



Dream Big, Aim High
& Make a Difference

Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another end of a busy week here at Potley Hill as we have been treated to the hottest day of the year so far! It was lovely to see some children reverting to wearing PE shorts yesterday with the sunshine making a welcomed appearance!

It has been a wonderful week of celebrating the now recognised language of British Sign Language. On Tuesday, we welcomed Charlotte and her interpreter Ana to run our assembly to raise awareness of British Sign Language week. Charlotte communicated to the children, through BSL and her interpreter, about her life and the importance of being aware of a bit of BSL to communicate with deaf people. The children watched and listened and showed our value of respect to Charlotte and were spell bound by what she was sharing with them. She taught the children several key signs that they could use to have a simple conversation. Aquamarine Class, have worked with Charlotte and Ana and some of the pupils have visited all the classes to teach them more useful signs they can use in day-to-day life. It has been a wonderful week of celebrating diversity and learning ways to make everyone feel they belong and matter.

Next week, our last week of the Spring Term, continues to be packed with exciting activities. We are looking forward to welcoming Opal Class parents to Opal's class assembly on Wednesday. We have some classes heading of to St Barnabas Church in Blackwater as part of the RE curriculum around Easter and of course we are all getting excited about the PTA Easter Disco on Thursday evening! We will end our week with our End of Term Celebration Assembly where we will celebrate children who have lived our rules and values consistently throughout the Spring Term. What a week – I'm sure it will fly by!

Happy Eid to all of the families who have been celebrating today. As always, I hope you have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the rest away from the weekly routine and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning.....hopefully with the sun still shining!

Mrs N Wallace – Headteacher

Road Safety Reminder

A polite reminder that the speed on Campus is limited to **10mph**. Unfortunately due to drivers exceeding this speed, and looking at their phones whilst driving, there have been three near misses on crossings around the site this week. Please can we ask for your due care and attention when driving on Campus for everyone's safety. Please also remember that there should be no parking on double Yellow lines at any time of the day. Thank you for your cooperation.

Diary Dates

March 2026

Monday 23rd March Runways End Parents Information Evening @6pm
Wednesday 25th March Opal Class Assembly @ 9am
Thursday 26th March **PTA Disco**
Friday 27th March Last Day of the Spring Term

April 2026

Monday 13th April return to school
Monday 13th April Class Photographs
Friday 17th April – **PTA Quiz night** – School Hall
Monday 27th – Wednesday 29th Yr4 Residential to Runways End

May 2026

Monday 4th May – School closed Bank Holiday Monday

Celebration

These pupils are being celebrated this week in class.

Lunchtime Supervisor Nomination Farlea

Class	Lead Learner	Star of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
Jade	Celeste L	Niamh LP	97.5%
Sapphire	Rhys G	Othniel K	97.8%
Emerald	Nyla M	Hugo C	96.5%
Amethyst	Jasmine B	Ella B	97.2%
Topaz	Abigail P	Maverick R	98.9%
Opal	Layla P	Max W	97.4%
Aquamarine	Aisha J	Blake S	95.5%

*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

Potley Points


Peacock 168 Williamson 408


Raducanu 497 Farah 393


PTA events not to miss!!!!

 Easter Disco 26th March tickets still available don't miss out!



 Easter egg raffle last day of term! £1 a ticket send your child in with money and the raffle will be pulled during the day! The more tickets bought the more eggs to be won!!

 sweet cone sale after school last day of term £2 a cone!

 Quiz night 17th April tickets still available

Link to the events page:

<https://www.pta-events.com/potleyhillprimarypta/>

External Clubs



3.20 – 4.20

Tuesday **Basket Ball** – KS2

Thursday **Girls Football** Yr1 – Yr6

Friday **Football** Yr1,2&3

<https://www.in-2-sport.co.uk/after-school-clubs>



SHOTS FOUNDATION

3.20 – 4.30

Tuesday **Football** Yr 4, 5 and 6

www.abler.io/shop/theshots/shotsfoundation



Friday **Judo** 3:20 pm – 4:20 pm

Click [here](#) for more information

Online Safety Spotlight

This week our focus is on Snapchat. This is an app many young people enjoy for its playful filters, creative tools and disappearing messages. While Snapchat can be fun, it also includes features that may expose children to risks — especially if they're not sure how to manage the app safely.

For a readable version of the poster below use this link: [WUW Snapchat Guide](#)

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SNAPCHAT

With over 300 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and the patented 'Snap' algorithm that recommends content based on user behavior. These tools may seem harmless but can be used to target children and young people. AI-powered chatbots can collect personal data about users' preferences, interests and habits to create targeted advertisements, recommendations, or even personalized content.

SCREEN ADDICTION
Snapchat's addictive design encourages frequent use. Features like 'Snap Streaks' and 'Snap Maps' can lead to compulsive checking of the app, disrupting sleep, schoolwork, and family time. The app's design encourages frequent use, leading to screen time addiction.

SEXUATION
Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may seem harmless, but it can be used to share explicit content. Children and young people may be exposed to inappropriate images, videos, or messages, which can have serious psychological and emotional impacts.

SNAPCHAT
Snapchat is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2023, Snapchat introduced a new feature called 'Snapchat Premium' which allows users to earn real money by creating and selling filters, stickers, and other content. These could be used to fund their education, hobbies, or other interests. However, this new feature also introduces the potential for financial exploitation or pressure to engage in inappropriate content.

ACCESSIBILITY
Snapchat is not accessible to users with certain disabilities. For example, the app's voice chat feature is not available to users with hearing impairments, and the app's design may be difficult to use for users with visual impairments.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
Snapchat's disappearing messages feature is often used to share explicit content, including images, videos, and messages. This content can be harmful to children and young people, and may lead to sexual exploitation or other serious consequences.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB
Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that provides parents and educators with information on how to use the app safely. It is recommended that you review the guidance before allowing your child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for users aged 13 and over.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS
Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you open an honest dialogue. Talk about the app's features and how to use it safely. Encourage your child to report any inappropriate content and to block users who make them uncomfortable. Talk openly about your own judgment about online safety and encourage your child to do the same. Encourage your child to report any inappropriate content to the appropriate authorities.

BLOCK AND REPORT
If you receive a message from a user who is not a friend or family member, you should block and report the user. Snapchat's reporting system allows you to report users who are harassing, bullying, or otherwise making you uncomfortable. Reporting users can help protect your child and other users from harm.

USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER
It's important to use the app's privacy settings together. Parents and educators should review their child's privacy settings and encourage them to do the same. Encourage your child to use the app's privacy settings to control who can see their content and to report any inappropriate content.

Meet Our Expert
Dr. Claire Schofield is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written books, articles and presented at conferences on the topic of online safety for children and young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://thenationalcollege.com/guides/snapchat>

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NEW Potley Hill Primary School Menu Spring/Summer Term 2026

Jacket potato is available each day with a choice of beans, cheese or tuna, this choice is in addition to the main menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 9 th Mar,	Vegetable Curry Served with Khobez Bread & Roasted Vegetables	Vegetable Supreme Pizza	Carrot & Stuffing In pastry Crispy Roasties, Broccoli & Gravy	Vegetable & Bean Chilli Served with Steamed Rice & Green Beans	Vegetable Fingers with Chips & Baked Beans
20 th Apr, 11 th May,	Chicken in Tomato Sauce Served with Khobez Bread & Roasted Vegetable	Homemade Margherita Pizza	Roast Gammon Crispy Roasties, Broccoli & Gravy	Mac n Cheese with Crumb Topping Served with Green Beans	Golden Fish Fingers Served with Chips & Baked Beans
1 st & 22 nd June,	Penne Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce	Penne Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce	Penne Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce	Penne Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce	Penne Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce
13 th July	Apple Crumble Cake	Jelly & Fruit Slices	Carrot & Cinnamon Cookies	Fruit Salad	Hob Nob Biscuit
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 23 rd Feb, 16 th Mar,	Chinese Style 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	Vegetable Fingers with Chips & Baked Beans
27 th Apr, 18 th May,	Chinese Style Pork Noodles Served with 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
8 th & 29 th June,	Penne Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce	Penne Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce	Penne Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce	Penne Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce	Penne Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce
20 th July	Vanilla Sprinkle Sponge	Watermelon Sticks	Chocolate Brick	Fruit Bowls	Oatie Cookie
Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 9 th Feb	Vegetable Tacos Served with Rainbow Rice & Sweetcorn	Vegetable Supreme Pizza	Cheesy Root Veg Crumble with Carrots & Sweetcorn	Cheese & Onion Rolls Served with Wedges & Baked Beans	Vegetable Fingers with Chips & Baked Beans
2 nd & 23 rd Mar,	Chicken Tacos Served with Rainbow Rice & Sweetcorn	Homemade Pizza Margherita	Roast Chicken Thigh Crispy Roasties, Carrots & Sweetcorn	Sausage Rolls Served with Wedges & Baked Beans	Golden Fish Fingers Served with Chips & Baked Beans
13 th Apr, 4 th May, 15 th June, 6 th July	Penne Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce	Penne Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce	Penne Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce	Penne Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce	Penne Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce
	Orange & Cinnamon Cake	Fruit Bowls	Vanilla Ice Cream Cup	Jelly & Fruit Slices	Polish Vanilla Cookies