

POTTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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From the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow! What a week it has been here at Potton Primary, it has been lovely to see all the children outside on the playground enjoying this lovely spring sunshine.

On Monday we received our OFSTED report. I am really proud of the journey Potton Primary has had over the last year and a half and I am delighted by the outcome of our first inspection as a primary school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you that are invested in our school for your continued support and to our staff, children and governors for your continued hard work and for making our school an enjoyable place to work and learn. In the coming weeks we will have some celebrations to mark Potton Primary being graded GOOD in all aspects.

Yesterday we celebrated World Book Day at Potton Primary. It was fabulous to wander around the school and see the children and staff all in their different costumes. Thank you for supporting our "Tour of the Door" after school yesterday. I hope you and your children had a lovely time seeing the artistic talents of the staff! Thank you to Miss Grinstead for organising the different activities undertaken during our book day celebrations and thank you to the staff for their time in decorating the doors.

This week we had two groups from our Year 6 cohort take part in Bikeability. On Monday, the children were practising riding their bike safely on the playground and then for the last three days they have been out on the road practising how to cycle safely when out and about.

Our Year 4 residential to Grafham Water took place this week. 31 of our Year 4 children attended a two night, three day stay. I visited the children on Tuesday evening and it was brilliant to listen to their stories about the exciting activities they had taken part in. The "Grafham Challenge" certainly sounded fun - children in blindfolds in the dark having great fun! Thank you to all the adults for making this such a rewarding and memorable experience for all of the children involved.

The Year 4 children that did not attend the residential trip, formed the temporary "Hummingbirds Class" and enjoyed lots of fun activities in school which included, among many other things, eating pancakes on Tuesday to celebrate pancake day. Lots of fun was had by all during the week.

Next week Potton Primary will be celebrating "Science Week". Mrs Fox, our Science Subject Leader, has been busy preparing activities for each year group. We will also be taking delivery of this years "living eggs", and we look forward to watching some very special visitors hatch during this week.

Finally, may I please take this opportunity to remind parents/carers that our school car park is for staff and visitors to the school only. We do have two disabled parking spaces available for parents/carers who display a blue badge and need use of the disabled parking. Could I therefore ask that you do not use the school carpark when dropping off or collecting your children. Also I have received some concerns from our neighbours regarding safety of our families when leaving school. Please can you ensure that children are leaving the school site safely and are supervised to ensure they are all aware of any vehicles pulling out of the surrounding houses.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards

Miss J Watts
Headteacher

Diary Dates

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

Parents Evening



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	97.14%
EYFS - Robins	92.62%
Year 1 - Puffins	96.40%
Year 1 - Peacocks	91.60%
Year 2 - Mallards	96.79%
Year 2 - Moorhens	90.67%
Year 3 - Woodpeckers	94.29%
Year 3 - Wrens	95.36%
Year 4 - Hawks	95.24%
Year 4 - Herons	96.36%
Year 5 - Swifts	92.50%
Year 5 - Starlings	96.33%
Year 6 - Kestrels	94.55%
Year 6 - Kingfishers	90.95%
Year 6 - Kites	94.17%

Spring Term 2 Attendance Data

Whole School Attendance - Weekly Figures

Wk Beg 24th Feb 2025 = 94.0%

Wk Beg 3rd Mar 2025 = 94.33%

Our school target is 97%

Our attendance for the week is

94.33%

Our attendance for the year to date is

93.95%

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 - Isla W
 Peacocks - Summer- Rose G
 Mallards - Ryder S
 Moorhens - Leo C
 Wrens - Summer F
 Woodpeckers - Alfie C
 Swifts - Bonnie G
 Starlings - Zoe L
 Kites - Evie S
 Kestrels - Douglas H
 Kingfishers - Sam J

Maths Superstars

Puffins - Linda H
 Peacocks - Oscar U
 Mallards - Albi L
 Moorhens - Charlie R
 Wrens - Poppy U
 Woodpeckers - Avraaj P
 Swifts - Brooklynn D
 Starlings - Anna U
 Kites - Nancy C
 Kestrels - Rosie H
 Kingfishers - Nathaniel J


Values

Puffins - Maisey G
 Peacocks - Dominik T
 Mallards - Jacob S
 Moorhens - Ruby G
 Wrens - George W
 Woodpeckers - Ralphie M
 Hawks - All Children
 Herons - All Children
 Hummingbirds - All Children
 Swifts - Jenson G
 Starlings - Ruby G
 Kites - Ella D
 Kestrels - Marley G-D
 Kingfishers -

Year 3 - Henry W & Lottie J
 Year 5 - Ronnie W & William B
 Year 6 - Alfie S, Esme T & Orlah I



House Points This Week

Ash = 263	Birch = 283 	Elm = 257
Oak = 272	Sycamore = 269	Willow = 243

Ash = 0	Birch = 1	Elm = 0
Oak = 0	Sycamore = 0	Willow = 1

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. The text is centered and reads: '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.', and 'Potton primary PTFA registered charity 1020321' at the bottom.

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CHOCOLATE PRIZE FOR ALL CHILDREN.

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A poster for the Mother's Day Gift Shop. The background is white with a floral border. The text is centered and reads: 'POTTON PRIMARY SCHOOL' logo, '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.', and 'Deadline for purchases will be 18th March 2025.'

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MOTHER'S DAY GIFT SHOP

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