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Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

With the 50th Anniversary of the school and campus fast approaching, I hope you all received the letter I sent out earlier this week providing a brief overview of the planned activities to mark this significant milestone. If there are any changes/updates to the plans I will endeavour to let you know as soon as possible but with school closing at 1.30pm on Friday 4th April it will hopefully enable all members of the school community to take part in the '50th Anniversary Fair', (so let's keep our fingers crossed for some good weather).

The sun was certainly shining earlier this week when Danube Class embarked on a walk into Yateley to enhance their learning in geography. Whilst a local visit doesn't quite hold the same excitement for children as a coach trip to a museum or zoo, these experiences still add real value to learning. The notable highlight on Tuesday afternoon was when the class gave a cyclist a round of applause, (and the cyclist didn't know what to do), simply because it was the first one they had seen, which meant they could add 'bicycle' to their traffic survey!

A big thank you to the volunteers who supported with the walk into Yateley, and it was also lovely to see parents on site on Tuesday afternoon too, as Year 2 parents attended a workshop with Mrs Wallace to learn more about the teaching methods used for calculations in Maths. If you want to come along to the 'Maths Calculations Drop Ins' for your child's year group then please take a look at the 'diary dates' above and we look forward to seeing you there.

And finally, Mr Williams (our Caretaker), left the school today to embark on a well-earned retirement. Whilst he has only been with us for about 18 months, Mr Williams is a long-standing member of the school community and was previously Caretaker at another local school for a significant amount of time, so I am sure you will join me in thanking him for his contribution whilst wishing him a long and happy retirement.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr B Ellis
Headteacher

Diary Dates

March 2025

Wednesday 12th – PTA MoneyTrail Fundraiser

Wednesday 12th – Year 2 Geography Walk pm

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

Tuesday 18th – School Council Cake Sale

Wednesday 19th @ 9.00am – Educational Psychologist Neuro Diversity Workshop

Thursday 20th – YR Maths Calculation Drop In @ 9am

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

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

Thursday 27th – Y5 Maths Calculation Drop In @ 2.45pm

Friday 28th – PTA School 'Easter' Discos

w/c 31st – 50th Anniversary Celebrations

Monday 31st March – 1975 Dress-up Day

April 2025

Wednesday 2nd – 50 minute Sponsored Silence @ 11am

Friday 4th – SCHOOL CLOSURE at 1.30pm for the '50th Anniversary Fair'

Celebration

These pupils are being celebrated this week in class.

Lunchtime Supervisor Nomination: Teddy R

Class	Lead Learner	Star of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
Nile	Anopa B	Fearne M	98.57%
Thames	Xander G	Nola W	94.67%
Amazon	Elliot P	Robyn T	97.33%
Danube	Owen W	Genevieve L	95.83%
Yangtze	Kaison J	Emily L	96.45%
Onyx	Leo A	Callum B	99.38%
Orinoco	Lilah P	Aleena H	94.76%
Zambezi	Annabelle M	Robyn H	98.95%

*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

This week's Potley Points results are:

Raducanu – 272

Williamson – 166

Peacock – 301

Farah – 166

Timestable Rockstars:

Most Improved – Orinoco Class

Most Active – Zambezi Class

MoneyTrail – Wednesday 12th March 2025

Just a reminder about the need to check your junk draw, go through your pockets and look down the side of the sofa for any spare change to bring in to school for the PTA MoneyTrail taking place next Wednesday 12th March. Children will need to bring their change into school in the morning and each class will be invited on to the playground to place their coins on different chalk pictures. Once they have done this the PTA will count the coins and the pupils of the class who raise the biggest amount of money will each win a prize!

May the best class win!!!



MONDAY

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

Years 3 to 6 Mindfulness (max 15)
Miss Gregory - Yangtze

Year 5 & 6 Football (invite only)
Mr Ellis - FCC Astro Pitches

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

TUESDAY

Year 3 Cooking Club (max 8)
Mrs Kent & Mrs Wetherill - Food tech room
Spring half-term 1 only

WEDNESDAY

Year 1 & 2 Mindfulness (max 12)
Mrs Watson - room TBC

Years 3 to 6 Recorder Club (max 20)
Mrs Wilding - Music room

Year 5 & 6 Netball (max 12)
Mrs Bailey – Netball courts (meet in Onyx)

THURSDAY

Year 1 & 2 Colouring Club (max 20)
Mrs Guillaume – Nile

Years 1 to 3 Picture Book Club (invite only)
Mrs Wallace & Miss Miles - Library

Years 3 to 6 Geography Club (max 20)
Mrs Smith – Danube

FRIDAY

(external provider)

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School Hall Years 1 to 6

[Click here](#) for more information

World Book Day – Book in a Jar Winners

It was great to see so many children sharing their favourite books at school yesterday as we took part with the rest of the country in the annual celebration of books on World Book Day. Whether they were dressed in cosy clothes or in the outfit of their favourite character, all children entered a book token competition, spent time exploring the book we had chosen at Potley Hill as our theme this year, *Journey* by Aaron Becker, and everyone was treated to the fantastic entries for the 'Book in a Jar' competition. Each and every one of the entries showed real creativity and resilience because it can't have been easy creating a snapshot of a book in a jar. All the jars have been put on display near the School Hall so they can be enjoyed by children as they walk past throughout the day so well done to everyone who took part and sent a 'book in a jar' into school. There were however four winners chosen from across the school and they were each given a £5 book token. Their jars are in the photo below and the pupils were: Annabelle M (Zambezi), Wynter D (Thames), Max W (Yangtze) and Cohen R (Danube).



School Council Cake Sale – Tuesday 18th March

Do you love delicious cakes? Do you want an after school treat that everyone can enjoy? Do you want to raise money for your school? Then come along to the School Council Cake Sale on **Tuesday 18th March 2025**. Join us in the Main Playground after school on this day to have a yummy snack! We will also need lots of cakes to be brought into school on this day to help make the sale a success so all donations will be gratefully received.

We look forward to seeing you there!



**Robyn, Erin and Tahlia,
School Council Members.**

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 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 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