



Dream Big, Aim High
& Make a Difference

Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term! We hope you all had a lovely rest over the break and are fully refreshed for this next exciting half term which will lead us up to our Christmas Celebrations. Please get our performance dates in your diary now so you don't miss out!

At the end of last half term I spent some time looking at the children's project books and talking to them about what they had been learning in the wider curriculum areas during their Autumn 1 projects. The children talked with excitement about what they had been learning and their knowledge and understanding of the key concepts within their project were really good to hear. They enjoyed telling me how they would answer the project question they set out with at the start of the term.

This week, each year group has begun to focus on a new "big" question that will form their project work for the next half term:

Jade: What do we celebrate?

Sapphire: How have toys changed?

Emerald: How have expeditions changed over time?

Amethyst: Why is food important to us?

Topaz: UK vs North America: Where would you rather live?

Opal: How do materials make a difference?

Aquamarine: How important is the heart?

These questions form great conversation starters for you and your child, and you will be able to find out a lot about what they are learning from what they share with you! We are looking forward to seeing the end results of their projects later this half term.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you back again next week!

Mrs N Wallace – Headteacher

Diary Dates

November 2025

12th – PTA AGM @ 3pm

14th – Children in Need Fundraising

w/c 17th – Book Fair in school

Tuesday 25th – Prospective Parents Tour @ 9.30

December 2025

1st – INSET DAY (School Closed)

Monday 15th December - 09:15 am Yr 1 & Yr 2 Performance

Monday 15th December - 2:15 pm Yr 5 & Yr 6 Performance

Tuesday 16th December - 9:30 am Yr R Class Nativity

Tuesday 16th December - 2:15 pm Yr 1 & Yr 2 Performance

Wednesday 17th December - 9:30 am Yr 5 & Yr 6 Performance

Wednesday 17th December - 2:15 pm -Yr 3 & Yr 4 St Peter Church

Thursday 18th December - 2:15 pm Yr R Nativity

Thursday 18th December - 4:30 pm Potley Hill Carols by Candlelight & Winter Warmers

Friday 19th December – Last day of term

Celebration

These pupils are being celebrated this week in class.

Lunchtime Supervisor Nomination Theo V

Class	Lead Learner	Star of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
Jade	Rafe G	Eva D	89.35
Sapphire	Fearne M	Ginny W	98.1%
Emerald	Maddi B	Victoria W	98.3%
Amethyst	Robyn T	Theo S	95.9%
Topaz	Poppy P	Amelia R	98.1%
Opal	Meryem K	Isaac R	94.4%
Aquamarine	Lexi R	Ollie S	96.3%

*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

Potley Points

Peacock 177 Williamson 190 Raducanu 204 Farah 232

Timestable Rockstars:

Most Active – Topaz Class

Most Improved – Opal Class

Children in Need – Friday 14th November

The School Council have been discussing how we can live our value of making a difference by contributing to a charity. They were keen to be part of Children in Need next Friday and have chosen that charity to raise funds for. For £1 donation children can come to school in their own clothes on Friday and have the opportunity to have their face painted like Pudsey during the day! If your child wants to take part in either coming in their own clothes, having their face painted or both then please remember to send them with a £1 donation on Friday. I'm sure it will be a fun day!

Remembrance Services

We are proud to have 4 of our school council members representing Potley Hill at both the St Barnabas and Yateley Remembrance Services this Sunday 9th November, where they will be laying a wreath as a mark of respect on behalf of everyone at school. The service at St Barnabas starts at 10am and the Service in Yateley starts at 2.15pm at St Swithin's. Please feel free to attend if you would like. We will be marking Remembrance Day itself with our own short service and 2 minutes silence on Tuesday at school. Any children who are part of a uniformed organisation like Rainbows, Beavers, Cubs, Brownies, Scouts or Guides are welcome to wear their uniform to school on Tuesday as a mark of respect.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We will endeavour to run extra-curricular activities whatever the weather. However, if any activities need to be cancelled, we will contact you via Arbor.

Please collect your child from the gate at the lower end of the top playground at 4.15pm from school-run clubs (4pm from Picture Book club).

MONDAY

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

Year 5 Maths (invite only)
Mrs Richards

Year 6 Maths & SPAG (invite only)
Miss Miles

Tuesday

Years 4-6 SHOTS Football (Paid Club)

ECO Club (max 10)
Mrs Ward & Mrs Wilson

WEDNESDAY

Year 1 & 2 Coding with Scratch (max 12)
Mrs Leighton

THURSDAY

Year 1 & 2 Picture Book Club (invite only)
Mrs Smith

FRIDAY

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School Hall Years 1 - 6
Click [here](#) for more information

After School Restraint Collapse

We wanted to share with you the below information from "The Contented Child" website, as there may be some ideas that could support you with the transition from school to home.

TIMELINE OF 'AFTER SCHOOL RESTRAINT COLLAPSE'

After-school restraint collapse isn't misbehaviour — it's release. When we see it as the body's way of finding balance after a long day of holding it together, we can respond with empathy, not punishment.

SIGNS YOU MIGHT NOTICE:

Emotional outbursts or meltdowns after school
Refusing to talk about the day
Overeating or comfort-seeking
Irritability or defiance toward parents
Needing solitude, screens, or sensory soothing
Tears without clear cause

SCHOOL DAY:

The child work hard to follow rules, stay focused, and manage big feelings internally. Small stressors build layer by layer.

JOURNEY HOME:

Signs of fatigue appear — quiet withdrawal, irritability, or zoning out. The nervous system starts to let go of control.

ARRIVAL HOME:

A small request ("take off your shoes" or "Get your homework done") can trigger tears, shouting, or shutdown. The release isn't about the request — it's the day's emotional backlog.

RECOVERY:

After the storm, they may crave comfort, food, movement, or silence. Connection — not correction — helps them return to regulation.



Want to understand more about after school restraint collapse and wellbeing? Explore the full After School Restraint Collapse Toolkit by The Contented Child for visuals, guides, and practical tools that help uncover what's behind the collapse — and support children to feel safe.

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DO's and DON'Ts of SCHOOL PICKUP

AFTER SCHOOL RESTRAINT COLLAPSE



- Don't bombard with questions ("How was your day?").
- Don't jump straight into homework or chores.
- Don't criticise behaviour or reports at the gate.
- Don't overwhelm with loud excitement or multiple demands.
- Don't compare their mood with siblings or peers.
- Don't dismiss signs of tiredness or overload.



- Smile and greet warmly without pressure.
- Offer a snack and drink straight away.
- Keep your tone calm and predictable.
- Allow quiet time before talking.
- Use gentle physical connection if welcomed (hug, hand squeeze).
- Move slowly into the afternoon routine.

Potley Hill Primary School Menu

Jacket potato is available each day with a choice of beans, cheese or tuna.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 1st & 22nd Sept 13 th Oct, 3 rd & 24 th Nov, 15 th Dec	Vegetable Tagine Served with Khobez Bread & Roasted Vegetables	Homemade Pizza al a Pesto	Carrot & Stuffing Plait Crispy Roasties, Broccoli & Gravy	Sweet Potato & Black Bean Curry Steamed Rice & Crunchy Slaw	Roasted Vegetable Pitta Pockets with Chips & Baked Beans
	Mediterranean Chicken Served with Khobez Bread & Roasted Vegetable	Homemade Margherita Pizza	Roast Gammon Crispy Roasties, Broccoli & Gravy	Lamb Jollof Rice with a Crunchy Slaw	Fish fingers with chips and beans
	Penne Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce Apple Crumble Cake	Penne Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce Jelly & Fruit Slices	Penne Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce Carrot & Cinnamon Cookies	Penne Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce Fruit Salad	Penne Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce Hob Nob Biscuit
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 8 th & 29 th Sept 20 th Oct, 10 th Nov, 1 st Dec	Chow Mein Noodles Served with Green Cabbage	Vegetable Supreme Pizza	Crispy Cheese & Lentil Bake Crispy Roasties, Carrots, Sweetcorn & Gravy	Malai Koftas (Paneer) Served with Wholegrain Rice & Broccoli	Sweet Potato, Leek & Cheese Quiche with Chips & Baked Beans
	Char Sui Pork Served with Noodles & Green Cabbage	Homemade Pizza Margherita	Chicken, Sage & Onion Slice Crispy Roasties, Carrots, Sweetcorn & Gravy	Bombay Chicken Biryani Served with Wholegrain Rice & Broccoli	Golden Fish Fingers Served with Chips & Baked Beans
	Penne Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce Vanilla Sprinkle Sponge	Penne Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce Watermelon Sticks	Penne Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce Chocolate Brick	Penne Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce Fruit Bowls	Penne Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce Oatie Cookie
Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 15 th Sept, 6 th & 27 th Oct, 17 th Nov 8 th Dec	Eat Curious Tacos Served with Rainbow Rice & Sweetcorn	Homemade Cheese & Onion Rolls Wedges & Baked Beans	Cheesy Root Veg Crumble with Carrots & Sweetcorn	Vegetable & Bean Chilli Served with Steamed Rice & Green Beans	Vegetable Fingers with Chips & Baked Beans
	Chicken Tacos Served with Rainbow Rice & Sweetcorn	Homemade Sausage Rolls Wedges & Baked Beans	Roast Chicken Thigh Crispy Roasties, Carrots & Sweetcorn	Mac n Cheese with a Crispy Crumb Topping Served with Green Beans	Golden Fish Fingers (Salmon Or Pollock) Chips & Garden Peas
	Penne Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce Orange & Cinnamon Cake	Penne Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce Fruit Bowls	Penne Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce Vanilla Ice Cream Cup	Penne Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce Jelly & Fruit Slices	Penne Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce Polish Vanilla Cookies