



### From the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the information sent yesterday, I just wanted to reassure you that my absence from school has been due to illness and I am now on the road to recovery. I am very grateful to various medical teams who have looked after me and I am looking forward to returning back to school soon.

What a week it has been at Potton Primary! On Monday morning the school received the call from OFSTED that a graded inspection was to be carried out. I would like to thank the children, staff, parents/carers and the governing body for their support during the 2 day inspection. The school were due an inspection before the end of the academic year due to the timescale from the previous inspection undertaken as 'Potton Lower School'. It was a very strange experience not to be in school but I was able to attend the final feedback meeting albeit virtually and support the school where I could during the 2 days. I am not able to share any information with you yet as the inspection team have to write their report and this has to go through their quality assurance procedures. I hope to have the final report to share with you in about a month's time.

Next week, we will be focusing on 'Children's Mental Health' with each class taking part in various focused activities.

I wish you all a lovely weekend and hope to see you all again soon.

Kindest regards  
Miss J Watts  
Headteacher

### Diary Dates

#### February

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

**Monday 24th February** - Children back to school.

#### March

**Monday 3rd March to Thursday 6th March** -  
Year 6 Bikeability

**Monday 3rd March to Wednesday 5th March**  
- Year 4 Residential

**Friday 7th March** - Widdershins Puppet Theatre  
Performance

**Week Commencing 24th March** - Mother's  
Day Gift Shop



### Letters Sent Home

**All**  
Children's Mental Health Week

**Reception**  
Scarlet Fever

**Year 4**  
Grafham Trip - Final Parent Information



# Last week's awards



In today's assembly, we celebrated...

## Writing Superstars

Puffins - Adaline N  
 Peacocks - Tommy. S  
 Mallards - George M  
 Moorhens - Gracie M  
 Wrens - Max C  
 Woodpeckers - Emily W  
 Hawks - Lexi S  
 Herons - Poppy B  
 Swifts - Nathan C  
 Starlings - Kayla G  
 Kestrels - Jacob S  
 Kingfishers - Connor A

## Maths Superstars

Puffins - Ralph J  
 Peacocks - Laura. R  
 Mallards - Indianna S  
 Moorhens - Harry H  
 Wrens - Finley S  
 Woodpeckers - Arthur I  
 Hawks - Lia C  
 Herons - Isla S  
 Swifts - Lena R  
 Starlings - Amelia F  
 Kestrels - Oliver P  
 Kingfishers - Amelia B


## Values

Puffins - Esmee W  
 Peacocks - R'kaii D  
 Mallards - Hayley OL  
 Moorhens - Stevie W  
 Wrens - Eric Z  
 Woodpeckers - Alfie C  
 Hawks - Maisie W  
 Herons - Lillia N  
 Swifts - Cassie D  
 Starlings - Elie E  
 Kestrels - Alfie S  
 Kingfishers - Katie D

Year 3 - Khush B & Finley V  
 Year 4 - Finnley F & Eden-Rose W  
 Year 5 - Anesu N & Theo W  
 Year 6 - Ruby S & Belle C



## House Points This Week

Ash = 313	Birch = 304	Elm = 339
Oak = 376 	Sycamore = 318	Willow = 291

## House Cup Leaderboard

Ash =	Birch = 1	Elm = 2
Oak = 3	Sycamore = 5	Willow =

# This week's awards



In today's assembly, we celebrated...

## Writing Superstars

Puffins - Grace G  
 Peacocks - Janet. S  
 Mallards - Ronnie J  
 Moorhens - Ruby G  
 Wrens - Khush B  
 Woodpeckers - Finley V  
 Hawks - Pippa V  
 Herons - N'Kylah D  
 Swifts - Fraser R  
 Starlings - George B  
 Kites - Evie S  
 Kestrels - Jack G  
 Kingfishers - Oscar M

## Maths Superstars

Puffins - Ellie-May S  
 Peacocks - Summer Gr  
 Mallards - Emmy N  
 Moorhens - Tally T  
 Wrens - Ronnie H  
 Woodpeckers - Ralphie M  
 Hawks - Ronnie G  
 Herons - Lilia R  
 Swifts - Thea J  
 Starlings - Hal M  
 Kites - Oskar T  
 Kestrels - Wilfred W  
 Kingfishers - Evie H

## Values

Puffins - Toby T  
 Peacocks - Remi. W  
 Mallards - Michael B  
 Moorhens - Leo C  
 Wrens - Edward C  
 Woodpeckers - Connie O  
 Hawks - Tiana C  
 Herons - Thea B  
 Swifts - Mia M-S  
 Starlings - Ava M  
 Kites - Lenny S  
 Kestrels - Fynley S  
 Kingfishers - Whole Class

Year 3 - Amelie W & Ethan F  
 Year 4 - Poppy B & Lexi S  
 Year 5 - Jake S & Caoimhe F  
 Year 6 - Maddie G & Marnie C



## House Points This Week

<b>Ash = 217</b>	<b>Birch = 244</b>	<b>Elm = 234</b>
<b>Oak = 255</b>	<b>Sycamore = 272</b>	<b>Willow = 273</b>



## House Cup Leaderboard

<b>Ash =</b>	<b>Birch = 1</b>	<b>Elm = 2</b>
<b>Oak = 3</b>	<b>Sycamore = 5</b>	<b>Willow = 1</b>

# In Other News...

## 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.



## MOTHER'S DAY GIFT SHOP

A pop-up gift shop will be open during the week of 24th March 2025 for children to visit during school time to buy a gift for their loved one.

Gifts will be wrapped and ready to give!

Each gift will be £2.50. You can pay online and your child's name and number of gifts purchased will be added to a register.

To pay for a gift please visit:

<https://potton-lower-school.sumupstore.com/product/mother-s-day-gift-shop-2025>

Please ensure that you enter your child/children's names not your own name when making payment.

Deadline for purchases will be 18th March 2025.



# Bedfordshire

## Fire & Rescue Service

[bedsfire.gov.uk](http://bedsfire.gov.uk)  
Southfields Road  
Kempston, Bedford  
MK42 7NR  
[bedsfirealert.co.uk](http://bedsfirealert.co.uk)  
@bedsfire

### Parking

Dear Parents and Guardians

Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service would like to remind you to park considerately during school pick up and drop off times. Schools have reported concerns that emergency service vehicle access could be hindered when attending an emergency call. Fire engines require a gap of almost 3m (around 10ft) to get through.

When attending a fire or road collision, every second is precious.



Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Kind Regards

Lauren McEvoy

Community Safety Officer

Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service



REGIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAMME

# STRATTON HOLIDAY CAMP

## FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

Football & Multi-Sports Camps provide the perfect mix of football, sports and activities throughout the camp. Our Camps are perfect for any child looking to have fun throughout the holidays while improving their skills.



Stratton Upper School



Monday 17th – Tuesday 18th  
February



Ages 5-12

For more information contact:  
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