



Dream Big, Aim High
& Make a Difference

Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thankyou for your support with 'Break the Rules Day,' although I'm not sure the children would have needed much persuasion, and the total raised will be shared in September this will go towards PTA funds.

It was also lovely to see parents in school on Monday as Year 5 learnt a little more about what lies ahead for them on the residential in September, and the parents of Year 1, together with the rest of the school, were treated on Wednesday morning as it was the final Class Assembly of the year. To see all they have learnt about space in such a slick performance really has set the bar high for all classes next year but well done to the pupils and staff in Thames Class.

Another group of people who enjoyed a performance by our pupils this week were the clients of Age Concern on Wednesday afternoon. Our Year 6 pupils made the short walk across to the care centre and provided them with a flavour of their end of year performances, with the musical numbers being thoroughly enjoyed, and appreciated, by all who were there!

And finally, thankyou for your continued support with attendance because on Tuesday every single child was in school which doesn't happen as often as you'd think and is a real positive for the last full week of term.

Have a lovely weekend!

Diary Dates

July 2025

Monday 21st – Y6 Leavers Assembly @ 6pm

Tuesday 22nd – Last day of term (School Finishes @ 3.20pm)

Celebration

These pupils are being celebrated this week in class.

Lunchtime Supervisor Nomination: Cade L

Class	Lead Learner	Star of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
Nile	Esmea W	Ariyah W	99.29%
Thames	Xander G	Sadie R	97.67%
Amazon	Harrison D	Robyn T	99.66%
Danube	Rowan G	Maverick R	97.6%
Yangtze	Charlie E	Sophia S	97.74%
Onyx	Oscar E	Lewis G	92.58%
Orinoco	Ruby H	James B	92.86%
Zambezi	Reyon S	Samuel W	100%

*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

This week's Potley Points results are:

Raducanu – 198

Williamson – 123

Peacock – 169

Farah – 155

Timestable Rockstars:

Most Active – Danube Class

Most Improved – Amazon Class

Letter to parents and carers from the Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another school year, I want to say a big thank you, on behalf of the Board of Governors, for your continued support and participation in the life of our school. It has been another busy, exciting, and rewarding year, and we're very grateful for the strong partnership between home and our school that helps our children thrive. The Ofsted report last October recognised the strengths of the school, the quality of the teaching and the care that is provided by the school and the great work of our staff.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Ellis for his contribution to the school. Since joining in September 2021, he has brought with him a clear vision, strong ambition, and genuine passion. Over the years, his leadership, commitment, and dedication as Headteacher have made a significant and lasting impact on both pupils and staff and have helped shape the school's continued success. We wish Mr Ellis all the best for the future, he will be greatly missed by the whole school community.

This year, as part of the Board's responsibilities, we have been working with the Senior Leadership Team to prepare a three-year strategic plan, which is aimed at guiding us through the next phase for Potley Hill. We are committed to maintaining and building upon the high standard of education and care that Potley Hill provides and creating more opportunities for our children "to dream big, aim high, and make a difference".

Lastly, looking ahead, we asked for your thoughts recently about the school and the qualities which you would like to see in our next Headteacher. Thank you for your responses which have been really helpful. Interviews are planned for late September, and I will keep you updated on this. The school now starts a new chapter, and we are delighted that Mrs Wallace will be our Acting Headteacher from September.

I would like to wish you all a restful, fun, and sunny summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Best wishes,

Antje Neville-Kwantes (Chair of Governors)

Academic Success at Potley Hill

Following on from the information included in last week's bulletin about the academic performance of Year 6 pupils at Potley Hill Primary School being **above last year's national average in all areas**, with this also being the case for the majority of other performance indicators including the Year 4 Multiplication Check, the Year 1 Phonics Screening together with Early Years outcomes, it is also important to share some of the key highlights with you too.

The attainment levels of pupils at the end of Key Stage 2 (Year 6) in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS) far exceeded national outcomes for the second consecutive year with **95%** of pupils achieving the expected standard with **60%** of pupils achieving the greater depth standard. These results were 22% and 28% higher than last year's national average which is an incredibly positive achievement. Reading is also a significant strength with **88%** of Year 6 pupils working at the expected standard and **43%** working at the greater depth standard, which is also 13% and 14% above last year's national average. This significant strength in reading is also shown in Year 1 as **97%** of pupils achieved the threshold in the Year 1 Phonics Screening which is 17% higher than last year's national average. For further information about all of the outcomes please [click here](#).

A big well done to everyone involved as it demonstrates that the school continues to go from strength to strength.



School Games Gold...again!

As the graphic above demonstrates, Potley Hill Primary School is once again the proud recipient of the Gold School Games Mark which makes it three years in a row! For a (largely) one form entry primary school to achieve this feat is something to really celebrate and this year's award is a testament to the hard work and efforts of Mrs Bailey our PE leader. To achieve the 'gold mark,' a wide number of criteria need to be met with the following facts being contributing factors:

- 69% of pupils represented the school in a sporting event this year
- 25 separate sporting events were attended by teams/competitors, together with the school also having a netball team, and a separate girls and boys football team who also took part in regular fixtures
- 71% of pupils accessed one or more 'school run' after school clubs throughout the year
- 33 different clubs (albeit they are not all sporting) were offered to pupils throughout the year

Being able to attend these events wouldn't be possible without parents and carers who transport the children there, so thank you for your support with this. However, each of the events are attended voluntarily by staff and this is also the case with any after school clubs they might run so a huge thank you to all staff members who have enabled these clubs or events to take place. In addition to this, for the vast majority of these events and clubs to be available free of charge is something we take incredible pride in. This pride in our universal free sporting offer was evident once again this week as all pupils tried to scale the climbing wall and take part in archery, and they were a great celebration of the strength and variety of sport at Potley Hill Primary School!

Potley Hill Primary School menu October 2024 to April 2025 - £3.20 per meal

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 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