

POTTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 1st May 2026



From the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon this week we welcomed parents and carers of our Years 3&4 children for their play performance. I finally saw the whole play yesterday... Wow, what a super performance! I am so incredibly proud of all of the children. It was great to see their confidence and them encouraging each other. The sheer joy! Thank you to the children and staff for all of their hard work. Thank you to Mrs Darlow for an amazing backdrop and finally to parents/carers for providing such wonderful costumes.

This week we said goodbye to Mrs May. The children and the staff have many fond memories of her many years here at Potton. We look forward to her visiting the school to hear children read in the future. Thanks you so much Mrs May for your many years of dedication to the school.

The school council held another cake sale on Wednesday this week. Thank you to the children and parent/carers from our Year 4 classes for all the lovely cake donations. They raised £70.75. Thank you to Mrs Woods and the School Council for running the stall after school.

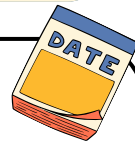
Our EYFS team have asked for any donations of baby dolls, baby doll clothes and/or doll pushchairs. If you do have any of these please could you drop them into the school office.

Finally I have been contacted by CBC regarding a number of complaints they have received from residents surrounding the school about inconsiderate/dangerous parking. Please may I remind you to be considerate when dropping your children off at school. Please don't block driveways or park somewhere that is blocking other drivers views or is causing an obstruction. We have been informed by CBC that they will be sending parking enforcement officers out following the complaints so please ensure you are parking safely and legally. Where possible please use the carpark in Mill Lane which is open and available for use.

Wishing you all a lovely bank holiday weekend.

Kindest regards
Miss J Watts
Headteacher

Diary Dates



Tuesday 5th May - 9:15-9.45am - EYFS / Year 1
Phonics Workshop

Tuesday 5th May - 2.30pm - 3.00pm - EYFS / Year 1
Phonics Workshop

Week Commencing 11th May - Year 6 SATS

Wednesday 13th May - 2pm - Year 2 Learn Together
Afternoon

Monday 18th May - EYFS Ark Farm in school

Wednesday 20th May - Sports Day

Wednesday 17th June - Year 1 Learn Together
Afternoon

Wednesday 24th June - EYFS Sports Day

Save The Date PTFA Summer Fayre

Saturday 11th July
12:00 - 4:00pm

This year the PTFA will be hosting the Potton Primary PTFA Summer Fayre. This event is being held to help raise funds to install a Learning Pod for our EYFS classes.

The PTFA are in need of volunteers on the day if you are able volunteer to help for some or all of the event either setting/packing up, running a stall etc. your help would be much appreciated. If you can help please contact the PTFA on ptfa@pottonprimary.co.uk

Letters Home

Year 1 - Phonics Workshop

Attendance Data

You MUST inform us if your child is not going to attend school.

If we hear 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 for Studybugs to inform the school of any a

Attendance This week

EYFS = 94.4%

Year 1 = 93.7%

Year 2 = 87.3%

Year 3 = 92.4%

Year 4 = 92.4%

Year 5 = 91.6%

Year 6 = 96.6%

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

Summer Term 1 - Attendance Data

Wk Beg 13th April - 93.7%

Wk Beg 20th April - 94.8%

Wk Beg 27th April - 92.8%

Our attendance for
this week is :

92.8%

Our attendance for
the year to date is:

93.7%

Awards this Week

In today's assembly, we celebrated...

Class Superstars

Peacocks: Timothy H
Puffins: George J
Mallards: Reign Y
Moorhens: Tommy S
Wrens: Zarena T
Woodpeckers: Arya S
Hawks: Max C
Hérons: Monty W
Swifts: Lilly H
Starlings: Sadie D
Kites: George B
Kingfishers: Bonnie G

Values Superstars

Peacocks: Erin H
Puffins: Indie B
Mallards: Adaline N
Moorhens: Tyler O'S
Wrens: Tulula P
Woodpeckers: Gracie M
Hawks: Ronnie A
Hérons: Avraaj P
Swifts: Oliver M
Starlings: Danny C
Kites: Emily H
Kingfishers: Jasmine I

Numbots Star Of The Week

Puffins: Pippa N
Peacocks: Josie N
Mallards: Darcie H
Moorhens: Charlie M

Times Tables Rockstars Star Of The Week

Wrens: Stanley B
Woodpeckers: Parker W
Hawks: Luke B DA
Hérons: Charlie W
Swifts: Alfie C
Starlings: Ethan P
Kites: Nathan C
Kingfishers: Ronan D

Housepoints This Week

Ash: 199	Birch: 157	Elm: 154
Oak: 173	Sycamore: 172	Willow: 154

Ash: 1	Birch: 1	Elm:
Oak:	Sycamore: 1	Willow:

House Cup Winners This Week are.....



Ash



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

Why talking about digital life is hard for kids ...

... and how to make it easier



Fear of consequences

1 Create a safe space for talking about what they see online

Young people want to share their experiences but don't always feel they can. Help them feel comfortable talking about the apps they use and what they're seeing online.

2 Set ground rules together

Agree on rules with your child and be prepared for them to change over time. Reassure your child that you trust them, especially as they grow older. Involving them in these discussions helps them feel respected and empowered, as they can share their voice in the process.

3 Be honest and explain

If you limit social media access or end up taking their phone, give reasons. Young people understand that sometimes this is a reasonable response, but needs to be explained properly. If not, trust can be damaged and children might not open up a second time.



POTTON PRIMARY PTFA
**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

BE PART OF SOMETHING AMAZING!



**SATURDAY
11TH JULY**



**12:00 –
4:00PM**



RUN A STALL



We need your help to make our
Summer Fayre a huge success!



HELP SET UP



PACK AWAY



SERVE &
REFRESH



AND MORE!



CAN YOU HELP?

Whether you can help on the day or with
setting up, packing down or running a stall –

WE'D LOVE YOUR SUPPORT!



GET IN TOUCH
ptfa@pottonprimary.co.uk



EVERY LITTLE BIT
MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY!

Other Information

Helping parents manage conflict

Central Bedfordshire

Free training for professionals working with children and families in Central Bedfordshire, Luton and Bedford.

Join a free, one-hour online training session designed to help you support families where high levels of parental conflict are having an impact.

Unresolved conflict between parents, whether together or separated, can be frequent, intense, and negatively affect children's mental health.

Professionals play a key role in supporting families, helping parents who argue a lot to manage their disagreements in a healthier way.

This training will help you:

- Understand parental conflict
- Learn how to support parents and families
- Gain confidence in having difficult conversations
- Signpost to programmes across Central Bedfordshire and Luton

Turn over for upcoming course dates.

Excellent delivery and content. Very thought provoking!

Training was powerful and well put together.

A great place to live and work.

Luton

Upcoming course dates for 2025 and 2026

Sessions run virtually via Microsoft Teams.

A very insightful session – the materials were fantastic.

2026:

Tuesday 19th May from 10 to 11.15am

Wednesday 10th June from 9 to 10.15am

Wednesday 8th July from 1 to 2.15pm

Thursday 10th September from 11 to 12.15pm

Thursday 22nd October from 3.45 to 5pm

Monday 9th November from 9.30 to 10.45am

Tuesday 15th December from 12.30 to 1.45pm

How to book:

Visit vc-enable.co.uk ● Events ● search 'Reducing Parental Conflict' or email: hollie.wilson@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Other Information

Join our after-school music sessions.

If you're looking for a fun way for your child to unwind after school, join our music groups.

Open to beginners and young people who already play an instrument. There's a group to suit every level, including keyboards, strings, brass, singing, string bands, junior saxophone, folk groups and more.

They are fun, friendly and great value for money. Led by experienced tutors, the small groups are also a great way to meet people, make new friends and learn a new skill.

Visit: <https://ukinspiring.speedadmin.dk/registration#/>

New music groups!

After school music sessions

Come along to our fun and friendly music groups in Biggleswade and Leighton Linlade. Beginners and experienced musicians welcome.

What's on offer:

- keyboard
- strings
- brass
- singing
- wind bands
- folk
- junior saxophone and more



Other Information



May 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long


£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

School Anxiety	4 May 10am
Understanding Anger	4 May 7pm
Facing Defiance	5 May 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	5 May 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	11 May 10am
Anxiety Explained	11 May 7pm
Introduction to OCD	12 May 10am
What is ACT?	12 May 7pm
Decreasing Depression	18 May 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	18 May 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	19 May 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 May 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 May 10am
Improving Family Communication	25 May 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	26 May 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	26 May 7pm
FREE Getting a Good Nights Sleep	28 May 7-8pm

School Uniform Supplier

mapac  Your Official School Uniform Supplier

WELCOME TO MAPAC

We are delighted to be working with your school who have entrusted us with providing your children's school uniform.

1. HOW TO REGISTER & ORDER

- CLICK THE UNIFORM LINK FROM YOUR SCHOOLS WEBSITE...or...
- Visit www.mapac.com/education/parents or search online for 'Mapac find your school'.
- Use the 'LOGIN/REGISTER' tab at the top of the page and fill in your details (even if you don't need to order straight away, it means you'll start receiving Mapac updates and offers!)
- Once on your dedicated school page, simply add everything you need to your basket, register (if you haven't already) and then check out.

2. ORDERING GUIDE

Under normal circumstances we aim for all orders to be sent out within 10-15 working days. During our busier periods (especially over the summer) or if anything unexpected occurs, it can take longer, so please allow us some extra time to get your order to you.

Delivery to your home / work all year round!

or

FREE delivery to your school

(This service will not operate during any school holiday this includes the 6 week summer holiday – order cut off date is 26th June for last delivery in to school before the end of term. Our aim will be to resume in September, you will be informed when this happens.)

IMPORTANT SUMMER ORDERING INFORMATION

To receive your order before the start of term please order by 31st July.

We do everything we can to send out all items as soon as possible but a high volume of orders or unforeseen circumstances may occasionally lead to delays.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to call or email us. We are happy to help!

T: 01923 255525 | **E:** parentcustomerservices@mapac.net

Other Information

🌸 PLANT SALE 🌸

Brought to you by The Potton Show

📍 Potton Market Square, SG19 2NP

📅 Saturday 9th May

🕒 8.30am – 1.00pm

Come and stock up on your favourite plants! 🌺 🌿

Children - 🌱 Come and build a Lego plant or flower to be photographed and entered into the Potton Show 🪙 50p entry



Other Information



Football Development Centre
Sandy Sports Centre – SG19 1BL
by 4 Corner Coaching



Individual skills



UEFA coaches



Team play

High Quality Football Coaching by very experienced coaches.

Developing - **Technical skills** – **Physical skills** – **Psychological skills** – **Social skills**

Start Back Date - Friday 24th April 2026

£4.50 per session – 12 week block of Development



Times/ages: 5-6pm = ages 5 - 9 & 6-7pm = ages 10 - 16 & Girls Only = ages 9-15

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

Contact: Natasha – 07957980492 – natasha@4cornercoaching.co.uk

www.4cornercoaching.co.uk



Other Information

MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS

STUDLANDS RISE FIRST SCHOOL
ROYSTON

TUE 26 MAY
BUSHCRAFT VS MINECRAFT

WED 27 MAY
NATURE NINJAS: PROTECTORS OF THE PLANET

THU 28 MAY
CAMPING HACKS: ULTIMATE OUTDOOR SKILLS

FRI 29 MAY
NERF: RISE OF THE MACHINES

MILTON COUNTRY PARK WILD PLACE
CAMBRIDGE

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A hands-on day of real camping skills & outdoor fun! Kids will learn how to pitch a tent, carve creations from soap, toast popcorn over the campfire & play different team games. It's a confidence-building day to learn new skills, work together & enjoy the simple joy of being outdoors!

NATURE NINJAS: PROTECTORS OF THE PLANET
Join us as we learn how to take care of our planet through a day of hands-on nature fun! We'll try eco guerrilla gardening, head out on a bug hunt to explore tiny habitats & make plant print art inspired by the patterns in nature. A day about noticing the wonders in nature & learning simple ways to help our planet thrive!

BUSHCRAFT VS MINECRAFT
Minecraft comes to life outdoors! Team up to build your village using real bushcraft skills, earn reward pixels for completing survival challenges, & search for hidden resources to craft your tools. Take on Creeper & Lava Chicken games, protect your base, & experience Minecraft like never before! (knowledge of Minecraft is not required!)

NERF: RISE OF THE MACHINES
NEW for 2026! We'll team up to engineer giant robots, design our own mini clay machines & bring them to life before stepping into our high energy Nerf missions. From robot invasion & rescue, to alien attack games, it's a sci-fi day packed with teamwork, creativity & action! (Ages 6+ recommended)

"NO SCREENS, JUST GOOD FUN OUTSIDE"
★★★★★

CAMP CRAFT
THE OUTDOORS PROJECT

NERF SHARP SHOOTER
THE OUTDOORS PROJECT

ROAM
THE OUTDOORS PROJECT

CAMP CRAFT
THE OUTDOORS PROJECT

The Outdoors Project
OFSTED REGISTERED

NATURE NINJA
THE OUTDOORS PROJECT

"THE KIND OF DAY EVERY CHILD SHOULD HAVE"
★★★★★

For more info on dates, locations, how the clubs run & to book: www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk

Other Information

TALENT DANCE ACADEMY

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MAY HALF TERM DANCE CAMPS

MOVIE DANCE CAMP

Tuesday 26th May
8.30am- 3.30pm
EYFS to Year 6



AT OFFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

DANCE CAMP

Wednesday 27th May
8.30am- 3.30pm
EYFS to Year 6

£29.00

Per Camp



BOOK NOW AT
WWW.TALENTDANCEACADEMY.CO.UK

Other Information



- ✓ Independent theatre school with professional staff with industry credits.
- ✓ Lots of performing opportunities, including full-scale musicals and performances on West End stages.

WHAT PEOPLE SAY!

"The confidence she has gained is incredible." - *Parent*

"Everyone is really friendly and always helps each other." - *Student*

"Vision kickstarted my love for musical theatre and has led to my great achievements." - *Student*

SINGING | DANCE | ACTING | MUSICAL THEATRE
ON EVERY FRIDAY



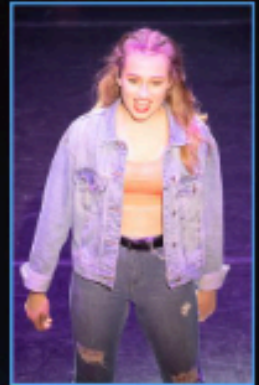
JUNIORS

🕒 16:00 - 17:00



VISION

🕒 16:30 - 19:30



SENIORS

🕒 17:00 - 20:00

ALL LESSONS **IGNITE** STUDIOS
ARE AT

TO BOOK A FREE TRIAL
AND FOR MORE INFORMATION

CONTACT US

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☎ 07814571460



Other Information

THEATRE DANCE
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OUTSTANDING PERFORMING ARTS CLASSES FOR 4 - 18 YEAR OLDS

Find us at Biggleswade Academy, Mead End,
Biggleswade, Bedfordshire, SG18 8JU

Classes run on **Thursdays**

Junior Company: 4.15 - 5.45pm

Main Company: 4.30 - 7pm

To register for a taster session or for further info
please visit www.theatretrain.co.uk/biggleswade

Contact us on 07757495906

or biggleswade@theatretrain.co.uk

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