



Dream Big, Aim High
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Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Your children hopefully share with you that each Monday at school starts with a themed assembly and this week we focussed on our school rule of **staying safe**. Together with reminders about how they can stay safe in the sun, (which has been much needed this week), this provided a perfect opportunity for me to re-iterate to the children important messages around water safety, especially with the summer holidays approaching and children hopefully having the opportunity to have fun around swimming pools, lakes and the seaside. By the time pupils leave Potley Hill, they would have experienced two terms worth of swimming lessons but even for those children confident around water there are still risks associated with it so we discussed the water safety code (below) and if you want to share further hints and tips with your child then please click this link - [Water Safety Guidance](#).



Also, this week it was the turn of Yangtze Class to share their learning this half-term as they had their class assembly on Wednesday morning. It was wonderful to welcome so many parents/grandparents into school and they were treated to some performance poetry, key curriculum information, but maybe most impressively of all, two 'smash hit' songs that had been 'remastered' to help teach children their times tables! A thoroughly enjoyable assembly and a big well-done to everyone in Year 4 for your creativity and performing skills!

Also, a big well done to those pupils from across the school who participated in the District Sports event held yesterday. It was a great opportunity for pupils to compete against other schools, run on an athletics track and throw or jump in the field. With the hot weather together with the high standard of opposition, pupils really did have to be resilient but they did extremely well, and also thank you to the flexibility of parents too when it came to drop-off/collection arrangements.

Hopefully drop-off and pick-up arrangements will become slightly easier at school once again as you will have noticed that the 'trench' has been filled, therefore we are once again able to open the gate near the leisure centre but thank you for your patience with this. However, please do take a trip to the main playground after school next Wednesday, 25th June because (weather permitting) we plan to have the vast amount of lost property available for parents to take a look through.

And finally, just a reminder that the school will be closed next Friday, 27th June, for an INSET Day but in the meantime have a lovely weekend and stay safe in the heat!

Mr B Ellis - Headteacher

Diary Dates

June 2025

Friday 27th – INSET DAY (School Closed)

Monday 30th - Class Allocation for 2025-26 shared with pupils & parents

July 2025

Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd – Y6 Yateley School Transition

Thursday 3rd – Y6 FCC Transition

Thursday 3rd - PPHS Transition Morning for 2025-26

Tuesday 8th - Y6 End of Year Production of 'Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies' @ 1.45pm

Wednesday 9th - Y6 End of Year Production of 'Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies' @ 6.00pm

Friday 11th – Y6 Trip to the National Gallery

Monday 14th – End of Year Reports to parents

Monday 14th – Future Y6 PGL Residential Meeting @ 6pm

Wednesday 16th – Y1 Thames Class Assembly

Monday 21st – Y6 Leavers Assembly @ 6pm

Tuesday 22nd – Last day of term

Celebration

These pupils are being celebrated this week in class.

Lunchtime Supervisor Nomination: Elliot P

Class	Lead Learner	Star of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
Nile	Fearne M	Alice M	91.43%
Thames	Isla D	Dominic E	97%
Amazon	Ophelia T	Alexis S	97.59%
Danube	Mia T	Owen W	94.38%
Yangtze	Natalia C	Beth S	96.77%
Onyx	Finn B	Ollie S	97.19%
Orinoco	James B	Declan R	90.48%
Zambezi	Taylah M	Ava K	95.79%

*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

This week's Potley Points results are:

Raducanu – 194

Williamson – 127

Peacock - 193

Farah – 195

Timestable Rockstars:

Most Active – Zambezi Class

Most Improved – Danube Class

Staffing Update

With the end of term approaching, it is that time of year where there are changes in staffing and I am sad to share that Miss Gregory (Y4 Yangtze Class Teacher) will be leaving us in July. During her time with us she has made a positive contribution to school life so I am sure you will join us in wishing her all the very best for the future.

However, we are also pleased to share that Miss Holly Welstead will be joining the school as a class teacher from September. Miss Welstead was in school earlier this week and will visit a few more times before the end of term to familiarise herself with Potley Hill so we look forward to her joining the team.

MONDAY

Year 1 & 2 Wellbeing Club (max 12)
Mrs Watson

Years 3 to 6 Art Club (max 12)
Mrs Wilson

Years 3 to 6 Choir
Mr Ellis & Mrs Wilding

Year 5 Booster (invite only) after half term
Miss Miles & Mrs Richards - Zambezi

TUESDAY

Year 1 Cooking Club (max 8)
Mrs Kent & Mrs Wetherill - Food tech room
17th, 24th June. 1st and 8th July

Year 4 & 5 (invite only)
Eco Club
Ms Ward & Mrs Wilson

(external provider)

Years 3-5 Shots Football
jamie.macallister@shotsfoundation.org

WEDNESDAY

Year 1 & 2 Multi Skills Sport (max 30)
Mrs Bailey & Mrs Leighton

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

THURSDAY

Years 1 & 2 Picture Book Club (invite only)
Mrs Wallace & Miss Miles - Library

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

FRIDAY

(external provider)

Judo 4 Juniors
School Hall Years 1 to 6
[Click here](#) for more information

Leaving Children Home Alone

Working in a school is always a privilege and at various times children will share information with the adults they work with about their homelife. For some of those children in upper Key Stage 2 this might include when they are left at home alone for the first time. For a child this can be an exciting time as it shows parents are giving them added responsibility and is a sign they are growing-up and maturing. For others however, it is something they are worried about and are maybe not yet ready for.

When it comes to leaving children at home there is no legal limit, but it is against the law to leave a child alone if it puts them at risk. Every child matures differently, so it would be almost impossible to have a 'one size fits all' law. However, a child who isn't old enough or who doesn't feel comfortable should never be left home alone. If this is the case, it's best to look into childcare options that might work for your family.

If your child is in upper Key Stage 2 and you are starting to consider leaving them at home unsupervised for short periods of time, then it would be sensible to put in place some ground rules:

- Does your child know how to get hold of you in an emergency.
- What should they do if someone comes to the door?
- Are there activities the child is not allowed to do – cook, climb on furniture, have friends round?
- What is the child allowed to do while you're out?
- Be clear about the time you'll be home.
- Check in now and then – give your child a call.
- Put dangerous objects & substances out of sight.
- Build up slowly – ten minutes while you pop to the shop is very different to a whole afternoon.
- Most importantly, keep talking to your child about how they feel, are they confident when you leave them? Are they okay if it starts to get dark?

In addition to this, if you are leaving siblings together then this needs extra thought – if they fall out you won't be around to make peace! For further guidance please click on the link below to the NSPCC website as it has some incredibly helpful guidance - [Leaving Your Child Home Alone - NSPCC](#).

Completing [this quiz](#) might also help inform you if your child is ready to be left home alone, but if you have any further questions or queries then please do speak to Ms Ward our Family Support Worker.

Sponsor a Tree Reminder

Just a reminder that you can still sponsor a tree within the Community Orchard through the Yateley Society with all proceeds going towards it's upkeep and maintenance. For further information please [click this link](#).

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
Week 1 w/c 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 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 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