

POTTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 13th March 2026



From the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, my apologies for there not being a newsletter last week, we had some technical issues. It has been a very busy week at Potton Primary, it has been Science Week and the children have been enjoying lots of fun Science 'bubble' based activities in class.

We have also welcomed some chicks into school again. They will be with us until next week. The children have been enjoying watching them hatch. We now have 9 chicks in total and they are very cute! There are some pictures below.

On Monday this week our Years 2 & 4 children visited Potton Library during the school day. I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to join Heron's Class on their visit. We all had a lovely time, the children really enjoyed it and showcased our school amazingly. Our Year 3 children will be attending the library this coming Monday 16th March. Thank you to them and all the staff for their help making these visits possible. I really hope the children enjoyed themselves.

Happening next week...

On Tuesday and Friday Morning next week we have our Rocksteady Concerts for parents/carers of our children that are currently taking part in Rocksteady.

We have Parents' Evening on Tuesday and Wednesday after school where you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher/s.

On Thursday Afternoon we have our next SEND Coffee Afternoon where we are welcoming Sandy and Biggleswade Children's Centre and Sandy Mental Health Support Team.

Our school council are running an Easter Egg Raffle. Tickets are available from class teachers for 50p each. Also, if you are able to donate any eggs they would be gratefully received and can be given to either of the school offices.

We have been made aware The Bedfordshire Community Health Service School nursing team have issued the first issue of their School Nursing Newsletter. The newsletter can be accessed via the following link - <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/iVLyzYTlyEuk2oZn?ref=Link>

Finally, a reminder to please be considerate of our neighbours when parking to drop off or collecting your children. We have received 2 complaints from local residents about inconsiderate and dangerous parking. If there is no space to park safely around the school site please ensure that you utilise the Mill Lane Car park.

A polite reminder that our school car park is for our staff and not parent/carer parking. There are 2 disabled parking bays for blue badge holders only.

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



Diary Dates



Monday 16th March - Year 3 - Potton Library Visit

Tuesday 17th March - 10:00am - Rocksteady Performance to parents.

Tuesday 17th March - Parents Evening

Wednesday 18th March - Parents Evening

Thursday 19th March - SEND Coffee Afternoon

Friday 20th March - 9:30am Rocksteady Performance to parents

Saturday 21st March - PTFA Easter Egg Hunt

Tuesday 24th March - 2:00pm - Year 3 Learn Together Afternoon

Wednesday 25th March - Year 6 Evacuee Day

Thursday 26th March - Year 6 Parents SATS Information Evening - 3:30pm

Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April- Easter Holidays

Monday 13th April - Children return to school

Letters Home

EYFS
Ark Farm Visit

Year 6
Parents SATS information evening

Potton Primary Art Gallery

On Wednesday last week we had the Art Gallery in the Branches Hall after school. I hope that all of you that were able to attend enjoyed the event. I was so impressed with the children's amazing art work. Thank you to all of the staff who helped to organise this event, in particular a special thank you to Mrs Topple.

During the event we also ran a raffle for the chance to win one of our hamper boxes. I am sure you will agree these looked amazing. Thank you to Miss France and some of the Year 5 children for putting these together,

Here is a picture of the hampers and the winners of each one below::

Box A: Rosie B (Ravens)
Box B: Darcie-Grace H (Mallards)
Box C: Isla R (Puffins)
Box D: Aina R (Kingfishers)



Well done everyone.



World Book Day Winners



Extreme Reader Winners

Reception - Eddie S-S

Year 1 - Mahlia A

Year 2 - Harvey W

Year 3 - Stevie W

Year 4 - George W

Year 5 - Max I

Year 6 - Hal M

Potato Character Winners

Reception - Edie L

Year 1 - Daisy W

Year 2 - Oscar U

Year 3 - Tally TT

Year 4 - Poppy U

Year 5 - Rory W

Year 6 - Thea J

Book Review Winners

Elijah S - Robins

Kimi D - Mallards

Teddy S - Mallards

Emilia A - Wrens

Devlin P - Wrens

Ava L - Hawks

Ella B - Hawks

Awards Last Week



Class Superstars

Peacocks: Mia H
Puffins: Erin N
Mallards: Darcie H
Moorhens: Remi W
Wrens: Daisy N
Woodpeckers: Casey W
Hawks: Max D
Hérons: Macie N
Swifts: Thea B
Starlings: Chloe W
Kites: Emily H
Kingfishers : Madison T

Values Superstars

Peacocks: George C
Puffins: Esmé D
Mallards: Adaline N
Moorhens: Caiden D
Wrens: Braydon D
Woodpeckers: Ronnie J
Hawks: Rudy H
Hérons: Connie O'S
Swifts: Nancy B
Starlings: Harriet H
Kites: James S
Kingfishers : Lily D

Numbots Star Of The Week

Puffins: Etta MM
Peacocks: Ezra S
Mallards: Charlie S
Moorhens: Remi S

Times Tables Rockstars Star Of The Week

Wrens: Ryder S
Woodpeckers: Rufus MM
Hérons: Charlie W
Hawks: Loren Y
Swifts: Eden-Rose W
Starlings: Theo L-H
Kites: Gracie H
Kingfishers: Harry P

Housepoints This Week

Ash: 177	Birch: 199	Elm: 182
Oak: 203	Sycamore: 199	Willow: 206
Ash: 1	Birch: 1	Elm: 1
Oak: 2	Sycamore: 2	Willow: 1

House Cup Winners This Week are.....



Willow



Awards this Week

In today's assembly, we celebrated...

Class Superstars

Peacocks: Rufus D
Puffins: Indie B
Mallards: Alfie P
Moorhens: Ralph J
Wrens: Denys R
Woodpeckers: Ruby G
Hawks: Luke B-A
Hérons: Ava N
Swifts: George E
Starlings: Tiana C
Kites: Tia M
Kingfishers: Megan R

Values Superstars

Peacocks: William R
Puffins: Remi S
Mallards: Devon W
Moorhens: R'Kaii D
Wrens: Ava A
Woodpeckers: Harry H
Hawks: George W
Hérons: Alfie C
Swifts: Beau K-S
Starlings: Olivia W
Kites: Caoimhe F
Kingfishers: Aina R

Numbots Star Of The Week

Puffins: Mahlia A
Peacocks: Ella S
Mallards: Travis B-G
Moorhens: Tobey D

Times Tables Rockstars Star Of The Week

Wrens: Osian P
Woodpeckers: Wynter W
Hérons: Ralphie Mc
Hawks: Poppy U
Swifts: Lillia N
Starlings: Poppy B
Kites: William C
Kingfishers: Ronan D

Housepoints This Week

Ash: 139	Birch: 140	Elm: 120
Oak: 143	Sycamore: 114	Willow: 112
Ash: 1	Birch: 1	Elm: 1
Oak: 3	Sycamore: 2	Willow: 1

House Cup Winners This Week are.....



Oak



Safeguarding Information

What should you do if you have a concern?

If you have a worry or concern about the welfare or safety of a child in our school what should you do?

Please contact our safeguarding team via safeguarding@pottonprimary.co.uk

Our Safeguarding Team



Miss Jordana Watts
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mr Stephen Boyd
Deputy Head &
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Hazel Desborough
Family Support Worker &
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Christine Ives
SendCo & Safeguarding Office

Mrs S Gurney - Designated Safeguarding Governor

Free Webinars for Parents & Carers



Parents & Carers Cyber Choices and Online Safety Events

Please note there are two parts to the parent events, and you will need to register for each independently. This session is suitable for parents/carers of children in Year 5 (age 9) and above. This is an opportunity to learn and ask questions regarding your child's online world.

If you think these events may be of interest to others, please forward this information on to them.

For any questions, please email us at cyberprotectorsou@beds.police.uk.

Parents Event - Pt1 - Introduction to Cyber Choices and Online Risks

This session will introduce you to the [Cyber Choices programme](#) and will provide:

- An overview to parents and carers on what cybercrime is.
- What the risks to young people are.
- How the Cyber Choices programme supports at-risk individuals.
- How you can refer a young person into Cyber Choices.

You will also receive an overview of:

- Some of the potential risks that children and young people may experience online.
- Advice to support parents to make informed decisions and keep their children safer online.

These events are **free**, and you can book your tickets directly via:

Wednesday 11 th March	14:00 – 15:00 - Link
Thursday 7 th May	13:00 – 14:00 - Link
Monday 6 th July	10:00 – 11:00 - Link
Wednesday 23 rd September	16:00 – 17:00 - Link
Tuesday 10 th November	11:00 – 12:00 - Link

Parents Event - Pt2 - Tools and techniques to improve the cyber security of your family

This session will:

- Provide advice on how to improve your personal cyber security.
- Help you to identify and protect your (and your children's) key accounts.
- Identify threats and techniques that cyber criminals may use to target you / your family.
- Highlight the benefits of family accounts.
- Identify parental controls on your router.
- Signposting to useful resources.

Advice and guidance from the session will be in line with the Government's [Stop! Think Fraud](#) and the National Cyber Security Centres [CyberAware](#) campaign.

These events are **free**, and you can book your tickets directly via:

Wednesday 18 th March	10:00 – 11:00 - Link
Thursday 14 th May	13:00 – 14:00 - Link
Monday 13 th July	10:00 – 11:00 - Link
Wednesday 30 th September	16:00 – 17:00 - Link
Tuesday 17 th November	16:00 – 17:00 - Link

Other Information - Events



EASTER BONNET Competition

ENTRIES TO BE IN SCHOOL BY MONDAY 23RD MARCH 2026

Please ensure your child's name, class and house are written inside their bonnet.

House points for every entry. Prizes for winners from each year group.

Potton Post Office are going to be stocking items to use on your bonnets.

The poster features a central illustration of a child's face wearing a green and yellow bonnet, surrounded by colorful Easter eggs and bunnies. Above the illustration are three smaller photos of different bonnet designs: one with a wide brim and flowers, one with a red top and blue flowers, and one with a green top and yellow flowers. The background is a light blue sky with a sunburst pattern and a string of colorful bunting.



SEND COFFEE AFTERNOON

Thursday 19th March 2025
2:00pm
The Branches Hall

We are really excited to be welcoming The Biggleswade and Sandy Mental Health Support Team and Sandy and Biggleswade Childrens Centre to this Coffee Afternoon.

We look forward to seeing you

The poster includes logos for NHS East London NHS Foundation Trust, POTTON PRIMARY SCHOOL, and a tree logo for Biggleswade Childrens Centre. At the bottom, there are three illustrations of coffee cups: a white cup on a saucer, a brown mug, and another white cup on a saucer.




**Potton Primary School
School Council
Easter Egg Raffle**

Tickets will go on sale this week for the School Council Easter Egg Raffle. Tickets are 50p each and can be purchased from the class teacher.

The raffle will be drawn during the last week of term.

The poster features a background of colorful Easter eggs hanging from strings. At the bottom, there are several large, decorated Easter eggs in various colors and patterns, including blue, purple, yellow, and green.



**Potton Primary School
Year 3
Learn Together Afternoon
Tuesday 24th March
2:00pm to 3:00 pm**

Parents/carers/grandparents of Year 3 children are invited into school to work with their child to complete activities linked to the children's topic "Antarctica"

If you would like to join in please let the School Office know via email:
office@pottonprimary.co.uk

The poster has a light blue background with a stylized illustration of an Antarctic landscape, including icebergs, a walrus, and a penguin. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold and regular fonts.

Potton Primary School PTFA Event



On Sunday the 21st March the PTFA will be hosting their annual Easter Egg Hunt. This is always a popular event and the PTFA are in need of some volunteers to help on the day. Volunteers will be asked to cover either 12:30–3:00pm (including set-up) or 3:00–4:30pm (including clear-up). This means everyone will still be able to enjoy the hunt with their children. If you are able to volunteer, please email PTFA@pottonprimary.co.uk. Without volunteers, we cannot run these events.

We are also hoping to run a Teddy Tombola at the Easter Egg Hunt. Therefore, if you have any teddies that are in a good condition to donate we would welcome these.

There will be a cake sale at the event and if you are able to make a donation of nut-free cakes these would be very much appreciated.

Any donations can be dropped off at the school office.

Other Information

CHUMS YOUNG PEOPLE & PARENT/CARER WORKSHOPS

Our online workshops are designed as a starting point for families with children who have low level difficulties. These are one-off 2-hour sessions conducted virtually via Microsoft teams.

Please note these workshops do not support moderate/severe difficulties and will not address risky behaviours (self-harm, suicidal ideations).

PARENT ANXIETY WORKSHOP

17/2/26 @ 9:30AM - 11:30AM

(For parents of young people aged 5 - 11 years old)

One-off workshop exploring emotional development in children, emotional regulation, psychoeducation around anxiety and anxiety management strategies.

PARENT SELF-ESTEEM WORKSHOP

21/1/26 @ 9:30AM - 11:30AM

(For parents of young people aged 5 - 12 years old)

One off workshop which equips parents with an understanding of self-esteem and ways to promote high self-esteem through parenting style and collaborative activities to try at home with their young person.

11+ ANXIETY WORKSHOP

17/2/26 @ 4PM - 6PM

(For young people aged 11+, parents also welcome to attend)

This single psychoeducation session explores emotional development in children, emotional regulation, and focuses on anxiety and anxiety management strategies.

PARENTAL SEPARATION WORKSHOP

3/2/26 @ 9:30AM - 11:30AM

(For parents of young people aged 5 - 12 years old)

One-off Workshop that explores the following topics: Common child responses to separation, emotional regulation, potential disruptive behaviour problems + techniques to manage them and identifying worries in young people and how to work through these.

BEHAVIOUR WORKSHOPS

9/2/26 @ 9:30AM - 11:30AM
25/2/26 @ 1PM - 3PM

(For parents of young people aged 5-11 years old)

A one-off workshop that covers the following topics: Emotional development in children, emotional regulation, common behaviour difficulties and strategies to promote positive behaviours.

MENTAL HEALTH AND STIGMA WORKSHOP

12/2/26 @ 4PM - 6PM

(For young people aged 12+, parents also welcome to attend)

One off workshop for young people focusing on mental health awareness and stigma. Follows a range of topics including puberty, male mental health, LGBTQ+, ethnicity and social media.

RESILIENCY WORKSHOPS

0-5 YEARS

2/3/26 @ 9:30AM - 11:30AM

(For parents of children aged 0-5 years old)

This single psychoeducation session explores the importance of relationships, healthy attachments, emotional regulation and anxiety. You will learn evidence based behavioural strategies to help your child thrive.

PRIMARY

16/3/26 @ 1PM - 3PM

(For parents of children aged 5 - 10 years old)

This single session explores relevant child development including and provides psychoeducation on mental health vs mental health problems, emotional regulation, anxiety and low mood. You will leave with a greater understanding of your child's needs and armed with strategies to build their resilience.

SECONDARY

30/3/26 @ 5PM - 7PM

(For young people aged 12 - 16 years, parents also welcome to attend)

One-off Workshop that explores the following topics: mental health vs mental health problems, emotional regulation, psychoeducation on anxiety and low mood, strategies for relaxation with strategies to build their resilience.

PARENT SLEEP WORKSHOP

25/3/26 @ 9:30AM - 11:30AM

(For parents of young people aged 4-12 years old)

One-off workshop exploring why sleep is important, what is 'good' sleep, sleep hygiene tips, and strategies for managing worries at night.

EXAM STRESS WORKSHOPS

14/4/26 @ 4PM - 6PM
29/4/26 @ 4PM - 6PM

(For young people aged 12+ and parents)

One off workshop which equips teenagers with an understanding of exam stress, strategies for managing exam stress, revision tips and self-care. The workshop also offers parental tips for supporting their adolescent's exam stress.

To register for any of our workshops, please fill in the standard referral form in the 'Any other relevant information' section, state that the referral is for a workshop and include the workshop date.

<https://chums.uk.com/emotional-wellbeing-service/#workshops>

Potton Library Activities

Central Bedfordshire Libraries






great lifestyles


MOTHER'S DAY Card Craft Pack

-Pick Up a Craft Pack From The Library

Free to pick up
From
Fri 20/2/25
until Sat
14/3/25
From
Potton Library



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 @cbc_libraries
 @centralbedslibraries

 www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/libraries

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St Patricks Day Craft At Potton Library

Leprechaun craft

Saturday
14th March
10-15.30



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EASTER ACTIVITIES At Potton Library

The Dinosaur That Pooped Easter Hunt
around the Market Square
- from Fri 27th March until Sat 11th April



Sat 28th March 10-3.30 - Easter Chick Card Craft

Tues 31st March 10-12.30 - Bunny Mask / Bunnicorn Craft

Wed 1st April 2-5.30 - Foil Art Easter Eggs

Thurs 2nd April 10-12.30 - Book Folding Chicken Craft

Fri 3rd April - Library closed for Bank Holiday

Sat 4th April 10-3.30 - Easter chick Craft

Tues 7th April 10-12.30 - Tulip Field Craft




Wed 8th April 2-5.00 - Hama Beads Activity


Thurs 9th April 10-12.30 - Pokemon Craft

Fri 10th April 10-12.30 - Cow Craft

Sat 11th April 10-3.30 - Catch-Up Crafts

LEGO

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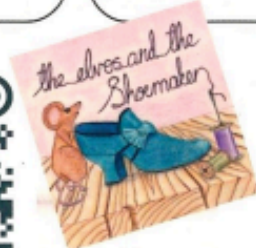
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Other Information

STORYTELLING SATURDAYS

CELEBRATE THE NATIONAL YEAR OF READING
WITH THEATRE OF WIDDERSHINS
AT THE BIGG THEATRE
SHOWS START AT 11AM

7/02	THE PRINCESS + THE PEA
21/03	THE MUSICIANS OF BREMEN
18/04	THE HARE + THE HEDGEHOG
16/05	GRANNY DUMPLING
20/06	THE DAY IT RAINED CHOCOLATE BUTTONS
19/09	STONE SOUP
3/10	UG, BUG AND DUG
17/10	THE FISHERMAN + THE GENIE
7/11	THE THREE WISHES
5/12	THE ELVES + THE SHOEMAKER



www.thebiggtheatre.co.uk

www.widdershins.co.uk

Other Information



EASTER DANCE & GYM CAMPS

Movie Dance Camp
Monday 30th March



Venue
GODMANCHESTER
COMMUNITY ACADEMY

Price
£29 PER CAMP

For
EYFS- YR6

Times
8.30AM-3.30PM



Easter Dance Camp
Tuesday 31st March

Booking
WWW.TALENTDANCEACADEMY.CO.UK

Easter
Gymnastics Camp
Wednesday 1st April

**ALL WITH AN
EASTER
EGG HUNT!!**



Other Information



FUN

April 2026 Football By 4 Corner Coaching



FRIENDS



FOOTBALL

Venue: Sandy Sports Centre (Astro) SG19 1BL

Week 1 Tues 31st March & Thursday 2nd April
Week 2 Tues 7th April & Thursday 9th April

Time – 10.00am till 3.00pm

Costs £18 per person per session. **Ages** 5 - 14

UEFA B coaches – Youth Award Level 3 - Enhanced DBS
Safeguarding – BFAS (Basic First Aid for Sport)

Contact : Mark – 07419764033 - mark@4cornercoaching.co.uk

Natasha – 07957980492 - natasha@4cornercoaching.co.uk

www.4cornercoaching.co.uk



Other Information

Weekly performing arts classes on Thursdays in Biggleswade

Minis-for 4 & 5 year olds
4:15-5:45pm - Thursdays

Main Company -for 6-18 year olds
4:30-7pm - Thursdays

Free trial for all new students!



Contact for more info or to book



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07747 608 180



THEATRE DANCE
TRAIN ACT SING

EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

ACTING DANCE CRAFTS SINGING

Friday 10th April - 9am-3:30pm
Biggleswade Academy

Ages 5 (year 1) to 16 years

£30 per person - siblings half price
(early bird rate if booked by 15th March)

THEATRE DANCE
TRAIN ACT SING

Join us for an Egg-cellent Easter Holiday club!

Friday 10th April - 9-11am
Biggleswade Academy

Ages 4 - 6 years

Dancing - Acting - Singing - Crafts

£16 per person
(early bird rate if booked by 15th March)

Other Information



Central
Bedfordshire

EASTER MULTISPORT 4 DAY CAMP

JOIN US FOR EASTER ACTIVITIES & SPORTS!

Dates & Locations:

- Monday 30th March - Rufus Centre, Flitwick
- Tuesday 31st March - The Hub, Flitwick
- Wednesday 1st April - The Hub, Flitwick
- Thursday 2nd April - The Hub, Flitwick

Drop off time: 10am

Pick up time: 3pm

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Cost: £15 per day, or **FREE** if you qualify for Free School Meals.

FREE child's ticket to watch Bedford Blues for all participants!

Hot food options for attendees (pre book only)



SCAN TO BOOK



Book now: www.bluesfoundation.org.uk/holiday-provision

Other Information



Hi Students and Parents,

Easter Soccer Schools are here, and we are inviting you to join us during this Easter Holiday!!!

Join Cambridge United for their **Easter Soccer Schools** from Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April and have an unforgettable Easter of footballing fun!

Event Details:

Dates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Week 1: Monday 30th March – Thursday 2nd April• Week 2: Tuesday 7th April – Friday 10th April
Times:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9:00-4:00
Cost:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 day - £22.50• 2 days - £45• 3 days - £65• 4 days - £85• 5 days - £100

Ages:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ages 5-12
Venues:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chesterton Community College• Coleridge Community College• Comberton Village College• Swavesey Village College



Be in with a chance to win amazing Cambridge United prizes and enjoy our daily themes where every child can express themselves in any way they want!

Also meet our very own Cambridge United players who get involved with games and activities!

There's still plenty of spaces, so make sure to register soon and secure your spot via our website:

Soccer Schools - [Soccer Schools](#) | [Cambridge United F.C.](#)

If you have any questions or need any more information the please send us an email.

For Soccer Schools, please email Elliot at elliot@cambridgeunited.com

We can't wait to see you there!

Best wishes,
Cambridge United FC

