

Potley Hill Primary School Bulletin 06/11/2026

A Message from Mrs Wallace

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. We have another busy and exciting few weeks ahead as we look forward to the festive celebrations at the end of term. Please take a moment to check the diary dates and make sure all Christmas performance dates and times are in your calendar. Further information about each event will be shared closer to the time.It hardly feels as though half term was only a week ago, as so much has already been happening at Potley Hill!

On Tuesday, Ash and Maple Class arrived full of excitement for their trip to Marwell Zoo, which provided the perfect hook for their new project question: *"How have expeditions changed over time?"* The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and gained lots of inspiration for their learning. A huge thank you to all the staff and volunteers who accompanied the visit and helped make it such a success. Mrs Chamberlain and Mrs Leighton were delighted to report on both the success of the trip and the children's good behaviour throughout the day. Well done, everyone!

On Thursday afternoon, we were delighted to welcome parents and carers from Oak Class to a workshop focusing on how to support children in developing a strong foundation in number sense. As well as learning about the importance of engaging with their children's learning and supporting their mathematical understanding at home, parents had the opportunity to find out more about the maths their children will be focusing on in Reception. They also enjoyed taking part in a range of mathematical games alongside their children, many of which can easily be replicated at home. The children absolutely loved having their parents and carers in school with them and were excited to share their learning. Thank you for the positive comments we have received following the session. Please do look out for a survey that will be coming your way soon, as we would greatly value your feedback on what you found most useful and any suggestions you may have to help us further develop the workshop for future families.

We were delighted to welcome one of our parents, Mr Joshi, to lead our assembly this week on Diwali. Mr Joshi shared with us the significance of Diwali, why it is such an important festival for Hindus and how it is celebrated by families around the world. The children showed a great deal of respect as they listened and were fascinated by the opportunity to hold and explore the diyas used to bring light into homes during Diwali celebrations. Thank you, Mr Joshi, for giving up your time to help us learn more about this special festival. If your family celebrates a religious festival or special cultural event during the year, we would love to hear from you, as we are always keen to learn more about and celebrate the diverse traditions within our Potley Hill community.

Next week, our attention turns to Remembrance as we prepare to honour those who have given so much in service to their country. We will be holding our own Remembrance Service and observing the two-minute silence at 11.00am on Wednesday. Juniper Class have been busy learning poetry to share during the service, and each class has been creating a beautiful piece of artwork as an act of remembrance. We are also delighted that four members of our School Council will be representing Potley Hill at the Yateley Remembrance Parade and the Remembrance Service at St Barnabas Church on Sunday, where they will lay a wreath on behalf of our school community.

Finally, thank you to everyone for your generous contributions towards the PTA's request for bottles for the bottle tombola in return for a Mufti Day today. Please do keep your eye on any

further correspondence from the PTA with regards to items they would like in preparation for their Christmas Fayre on **Saturday 5th December.**

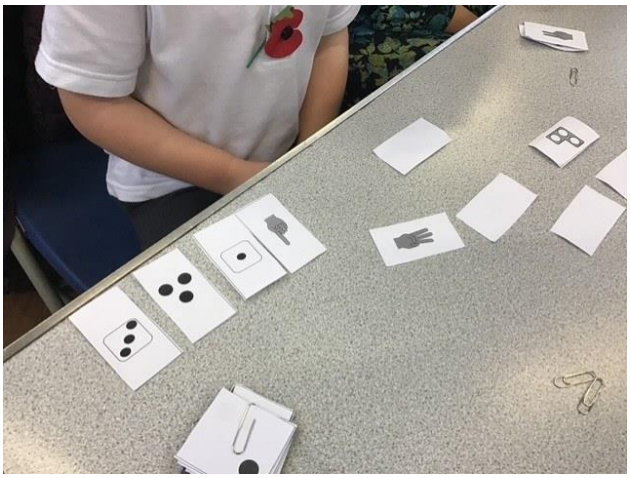
Have a wonderful weekend everyone and we look forward to seeing you all again next week for another fun filled week!

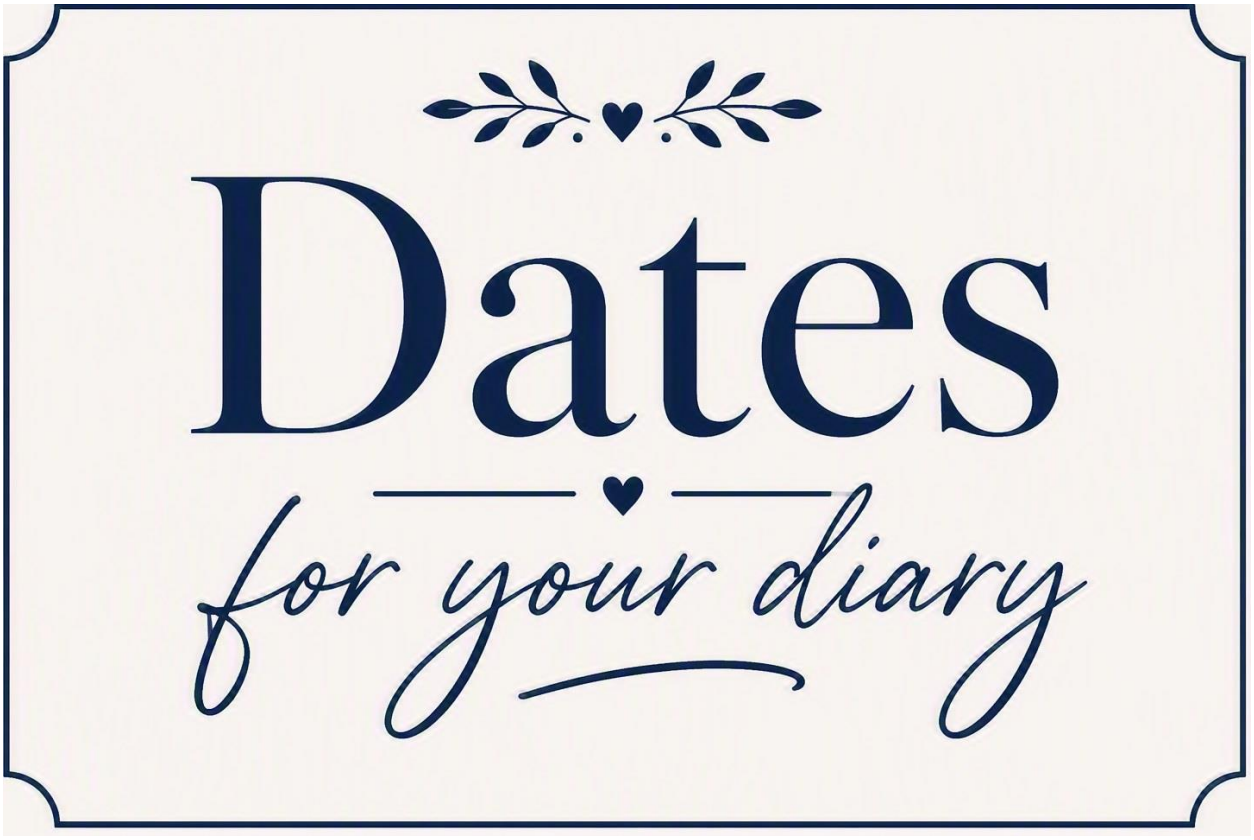
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November

11th Remembrance Day

25th New Parents Reception September 2027 Tours 09:30 am

28th Yateley Christmas Market - Performance - Year 4 2:45 pm onwards

30th - **4th** December PTA Class 'Sweet Jar' competition

December

5th PTA Christmas Fayre 1pm - 3.30pm

8th Year R, 1 & 2 morning performance 09:15 am

9th Year R, 1 & 2 afternoon performance 2:00pm

10th PTA - Reindeer Run - Sponsored event

15th Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance at St Peter's Church Yateley 2:00 pm

17th Year 5 & 6 to host whole school Carols by Candlelight 3:30 pm

18th Christmas Jumper Day

Celebration Assembly

Christmas Lunch

21st - 1st January - Christmas Holidays

New Project Question - Autumn 2

It has been wonderful to see and hear everything the children learnt and remembered from their projects in Autumn 1. Each class now has a new question they will be focusing on this half term, to develop their knowledge and understanding in the wider curriculum subjects. We would encourage you to discuss these questions with your children at home, ask them what they have been learning and share with them your thoughts about the question, including information you know that could be relevant. We have found that these questions are always great to generate discussion at the dinner table or even on car journeys!

Oak Class (Year R) – What do we celebrate? How can we remember?

Ash and Maple Class (Year 1 and 2) – How have expeditions changed over time?

Aspen and Redwood (Year 3 and 4) - Would you want to live in the UK or North America?

Katsura and Juniper (Year 5 and 6) – How do adaptations impact survival?

Year 1/2 Trip to Marwell Zoo









School Council - Run Pusey

Please check your emails for information from Mrs Chamberlain and the School Council about their fund raising event on the 20th November as part of children in need. This event is going to allow us to live out our value of “Making a Difference” in the wider community. Further information will be sent closer to the date.



This week's Celebrations

Congratulations to all the children who were celebrated in assembly today. They have been recognised for their achievements in learning and for exemplifying our school rules and values throughout the week.

Class	Pupil
Year R Ash	**Alice D**
Year 1 Oak	**Taylor C**
Year 2 Maple	**Fearne M**
Year 3 Aspen	**Dulcie S**
Year 4 Redwood	**Lena Rose S**
Year 5 Katsura	**Abigail P**
Year 6 Juniper	**Rex T**

Highest Attending Class

Year 4 Redwood Class 100%

Team points

Raducanu 459 Farrah 391 Williamson 475 Peacock 339

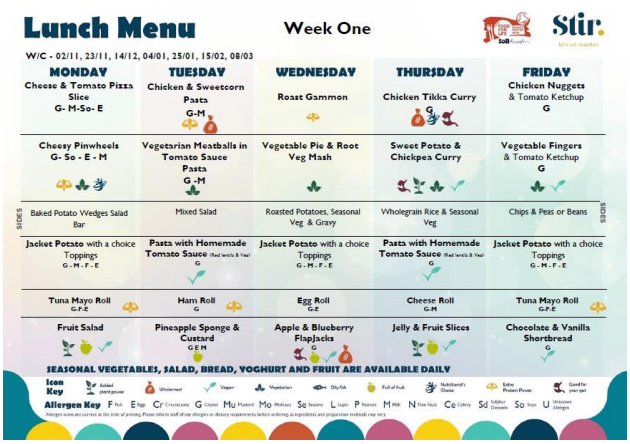
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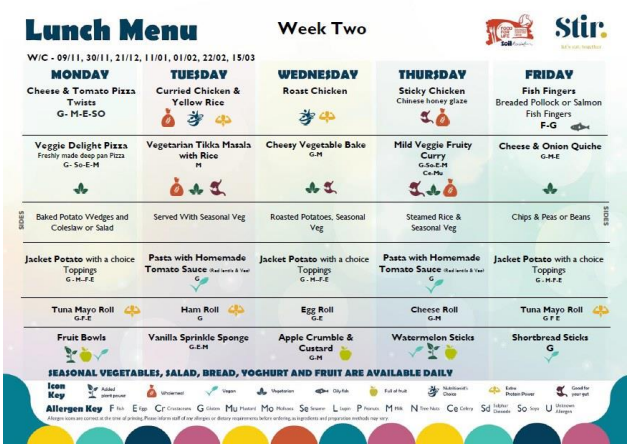
PTA Fundraising Dates

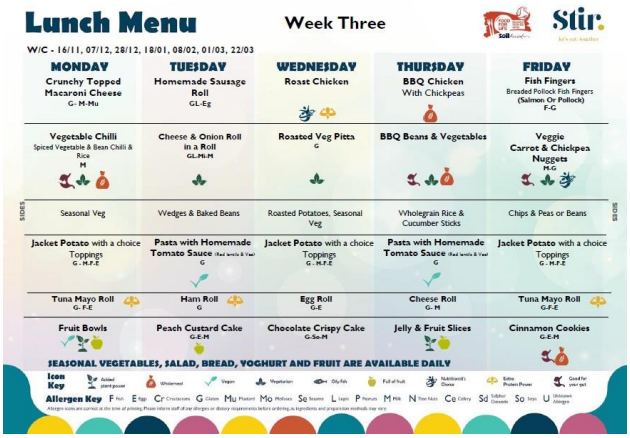
Monday 30th November to Wednesday 4th December – Sweet Jar Competition

We will be holding a class competition to see which class can donate the most sweet jars for the Sweet Tombola. The winning class will be rewarded with a Mufti Day on Friday 4th December. Further details about these fundraising activities will be shared by the PTA in the coming weeks

Autumn/Winter 2026/2027 Menu







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Dream Big, Aim High
& Make a Difference