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Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

All pupils within school, together with a significant number of parents, carers and grandparents, were treated to a 'west end show' (these were the words of some audience members, not just mine) as Year 6 brought the house down in their end of year performance of 'Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies.' With powerful singing, fantastic acting, funky dance moves and some wonderfully delivered 'cheesy' jokes, it really was a hit with audience members of all ages! The resilience and responsibility to learn all their parts, practice dance moves and sing so wonderfully well together demonstrated that the pupils live our values across all aspects of school life, and the raucous applause after each performance showed how much their efforts were both enjoyed and appreciated by everyone. In addition to this, the creativity of Mrs Richards, Miss Miles and Mrs Wilding to bring it all together was applauded too and everyone involved in the performance should feel incredibly proud of what they were able to produce.

Hopefully, you will all also have a sense of pride in our pupils when you click on [this document](#) as it shows the outcomes of national assessments carried out earlier this term. Not every year group is monitored by the government in this way, but you will see from the outcomes that our school continues to perform favourably in comparison to national averages, with particularly strong results in the Year 1 phonics screening together with reading and grammar outcomes in Year 6. To achieve these scores takes a real team effort which obviously includes pupils, staff and parents too so thank you all for this collective effort.

In slightly different news, a few months ago I shared in the bulletin that our catering provider, Hampshire Catering will no longer be operating from 2026 and we were therefore seeking an alternative. Following a robust tendering process alongside several other local schools our new catering provider from September will be [Stir Food](#). Whilst parents and carers will not notice any significant changes with the ordering and payment process before September, these will come in to place at the October half-term so that all communication regarding lunches is made directly with the 'Stir Food' and not through the school. However, please keep an eye out over the next few weeks as we will be sending out further information related to menus and dietary requirements but I am sure you will join me in welcoming Stir Food to the Potley Hill set-up.

With the list of 'Diary Dates' on the bulletin getting ever smaller as we approach the end of the year, this is just to remind parents that all children will come home with their end of year reports on Monday. Following this, please see the information in the box to the right about event days in the middle of next week, and can I also ask that every pupil brings in a suitable bag next Friday (18th July) so books can be sent home. This bag can be a carrier bag, bag for life, spare backpack or just something that will hold the weight of a year's worth of learning that children can bring home and share with you at the end of the year.

Have a lovely, (and hopefully cool), weekend.

Mr B Ellis
Headteacher

Diary Dates

July 2025

Monday 14th – End of Year Reports to parents
Monday 14th – Future Y6 PGL Residential Meeting @ 6pm
Tuesday 15th – Years 4-6 Activity Event
Wednesday 16th – Reception & Years 1-3 Activity Event
Wednesday 16th – Y1 Thames Class Assembly
Friday 18th – PTA Break the Rules Day
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: Nyla M

Class	Lead Learner	Star of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
Nile	Olivia T	Iwenose O	96.43%
Thames	Althea F	Libby P	99.33%
Amazon	Katya M	Ophelia T	98.97%
Danube	Theo V	Erin A	96.4%
Yangtze	Lawson W	Jenson H	97.42%
Onyx	Corben G	Sneha P	93.87%
Orinoco	Lilah P	Declan R	93.81%
Zambezi	Eva P	Sienna L	96.84%

*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

This week's Potley Points results are:

Raducanu – 197 **Williamson – 106**

Peacock – 145 **Farah – 199**

Timestable Rockstars:

Most Active – Zambezi Class

Most Improved – Zambezi Class

Potley Hill Aims High!

We're excited to share that through the use of the government's Sports Premium funding, next week the whole school will have the opportunity to take part in two thrilling, (and slightly different), one-hour activities. Every child will have the chance to try both **archery** and **rock climbing** here on the grounds of Potley Hill Primary School.

- Years 4–6 will take part on **Tuesday 15th July**
- Reception and Years 1-3 will take part on **Wednesday 16th July**

Children should come to school in their **PE kit** on the day of their activities. Whilst some pupils might have tried these activities before, for many it will be an opportunity to try a new and different sport. It's set to be a fun-filled couple of days packed with challenge, teamwork and celebration as we round off a fantastic year of sporting opportunities provided by the school and our staff!

Mrs Bailey (PE Leader)

MONDAY
TUESDAY Years 3-5 Shots Football jamie.macallister@shotsfoundation.org
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
FRIDAY (external provider) Judo 4 Juniors School Hall Years 1 to 6 Click here for more information

POTLEY HILL PTA PRESENTS

BREAK THE RULES DAY!

Friday 18th July

Forms listing the rules and the donation requested will be sent out. Please return them on the day, along with your money.
Thank you!

Forms will come home with the children on Tuesday 15th July.

School Uniform 2025-26

This is a just a reminder to all parents to check the updated [Uniform Policy](#) before purchasing items for the start of the new school year. Whilst many things will remain the same there were some slight amendments made to the PE uniform, the details of which you can find below:

- **Navy blue** round neck t-shirt
- **Navy blue** sports shorts (not cycling shorts)
- **Navy blue** jogging trousers or leggings, (navy blue sweatshirt or fleece are optional for outdoor activities on cold days)
- Sports trainers or **black** plimsolls for outdoor activities, (no high tops or heeled trainers)

Pupils from Reception to Year 3 are required to use a lightweight/drawstring PE bag in order to store it appropriately in school.

Pupils from Year 4 – Year 6 are able to wear their PE kit to school for the duration of the two days on which they have PE.

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 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 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 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