



Dream Big, Aim High
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Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

You may have noticed a few weeks ago that parts of the Community Orchard, which was planted by the various members of our campus, had been repeatedly vandalised with much of the hedgerow having been broken. Whilst some parents and pupils tried to put things right, Hampshire have kindly put a small fence in place in order to protect it, especially with the 'official' opening taking place next Friday. It is not clear who the vandals are but if you do see anyone mistreating the orchard then please do let a member of staff know.

Our pupils, however, have shown increasing responsibility to the environment as they have embraced the new rules and expectations around bins at school. With three bins now being in place at each station, ([general waste – blue](#), [recycling – green](#), [food waste – yellow](#)), we hope that the colour coding will help pupils, (together with staff and parents), to ensure we adhere to the new guidelines set out by Hampshire.

The pupils also demonstrated considerable responsibility and resilience during our Celebration Assembly earlier today as they needed to listen extra carefully because I was competing with a drill which was trying to break the ground in the courtyard to reach the Time Capsule buried in 1996! Finding the time capsule together with unearthing and even opening it has proved far more tricky than we had anticipated, but it has finally been done and I look forward to sharing the contents with pupils on Monday, and it will also be on display at the 50th Anniversary Fair next Friday.

We were also able to add another sporting event to our list this week as a group of Year 4 boys represented the school in a Tag Rugby festival and should be proud of their hard work and efforts. It was a busy week for Yangtze Class because it was also helpful to see so many parents at the information evening for Runways End on Monday, as final preparations take place for their first school residential at the end of April.

And finally, a big thankyou (in advance) to our PTA, volunteers and the wider school community for supporting the ever popular school discos taking place later this evening!

Have a lovely weekend & Happy Mother's Day!

Bottom Car Park Closure – Friday 4th April

Further details about the 50th Anniversary Fair can be found below but in order to ensure safe access to the playground for the fairground rides and vehicles, the bottom car park will be closed all day, next Friday 4th April. When we needed to close the car park last year in order to repair some potholes there really was a significant reduction in traffic on site, therefore if the same support could take place next Friday that would be greatly appreciated. However, for those wishing to attend the fair, there will be additional parking available on the FCC tennis courts from 1pm, and you will be directed towards this area by signs together with support from the Yateley Lions to ensure this is managed safely.

Diary Dates

March 2025

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 CLOSSES at 1.30pm for Easter and the '50th Anniversary Fair'**

Tuesday 22nd – Pupils return to school

Tuesday 22nd – Fraser Class Photographs

Celebration

These pupils are being celebrated this week in class.

Lunchtime Supervisor Nomination: Farrah D

Class	Lead Learner	Star of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
Nile	Andreea C	Alice M	92.31%
Thames	Zachary A	Archie G	96.33%
Amazon	Ophelia T	Jasmine B	97.24%
Danube	Poppy P	Molly B	97.92%
Yangtze	Deeks C	Natalia C	98.71%
Onyx	Lexi R	Elsie-Lou D	99.69%
Orinoco	Declan R	Evie S	90.95%
Zambezi	Jack D	Jonah P	96.84%

*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

This week's Potley Points results are:

Raducanu – 301

Williamson – 131

Peacock – 121

Farah – 186

Timetable Rockstars:

Most Active & Improved – Amazon Class

Term Dates 2025-2026

Below are the terms dates for next academic year 2025-26 and they can also be found on the school website by clicking [here](#).

INSET Day: Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Autumn Term 2025: Thursday 4th September - Friday 19th December 2025

Autumn Half Term: Monday 27th - Friday 31st October 2025

INSET Day: Monday 1st December 2025

Christmas Holiday: Monday 22nd December 2025 - Friday 2nd January 2026

INSET Day: Monday 5th January 2026

Spring Term 2026: Tuesday 6th January – Friday 27th March 2026

INSET Day: Friday 13th February 2026

Spring Half Term: Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February 2026

Easter Holiday: Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April 2026

Summer Term 2026: Monday 13th April - Wednesday 23rd July 2026

Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May 2026 (school closed)

INSET Day: Friday 26th June 2026

Summer Half Term: Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May 2026

50th Anniversary Celebrations

Next week brings the opportunity for our school community to celebrate its 50th Anniversary. With various different events taking place, it will be a busier week than normal at Potley Hill so here are a few reminders.

Monday 31st 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 21st Anniversary of the school in 1996 will be opened.

Wednesday 2nd 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 were sent out last week 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 3rd April – the termly 'cups' assembly will take place and all pupils (and staff) will receive a 'memento' to commemorate our 50th Anniversary

Friday 4th April – pupils come to school in 'party clothes,' the Community Orchard will be opened by the Mayor, and he will also be part of the judging panel for Potley Hill's 'Opportunity Knocks,' (with the auditions having caused great excitement over the past few weeks). The '**50th Anniversary Fair**' will get underway at 1.30pm on our school playground for parents/carers/pupils/ex-pupils to attend until 5pm and let's keep our fingers crossed for some sunshine.

School will close at 1.30pm on Friay 4th April 2025

The fairground rides are very kindly being provided by '[James Noyce & Sons Funfairs](#)' and will cost no more than a few pounds to have a go. It has previously been communicated that card can be used for payment, however due to the very poor signal on school grounds it would be better to pay in **cash**, which will be the same as the stalls on the top playground run by campus users. These will include the opportunity to see the contents of the original time capsule buried in 1996, the chance to visit Amazon and Danube classroom that have been turned in to 1975 and 2075 together with much more, (including a cake stall so if there are any keen bakers out there or anyone would like to donate cakes then that would be greatly appreciated)!

You can still sponsor a tree in the Community Orchard, being run by the Yateley Society, by either scanning the QR code below, clicking [this link](#) or coming along to the event and sponsoring one on the day.



And finally, 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 and make the subject of your email '50th Anniversary Photos.'

Potley Hill Primary School menu April to October 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, together with all main meals being served with 'vegetable of the day' or salad.. These choices are in addition to the main menu options below.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 w/c 31 st March 5 th May 2 nd & 23 rd June 14 th July 8 th & 29 th Sept 20 th Oct	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
	Shortbread	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Rice crispy cake	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Ginger sponge
Week 2 w/c 21 st April 12 th May 9 th & 30 th June 21 st July 15 th Sept 6 th Oct	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
	Chocolate Pudding	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Honey biscuit	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Lemon drizzle sponge
Week 3 w/c 28 th April, 19 th May 16 th June 7 th July 1 st & 22 nd Sept 13 th Oct	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
	Chocolate brownie	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Jammy shortbread biscuit	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Toffee apple sponge