

# POTTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Issue 16- Newsletter 17th January 2025



## From the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another busy week at Potton Primary School has taken place. We have also been affected by various illnesses - thank you for your support in keeping us updated with reasons for absence as this has enabled us to respond and put the appropriate measures in place. I hope the children are feeling better soon.

On Tuesday, we welcomed our School Improvement Adviser into School where the focus was on Reading, Phonics and the Quality of Education. During the morning, children were heard reading and positive comments were received about how the children read with confidence and were using strategies to help them read unknown words. During the afternoon, a learning walk took place across the school. Again, positive comments were received about how settled the children were in their lessons and how a range of subjects are taught in different ways.

On Tuesday, we also had a visit from the Local Authority Safeguarding Team to carry out a safeguarding audit. It was a good opportunity to share our practices and procedures with regard to how we safeguard all the children and adults in our school community.

This week, I have looked through a sample of History and Geography books from each class. It has been good to see how our new scheme 'Kapow' is being used across the school to teach both these subjects. The children's work shows a variety of lessons that have been taught and how the children's knowledge has developed over the term.

Don't forget:

We have our next 'Open Afternoon' on Tuesday 21st January 3:30pm to 4:30pm. This is an opportunity for you to visit your child's classroom and see their work. We look forward to welcoming you into school.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,  
Kindest regards  
Miss J Watts  
Headteacher

## Diary Dates

**Tuesday 21st January 3:30pm to 4:30pm**

Open Afternoon - visit your child's classroom and see their work

**Monday 27th January 2025 8pm**

PTFA Meeting - online - see details below

**Tuesday 4th February 1:30 - 3:00pm**

Year 4 Learn Together Afternoon

**Friday 7th February**

NSPCC Number Day - non-uniform with a theme of numbers

**Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February**

Half Term



## Letters Sent Home

**Year 4** - Bikeability

**All** - Scarlet Fever



# Attendance Data

**You MUST inform us if your child is not going to attend school.** If we don't hear from you - we will contact you and will continue to do so until we have a response. This may include a home visit as part of our safeguarding and welfare procedures.

A reminder: Please ensure you are signed up to Studybugs to inform the school of any absence - the school office are able to help you if needed.

## This week's attendance

(Monday 13th January to Thursday 16th January 2025)

Class	Attendance
EYFS - Ravens	63%
EYFS - Robins	70.17%
Year 1 - Puffins	85.5%
Year 1 - Peacocks	93.75%
Year 2 - Mallards	98.66%
Year 2 - Moorhens	94.58%
Year 3 - Woodpeckers	93.3%
Year 3 - Wrens	91.07%
Year 4 - Hawks	84.66%
Year 4 - Herons	95.45%
Year 5 - Swifts	92.24%
Year 5 - Starlings	96.25%
Year 6 - Kestrels	98.21%
Year 6 - Kingfishers	90.48%
Year 6 - Kites	96.2%

## Autumn Term 2 Attendance Data

Whole School Attendance - Weekly Figures

Wk Beg 6th January 2025 = 94.73%

Wk Beg 13th January 2025 = 89.24%

**Our school target is 97%**

**Our attendance for the week is**

**89.24%**

**Our attendance for the year to date is**

**94.09%**

### Attendance Groups

**Green 97 - 100%**

Best chance of academic success

**Yellow - 96 - 96.9%**

Risk of underachievement

**Amber - 94 - 95.9%**

Serious risk of underachievement

**Pink - 90 - 93.9%**

Severe risk of underachievement

**Red - 0 - 89.9%**

Extreme risk - persistent absentee

**Attend today, achieve tomorrow... everyday counts!**

# This week's awards



In today's assembly, we celebrated...

## Writing Superstars

Puffins - Caiden D  
 Peacocks - Kiaan. P  
 Mallards - Jacob S  
 Moorhens - Parker W  
 Wrens - Ethan F  
 Woodpeckers - Rudy H  
 Hawks - Eden-Rose W  
 Herons - Finnley F  
 Swifts - Nathan C  
 Starlings - Aina R  
 Kites - Esme T  
 Kestrels - Sammy N  
 Kingfishers - Oscar M

## Maths Superstars

Puffins - Esmae W  
 Peacocks - Mollie. S  
 Mallards - Dougie C  
 Moorhens - Teddy F  
 Wrens - Kathleen D  
 Woodpeckers - Amelie W  
 Hawks - Ethan P  
 Herons - Rory W  
 Swifts - Caoimhe F  
 Starlings - Ronan D  
 Kites - Frankie A  
 Kestrels - Ruby S  
 Kingfishers - Amelia B

## Values

Puffins - Austin P  
 Peacocks - Summer-Rose. G  
 Mallards - Scarlett B-S  
 Moorhens - Devlin P  
 Wrens - Kayden P  
 Woodpeckers - Lottie J  
 Hawks - Charlotte D  
 Herons - Sadie D  
 Swifts - Caoimhe F  
 Starlings - Ellie W  
 Kites - Alyssa B  
 Kestrels - Lula B  
 Kingfishers - William G

Year 3 - Connie O & Nyla A  
 Year 4 - Cruz W & Theo L-H  
 Year 5 - Theo W & Cody R  
 Year 6 - Marnie C, Jacob S & Amelia L



## House Points This Week

Ash = 229	Birch = 296 	Elm = 288
Oak = 258	Sycamore = 231	Willow = 251

## House Cup Leaderboard

Ash =	Birch = 1	Elm = 1
Oak = 2	Sycamore = 5	Willow =

# In Other News...

## Crossing Patrol On Everton Road



We have been notified by the CBC Road Safety team that following a recent survey there is no longer the need for a crossing patrol. This was not the response we were expecting and are very disappointed by this news. We look forward to working with the school community to explore future options.

## EYFS Resources

As we continue to develop the different learning zones in our EYFS area, we are on the look out for:

- toy cars and other vehicles
- small animals
- wooden blocks (similar to those you get in a push along trolley)
- cushions for the reading area
- phones - with buttons to press
- role play items - toy kettle, highchair, dolls bed
- puppets
- puzzles suitable for reception aged children
- board games e.g. Connect 4, Pop Up Pirate, Snakes and Ladders, Frustration

Please bring any donations to the Roots School Office.

## PTFA

Date for your diary...

Our next meeting is:

**Monday 27th January  
2025 at 8pm.**

This meeting will be held  
online.

Please contact us if you  
would like the meeting link

**[ptfa@pottonprimary.co.uk](mailto:ptfa@pottonprimary.co.uk)**

# Other Information

## Pizza and Chat

A group for young people aged 11 to 18 to meet, eat pizza, play games and talk about life, faith and the big questions.

**Begins on 2 February**  
and then every  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.**  
**6-8pm.**  
**St. Swithin's Church Rooms.**

*Run jointly by St. Swithin's Church Sandy & St. Mary's Church Potton. For more information contact either Rev. Jodie Brown ([revjodiebrown@gmail.com](mailto:revjodiebrown@gmail.com)) or Rev. Alex Wheatley ([alex.Wheatley.rector@gmail.com](mailto:alex.Wheatley.rector@gmail.com))*

