursday 20th – Y4 Maths Calculation Drop In @ 2.45pm

Monday 24th – Y4 Runways End Parent Meeting @ 6pm

Thursday 27th - Y6 Maths Calculation Drop In @ 2.45pm

Friday 28th – PTA School 'Easter' Discos

w/c 31st – 50th Anniversary Celebrations

Celebration

These pupils are being celebrated this week in class.

Lunchtime Supervisor Nomination: Harrison D

Class	Lead Learner	Star of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
Nile	Ariyah W	Oakley H	93.75%
Thames	Nyla M	Maisie C	93.75%
Amazon	Teddy R	Katya M	96.25%
Danube	Grace R	Tristan K	96.35%
Yangtze	Farrah D	Finley B	96.37%
Onyx	Ollie C	Kaelin C	96.48%
Orinoco	Seth W	Evie S	92.26%
Zambezi	Oyakhire O	Annabelle M	98.03%

*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

This week's Potley Points results are:

Raducanu – 183

Williamson – 182

Peacock - 150 Farah – 170

Timestable Rockstars:

Most Active – Yangtze Class

Most Improved – Amazon Class

Frogmore Community Campus 50th Anniversary Celebrations

The creation of the Community Orchard in the Autumn Term, which would not have been achievable without the hard work of the pupils, staff, volunteers and wider campus users, was the first step in our preparations to celebrate 50 years of the Frogmore Community Campus later this year. Whilst not all organisations on the campus will be celebrating their 50th anniversary this year, this cannot be said for Potley Hill Primary School as we celebrate turning 50 in the Easter holidays.

To mark this momentous milestone in the life of the school, we will be completing a range of different activities and events, both within school but also as a campus, during the last week of term, (week commencing 31st March). Further information about the details of these events will be shared once they are finalised, however, please pencil into your diary the afternoon of Friday 4th April as this is when we plan to have a larger scale combined celebration event with the other campus users.

Watch this space as more information will follow after half-term!

<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 3 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</p>
<p>FRIDAY (external provider) Judo 4 Juniors School Hall Years 1 to 6 Click here for more information</p>

The Importance of Reading and PHPS Expectations

You must:

- Listen to your child read at least 4 times a week, (this is still vitally important for older pupils)
- Log these reads on BoomReader

If you haven't already done so, set up an account by scanning the QR Code below and enter our school's code – 61745.



10 reasons why reading is essential

1. Children who read regularly are exposed to a wider range of words, helping develop a richer vocabulary and better language skills.
2. Reading requires children to sit still, listen, and absorb information, strengthening their ability to concentrate.
3. Books introduce children to new ideas, places, and perspectives, encouraging creativity and critical thinking.
4. Stories help children understand emotions, empathy, and different social situations.
5. Early exposure to books improves reading fluency, comprehension, and writing skills, which are crucial for academic success.
6. Children who enjoy reading are more likely to develop a lifelong love for learning.
7. Reading together at home creates a special bonding time and reinforces a positive attitude toward books.
8. Studies show children who read for pleasure perform better in school across all subjects, not just English.
9. As children become more proficient readers, they gain confidence and enjoy exploring books on their own.
10. Reading allows children to relax, reduce stress, and immerse themselves in different worlds, which can be beneficial for their mental well-being.

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 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 & 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