

# POTTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## From the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy first week back following the half term break. It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school and see them all focused on their learning.

This morning, I had the pleasure of joining our school choir in the glorious sunshine at the official opening ceremony of the "Potton Hall for All" where the children sang to HRH The Duke of Gloucester and many others. HRH The Duke of Gloucester commented on how beautifully the children sang. I was incredibly proud of the children and how amazingly they represented our school. Thank you to all the children and staff for their hard work preparing for this event.

"The Potton Hall for All" event was also attended by the High Sheriff of Bedfordshire, Mr Shah. Following the event he came and visited our school this afternoon. He was very impressed by the children's behaviour during lunchtime. Mr Shah spoke to some of the children and even joined in our playground disco! The children were very impressed to see Mr Shah dressed in his official uniform.

### Lateness to School

I have noticed more children arriving late to school. The impact of this is that children are often missing the first part of their lesson and are not ready to take part in their learning on time. It is really important that **all** children arrive at school when the gates open at 8:45am. Children who arrive once the gates have closed at 9:00am will be marked as late, which may lead to further action from the school attendance team.

Finally, a reminder that next week is World Book Week at Potton Primary please see the below information for more details on the events taking place during the week.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards

Miss J Watts  
Headteacher

## Diary Dates

### March

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

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

**Monday 3rd March to Friday 7th March** - World Book Week

**Thursday 6th March** - World Book Day

**Thursday 6th March** - "Dress your Door" - 3:30 - 4:30pm

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

**Thursday 20th March & Friday 21st March** - Soccer Star Challenge Event in school - more details to follow

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

**Tuesday 25th & Wednesday 26th March** - Parents Evenings

**Friday 28th March** - Break The Rules Day - Further details to follow

**Saturday 12th April** - PTFA Easter Egg Hunt & Craft Fair - 2pm - 4pm - further details below.



## Letters Sent Home

Soccer Star Challenge  
World Book Day  
PHSE Lessons



# 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

Class	Attendance
EYFS - Ravens	95.76%
EYFS - Robins	92.00%
Year 1 - Puffins	94.80%
Year 1 - Peacocks	94.80%
Year 2 - Mallards	96.43%
Year 2 - Moorhens	89.67%
Year 3 - Woodpeckers	96.43%
Year 3 - Wrens	97.14%
Year 4 - Hawks	88.57%
Year 4 - Herons	96.36%
Year 5 - Swifts	92.86%
Year 5 - Starlings	97.00%
Year 6 - Kestrels	89.55%
Year 6 - Kingfishers	96.67%
Year 6 - Kites	90.83%

## Spring Term 2 Attendance Data

Whole School Attendance - Weekly Figures

Wk Beg 24th Feb 2025 = 94.0%

**Our school target is 97%**

Our attendance for the week is

**94.00%**

Our attendance for the year to date is

**93.94%**

### 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 - Ted R  
 Peacocks - Jack D  
 Mallards - Emmy N  
 Moorhens - Denys R  
 Wrens - Viki B  
 Woodpeckers - Ivy R  
 Hawks - Olivia W  
 Herons - Lillia N  
 Swifts - Akorede W  
 Starlings - Hal M  
 Kites - Emily J  
 Kestrels - Grace S  
 Kingfishers - Amelia B

## Maths Superstars

Puffins - Lacey F  
 Peacocks - Remi S  
 Mallards - George M  
 Moorhens - Casey W  
 Wrens - Kayden P  
 Woodpeckers - Chloe A  
 Hawks - Charlotte D  
 Herons - Brooke D  
 Swifts - Chloe W  
 Starlings - Tia M  
 Kites - Esme T  
 Kestrels - Riley J  
 Kingfishers - Connor A


## Values

Puffins - Esmee W  
 Peacocks - Michael J  
 Mallards - Braydon D  
 Moorhens - Theo H  
 Wrens - Ava L  
 Woodpeckers - Ronnie A  
 Hawks - Lia C  
 Herons - Layla N  
 Swifts - Eric S  
 Starlings - Aina R  
 Kites - Frankie A  
 Kestrels - Ella T  
 Kingfishers - Annabel W

Year 3 - Kathleen D & Kaden C  
 Year 4 - Ethan F & Isla S  
 Year 5 - Brooklynn D & Zoe L  
 Year 6 - Douglas H, Orlah I & Amelia L



## House Points This Week

<b>Ash = 248</b>	<b>Birch = 253</b>	<b>Elm = 237</b>
<b>Oak = 244</b>	<b>Sycamore = 229</b>	<b>Willow = 291</b> 

<b>Ash = 0</b>	<b>Birch = 0</b>	<b>Elm = 0</b>
<b>Oak = 0</b>	<b>Sycamore = 0</b>	<b>Willow = 1</b>

# In Other News...



A poster for the PTFA Easter Egg Hunt & craft fair. The background is teal with colorful Easter eggs and a white rabbit head at the top center. The text is in white and yellow.

*PTFA Easter Egg Hunt & craft fair*

SATURDAY 12TH APRIL 2-4

ON THE SCHOOL PLAYING FIELD - GO TO MIDDLE GATES FOR ENTRY

£2 PER CHILD - £5 FOR FAMILY OF 3 OR MORE CHILDREN

CASH AND CARD ACCEPTED.

CHOCOLATE PRIZE FOR ALL CHILDREN.

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE TO BUY AT EVENT

ENTRY TO CRAFT FAIR IS FREE.

Potton primary PTFA  
registered charity 1020321



A poster for the Mother's Day Gift Shop. The background is white with a floral border. The text is in black and blue.

  
**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.