

26th April 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am disappointed once again to have to write to you about parking. This morning local residents contacted the school complaining about the parking, blocking driveways and displaying anti-social behaviour when asked to move. Please use the Mill Lane car park and walk the short distance to school.

I can barely believe it is the end of another week at Potton Primary. The children have settled back into the new term well and are all working hard on their new topics. Further information on what each year group will be focusing on this term is below which I hope gives you an insight into your child's learning for the upcoming term.

A big well done to the children below who have been awarded this week's Potton Proud Award:

EYFS: Esmae and Teddy

Year 1: Indianna and Harry H

Year 2: Charlie and Connie O'S

Year 3: Hallie and Lia

Year 4: Jake S and Rupert

Year 5: Rosie H, Frankie and Jack G

Year 6: Lucy G, Denys and Olympia

PE: Theo L-H and Riley J

I look forward to meeting with all the children to enjoy hot chocolate on Monday.

On Monday this week we had our SEND Coffee Afternoon, where we welcomed professionals from Mind, SENDIASS, Biggleswade and Sandy Children's Centre and Central Beds Early Help. Thank you to all of you that attended the session we hope that you found it both useful and informative. Our next SEND Coffee Afternoon will be on Monday 24th June 2024 and we will send out further information closer to the time.

Our EYFS team have asked me to send out a plea for any baby dolls (preferably with clothes on) that you might have and no longer need. They would be very gratefully received and any donations can either be given to the teachers or dropped off at the office.

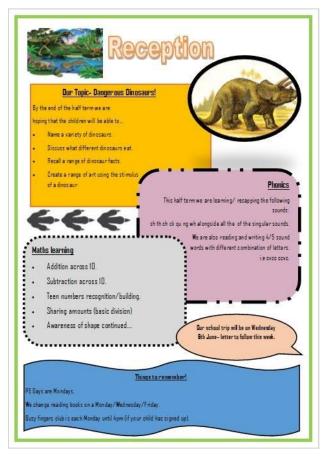
Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Kindest regards

Miss Jordana Watts

Headteacher

Class Newsletters





Year 2 - Mallards & Moorhens

The children are continuing to work hand. We have too's of exciting learning coming up next half term. If there is anything you need to ask or would like support on then please drop us a dojo message, Mrs Durrant, Miss Gray and Mrs Fox.

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Please continue to support your child with reading, spelling & Maths homework each week. Homework books should be returned to school on a Thursday for marking.



Year 3—Woodpeckers and Wrens

It was great to see everyone back again after the Easter break. If you have any questions or would like any support, feel free to drop us a Dojo message, Miss Tustian, Mrs Clarke & Mr Boyd.



This half term, we are becoming geologists in our topic Flow! We look at natural disasters such as volcances and

In English, we are writing non-chronological reports about earthquakes using all the facts learnt in our feegraphy lessons. We will also be reading the book 'The Black Rock' and creating our own narrative based on this.

In Maths, we are revising fractions and expanding our knowledge to also add and subtract them. We will then move on to a topic about money.



our class test on the following Fridgy. Weekly times tokks tests will continue every Fridgy. Please don't froget to use every Fridgy. Please don't froget to use Times Table Rockstors and Nambots regularly at home to support this. We also expect children to be reading at least 3 times as week and ask for this to be recorded in their reading days. The reading log needs to come the studies agree, day, of the week so that we can record if we read with your child.



-White t-shirt

-Black shorts or joggers

-Navy sweatshirt, fleece or cardigan (no hoodies)









Herons and Hawks

Our topic for this half term is 'Blue Abyss', which focuses on pollution and sea life. In the second half of summer term, our topic will be 'Misty Mountains and Winding Rivers'.

Science:

This topic links in nicely with Science, where we are focusing on living things and their habitats from a conservation perspective. Next half term, we will concentrate on states of

English:

Linking to our topic, we are currently looking at piece of work named 'The Stroodle,' which looks at replacing paper straws for more planet friendly alternatives. We will them move onto a fiction piece called 'The Whale'.

The second summer half term, year 4 will be reviewing a poetry piece called 'The River' and will then move onto an informative text called 'Once upon a rain drop'.

Maths:

In Maths, we are currently looking at decimals – converting then into fractions and working on tenths and hundredths. Later in the half term, we will be focusing on money.

In summer 2, year 4 will look into time, shape



PE days for summer 1:

Herons - Fridays

Hawks - Wednesdays and Fridays

Please note, we will contact you regarding summer 2 PE days closer to the time.

Other subjects:

Our topic also links to History, where we are learning about the Titanic. This includes, the making of the Titanic, the class systems, the sinking, survivors and who's to blame... The rest of the term, year 4 will be looking into local history.

For geography, we will start with oceans and time zones, then move onto rivers and mountains.

RE will consist of Sikhism and religious festivals. While in French, we will look into the Romans and depicting how to decode words in French.

In music, we have a very exciting term lined up! The children will have the amazing opportunity to learn how to play the Ukulele.

Key Dates:

6th May – Bank holiday

8th - 10th May - Year 4 school trip

27th - 31st May - half term 3rd June — 14th June — Year 4 multiplication checks

28th June - Year 4 Bikeability

19th July – Last day of term



Welcome to Year 5 - Summer Term

In Year 5, we have three classes: Starlings, Sparrows and Swifts, taught by Mrs Woods, Mr Locke and

Mrs Topple

We had a fabrilous Spring Term 1 and have been very impressed with the children's excited return to school for Summer!

PE days are on Monday and Tuesdays for all of Year 5. The

children should come to school wearing their PE kit on these days.

Maths & English homework: In Year 5, our homework is handed out on a Friday and is due back by the end of the day on a Thursday via a picture uploaded to Class Dojo or a paper copy. There are 3 tasks to complete: Spellings, English and Maths that complement the work we have been The children should not be spending more than 30 minutes on this homework in total.

Spelling homework: Each week the children will be given a set of spellings to learn. These will be taught and practised in school, but should also be learned at home. There will be a weekly test on a Friday.

TT Bookstone

The children have all been given a TT Rockstars login and password so they can be practising their maths times tables at home. There are inter-class competitions to enter and different sections for children to have a go at including. Studio, Carage and Rockstam.

Key Dates for this half term:

Wednesday 1st May Year 5/6 Football

Thursday 2nd May Year 5/6 multi skills event

Monday 6th May Bank Holiday Monday No school Thursday 16th May Year 5 trip to Potton Church

Reading!

Reading has huge benefits for children's wellbeing and academic progress and we therefore encourage children to be reading regularly at home, either independently or with a family member.

The children now have a reading diary.
These should be in school daily and their reading should be recorded.

We visit the school library once a week to select a suitable reading book or children can select one form their class book shelves.

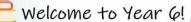
Topics this Term include

The Pharaoh's and Ancient Egyptians and Past and Present.

We will be looking at the history of the Pharaoh Hatshepsut in English, addition and subtraction of decimals in maths and the importance of Rivers in Geography, Art will focus on all things Egyptian.

Epyptian.

After half term, we will be reading the story of The Nowhere Emporium in English, negative numbers and converting units in marts and in History we will be looking at British history and Potton as a local study, in Geography we will be looking at South America in terms of its physical and Human Geography. In science we will be looking at the belooking at the human life code.



It's been a fantastic year so far in Year 6 and we continue to be so proud of the children. We look forward to the final term which is full of exciting activities!

Our first topic in the Summer term is 'Gallery Rebels', where we will be going on a journey through different periods of art history. We will study different artistic styles.

In English, we will be using 'The Lighthouse' animation as inspiration for a narrative piece of writing. Following this, we will be revisiting non-fiction texts.

In Maths, we are continuing our unit of work on geometry (including angles, nets of 3D shapes and circles) before moving onto translations and reflections on a co-ordinate grid. In addition, we will be recapping some key skills focusing on the four operations and fractions.

Throughout **geography**, we will be exploring the human and physical geographical features of France including landmarks.

While in art, we will be learning about cubism, with a particular focus on Georges Braque and Pablo Picasso.

Year 6 SATs
On the week beginning 13th May, the children will be sitting their
KS2 SATs. We know that the children are more than ready for
them and we can't wait for them to show us all that they have

On Monday to Thursday, there will be a breakfast club before school. More information to follow.

To celebrate their hard work throughout the week, we will have a Friday Fun Day including Pizza, film and games.

Homework: Homework continues to be handed out on a Friday and is due back in on Wednesday via a picture uploaded to Class Dojo.



PE days are on Wednesdays and
Thursdays for all of
Year 6.

Reading has huge benefits for children's wellbeing and academic progress and we therefore encourage children to be reading regularly at home, either independently or with a family member.

Reading should be recorded in their reading diaries and signed by an adult. We expect to see 3-5 logs of reading recorded weekly.

Here is a link to top reads for Year 6s:
https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/recommended-reads/year-6f

Key Dates for the term:

Monday 13th to 17th May - Year 6 SATs

Monday I # July to 5th July - Caythorpe Court Residential

Wednesday I0≈ July - Open Afternoon (3:30-4:30pm)

Friday I 2th July (pm)- Year 5/6 Play Performance

Monday ISth July (am)- Year 5/6 Play Performance

Thursday 18th July - End of Year Disco

Friday 19th July – Year & Bouncy Castle Day and Last day of term.

SEND Coffee Afternoon



Summer Term Diary Dates



May

8th May to 10th May - Year 4 Residential

Monday 13th May to 17th May - Year 6 SATS

Thursday 16th May - Year 5 Trip to Potton Church

Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May - May Half Term

June

Monday 3rd June - Back to School

Wednesday 5th June - EYFS Trip

Monday 10th June to Friday 14th June - Fathers Day Gift Shop

Monday 17th June - Year 3 Trip

Monday 24th June - SEND Coffee Afternoon

Monday 24th June - Year 2 Trip

Wednesday 26th June - Potton Transition Afternoon

Thursday 27th June - Potton Transition Day (All Day)

Thursday 27th June - Sandy Secondary School Transition

Friday 28th June - Year 4 Bikeability

July

Monday 1st July to 5th July - Year 6 Residential

Wednesday 10th July - Open Afternoon

Thursday 11th July PM - Year 5&6 Play Performance

Thursday 11th July - Year 1 Trip

Friday 12th July PM - Year 5 & 6 Play Performance

Monday 15th July AM - Year 5 & 6 Play Performance

Tuesday 16th July - Sports Day

Wednesday 17th July - Reserve Sports Day

Thursday 18th July - End Of Year Disco

Friday 19th July - End Of Term - Summer Holiday's

Our School Values - Ready, Respectful and Responsible



We have 3 School Values: Ready, Respectful and Responsible.

Ready – to learn, to listen and to be a success

Respectful – of yourself, others and property

Responsible – you are responsible for your learning, actions and choices

Each week in our Celebration assemblies, classes will award their Ready, Respectful and Responsible 'Stars of the Week'.

This week, certificates were awarded to:

EYFS - Ravens: Ready: Kimi D Respectful: Kiaan P Responsible: Janet S

EYFS - Robins: Ready: Maisey G Respectful: Oscar U Responsible: Rosie B

Year 1 - Peacocks: Ready: Reuben N Respectful: Matilda G Responsible: Elsie W

- Year 1 Puffins: Ready: Carrera R-S Respectful: Dexter M Responsible: Dougie C
- Year 2 Moorhens: Ready: Poppy U Respectful: Kathleen D Responsible: Kaden C
- Year 2 Mallards: Ready: Kayden P Respectful: Eric Z Responsible: Kaylie R-J
- Year 3 Woodpeckers: Ready: Jack S Respectful: N'Kylah D Responsible: Charlotte D
- Year 3 Wrens: Ready: Thea B Respectful: Nancy B Responsible: Alfie F
- Year 4 Hawks: Ready: Eric S Respectful: Harry P Responsible: Darcey A
- Year 4 Herons: Ready: Nyasha K Respectful: James S Responsible: Ronan D
- Year 5 Swifts: Ready: Orlah I Respectful: Tyler A Responsible: Annabel W
- Year 5 Sparrows: Ready: Oliver P Respectful: Mason K-S Responsible: Lula B
- Year 5 Starlings: Ready: Katie D Respectful: Evie H Responsible: Logan B
- Year 6 Kites: Ready: Riley T Respectful: Ava F Responsible: Maisie L W
- Year 6 Kestrels: Ready: Patrick D Respectful: Elijah H Responsible: Jack S
- Year 6 Kingfishers: Ready: Lincoln JG Respectful: Zach H Responsible: Grace N

Class Dojo Awards This Week:



Class Dojo points are awarded throughout the school week for children demonstrating our School Values, producing outstanding work and working above and beyond

This week, Class Dojo 50 point certificates were presented to:

Year 3: Madelaine N

This week, Class Dojo 150 point certificates were presented to:

Year 2: Annalise C

This week, Class Dojo 200 point certificates were presented to:

Year 1: Theo G, Holly H & Harry H

Year 2: Henry W, David S, Kayden P, Nyla A, Ronnie A & Finley S

Year 3: Chloe W, Rory W

This week, Class Dojo 250 point certificates were presented to:

EYFS: Kimi D, Esmae W, Harvey W, Lacey F & Oscar U.

Year 1: Seren H, Osian P & Devlin P

Year 2: Emily W, Ronnie H, Saoirse F, George W & Viki B

Year 3: Oliver J

Year 4: Tia M

Year 6: Archie C

This week, Class Dojo 300 point certificates were presented to:

Year 1: Sophia G & Daisy N

Year 3: Poppy B, Lilia R, Jack S & Carter W

Year 4: Lacey H, Amilia F, Arthur C, Harvey G & Jasmine I

Year 6: Joseph S

This week, Class Dojo 350 point certificates were presented to:

Year 1: Ronnie J

Year 3: Sadie D, Ronnie G

Year 4: William C, Rupert M, George B & Kayla G

Year 6: Maxwell D & Dominic W

This week, Class Dojo 400 point certificates were presented to:

Year 3: Alfie C, Amelia F

Year 4: Zoe L, Theo W, Jenson G, Frazier S, David G, Aina R, Hal M, Harry P & Chloe W

Year 5: Jacob F

Year 6: Lucy G & Maria M

This week, Class Dojo 450 point certificates were presented to:

Year 3: Theo L-H & Lexi S

Year 4: Lena R, Caoimhe F, Emilia P & Anna U

Year 5: Lenny S, Oscar M & Sammy N

Year 6: Freya A-P

This week, Class Dojo 500 point certificates were presented to:

Year 4: Emily H & Lukey B

Year 5: Alyssa B, Jackson D, Dougie H, Nathaniel J, Emily J, Orlah I & Lilly W

Year 6: Lexi C-D, Jasmine B, Willow G-D, Ava W & Freddy H

This week, Class Dojo 550 point certificates were presented to:

Year 6: Jayden S

This week, Class Dojo 600 point certificates were presented to:

Year 6: James B, Bailey B, Jessica M & Maëla LM

This week, Class Dojo 650 point certificates were presented to:

Year 6: Ottilie D

This week, Class Dojo 700 point certificates were presented to:

Year 6: Junior A-S & Kiera W

This week, Class Dojo 750 point certificates were presented to:

Year 6: Jake A & Jeffery M

This week, Class Dojo 800 point certificates were presented to:

Year 6: Riley T

This week, Class Dojo 950 point certificates were presented to:

Year 6: Vanessa C, Maisie L W

Letters Home This Week:



School Uniform Suppliers Information

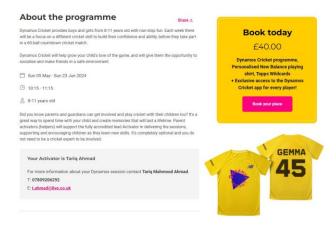
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Potton Library Activities





Other Information



1 - Potton Town Cricket Club is running an 8 week course for 8-11 year olds known as Dynamos.







Sandy Tiger's: Tiger Cubs

Tiger Cubs is for kids showing an interest in football at an early age.

Your child will be coached by UEFA B and Module 3 Age Appropriate FA Qualified coach and given the very best start to the stootballing life. This will also put your child in the best positions to be to one teams at UT(school year 2).

Cubs sessions will be run in periods of to like with the school timetable and split into half term segments. Payment for these will be requested in advance. Details as below.

Because demand for places in tubes is like to be increased and spaces are limited, you will need to regime a hald in a sance as details of a first series of sessions are shown below.

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20/4/2024

27/4/2024 4/5/2024

11/5/2024 18/5/2024

Times

Age Range	Times
Nursery and Reception (U5)	9.30 -10.15am
Year 1 (U6) and Year 2 (U7), Year 3 and 4s (U7)	10.30 - 11.30am
Wildcats – Girls Only 5- 11 year olds	

Costs

The total cost for each period will vary depending on the number of weeks in the period however it will be based of £3.00 per session. ## 15 for the \$_\text{Myggls} period. All session will need to be paid in advance. (If a child misses a session through illness or holiday or bad weather etc no refund will be made).

More Information and Booking

If any further information is required or to book then please contact Natasha at <u>f HYPERLINK "mailto:orchie@virginmedia.com"</u>} or 07957 980492

