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# Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Wednesday morning provided a slightly different opportunity for parents to come in to school as Mrs Morris (SENCO) arranged a visit from our Educational Psychologist (Lisa Hobkirk) to talk about neurodiversity. The workshop aimed to provide parents with relevant and practical information in order to support their children, whether they have a diagnosis or merely showing neurodivergent traits. It was great to see so many parents engage with this workshop, and it also reflects the fact neurodiversity is an ever growing area of interest, which requires a greater level of knowledge, expertise and understanding than ever before from both school staff and parents.

Two further opportunities were also provided this week for parents to learn more about how maths calculations are taught in school to both Reception and Year 4 pupils, together with the very well supported School Council Cake Sale on the playground on Tuesday after-school, (more on this below).

The playground fulfils a number of different roles within school, ranging from PE lessons to break time to the venue for a Cake Sale or Fair, and it is also the place where pupils are picked-up and dropped-off. It is lovely to see parents engaging with their children at these times of day, whether it be talking to them about the exciting things in the day ahead or especially when it comes to using the playground markings to play games. However, please can I ask for your support to ensure pupils do not run around the playground or play games of tag first thing in the morning because with younger children on the playground together with buggies and pushchairs I wouldn't want an accident to happen. Thank you for your support with this.

However, running quickly was the aim of the activity on Tuesday afternoon as a mixture of pupils in Years 5&6 took part in a running event at Velmead Junior school. Mrs Richards and Miss Miles went along to the event with the children and after being at the event last year too, they saw noticeable improvements in resilience and speed so well done to all involved.

And finally, in Monday's assembly the children will be spoken to about new arrangements for waste collection at school. Due to new Hampshire/government guidance we need to reorganise our bins together with changing what goes in them, this will also be the case on the playground too, so please can I ask that you look closely at the bin labelling before disposing of any rubbish.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr B Ellis (Headteacher)

## Uniform Update

Following the amendments to the Uniform Policy made earlier in the Spring Term (further information about these can found [here](#)) and the uniform with the updated logo also being visible at Parents Evening, these updated items are now available to purchase via [Brenda's website \(PHPS\)](#) and will soon be available on [my clothing](#) too, so why not take a look? But just a reminder that items containing the 'current logo' will continue to be allowed in school.

## Diary Dates

### March 2025

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Y4 Runways End Parent Meeting @ 6pm

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> – Y5 Maths Calculation Drop In @ 2.45pm

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> – PTA School 'Easter' Discos

w/c 31<sup>st</sup> – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March – 1975 Dress-up Day

### April 2025

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> - 50-minute Sponsored Silence @ 11am

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> – SCHOOL CLOSSES at 1.30pm for the  
'50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fair'

## Celebration

These pupils are being celebrated this week in class.

**Lunchtime Supervisor Nomination:** Maisie C

Class	Lead Learner	Star of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
<b>Nile</b>	Rico G	Elodie A	90.77%
<b>Thames</b>	Maddi B	Nyla M	97.67%
<b>Amazon</b>	Isla C	Davin M	<b>97.93%</b>
<b>Danube</b>	Abigail P	Alice T	93.33%
<b>Yangtze</b>	Sebastian G	Elsie B	91.61%
<b>Onyx</b>	Lexi R	Fatima K	96.88%
<b>Orinoco</b>	Cassius T	Ava L M	95.24%
<b>Zambezi</b>	Sam W	Nichalo A	97.89%

\*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

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

**Raducanu – 157**

**Williamson – 144**

**Peacock – 174**

**Farah – 200**

**Timetable Rockstars:**

**Most Active – Zambezi Class**

**Most Improved – Orinoco Class**

POTLEY PTA PRESENTS

# EASTER DISCO

FRIDAY 28TH MARCH

YEAR R - 3 5:30 - 6:30PM  
YEAR 4 - 6 6:45 - 7:45PM

ADVANCE TICKETS  
**£4.50**

Tickets bought after 9pm 26/03 cost £6  
Tickets on the door cost £10

SCAN QR CODE TO BOOK!

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

A few reminders have been provided below about the various arrangements that will be in place with the commencement of the **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations** just over a week away.

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March** – pupils come to school in clothes from 1975, (this could be school uniform from 50 years ago or other 70s fashions), and the time capsule that was buried to mark the 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the school in 1996 will be opened.

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** – whole school sponsored silence for 50 minutes starting at 11.00am with every minute of the silence representing each year the school has been open. Sponsor forms have been sent out with children today and any money you can raise is greatly appreciated but the whole school target is £2025. Activities will be arranged by staff to help the children to be silent, e.g. colouring, wordsearches, but it'll be a great way for the school community (including staff) to be doing the same thing all at once, even if it is in a slightly different, and quieter, way to normal.

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** – the termly 'cups' assembly will take place and all pupils (and staff) will receive a 'memento' to commemorate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April** – pupils come to school in 'party clothes,' the Community Orchard will be opened by the Mayor. Opportunity Knocks will take place in the hall, (and auditions are in full swing), with the '**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fair**' getting underway at 1.30pm on our school playground for parents/carers/pupils/ex-pupils to attend until 5pm.

**School will close at 1.30pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

The fairground rides will cost no more than a few pounds to have a go and payments can be made in cash or via card. There will also be other 'cash only' stalls on the top playground run by campus users which will include the selling of sweet treats and drinks, together with the opportunity to see the contents of the original time capsule buried in 1996 and the chance to visit Amazon and Danube classroom that have been turned in to 1975 and 2075!

The sponsorship of the fruit trees on the Community Orchard is still taking place, run by the Yateley Society, to help fund improvements and the upkeep of the orchard. You can sponsor a tree by going along to the stall, scanning the QR code below or clicking the following link - [this link](#).



A digital photo montage is also being created with the theme, 'This is me then and this is me now.' We are looking for any ex-pupils or staff members to send in a photo of when they were at Potley Hill, (it could be an individual photo or of a school event), together with a recent photo of them accompanied by a 'blurb' about who they are, when they were here, where they are now and what they might be up to. If you would like to be part of this then please email what is required to [adminoffice@potleyhill.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@potleyhill.hants.sch.uk) and make the subject of your email '50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Photos.'

### MONDAY

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

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

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

## Cake Sale Support

A big thank you for your support with not only baking and providing an incredible number of cakes for the 'School Council Cake Sale' but also for your support with spending money at the event itself. The total raised so far is over £200 (and there are still some being sold in the staffroom)!

**School Council thanks you for your continued support!**



## 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.*

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 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