

POTTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 8th May 2026



From the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Wednesday this week we held our Invacuation Drill Practice, I was very impressed by how sensible the children were and how quickly they got into the building. This took place as part of our practice drills that are conducted throughout the school year so that children and staff know what to do in the event of an emergency.

Over this weekend, works are starting around the school site to upgrade our site security. The most significant change you will notice will be a buzzer entry system into both school offices.

This week our staff have been busy decorating The Roots staffroom. Thank you to the staff who gave up their time. This is the start of us improving the various shared spaces around our school used by both children and staff.

We have some works to be undertaken outside including painting the learning pods and summer house. If anyone is able to lend a hand please contact me via the school office.

Next week our Year 6 children take their SATS. The children have been working very hard and I am incredibly proud of them. Good luck Year 6, You've got this!!!

Next Wednesday we are holding our Year 2 Learn Together Afternoon, where we are inviting parents/carers of our Year 2 children into school to take part in some activities based around the topic of "Habitats".

On Thursday next week our Year 3 children are taking part in their "History off the Page" Day which is all about the Egyptians.

Finally, as we head towards the end of term and into the final term of the academic year things start to get incredibly busy with events. Therefore, on the next page is a calendar of events by year group which I hope will be useful for planning your diaries.

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

Diary Dates



Week Commencing 11th May - Year 6 SATS

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

Thursday 14th June - Year 3 History off the Page Day

Monday 18th May - EYFS Ark Farm in school

Wednesday 20th May - Sports Day

Friday 22nd May - Break the Rules Day

Friday 22nd May - Year 4 Bikeability

Week Commencing 25th May - Half Term

Monday 1st June - Children Return to School

Friday 5th June - Dress Down Donation Day for PTFA Summer Fayre

Wednesday 10th June - Year 5 Trip - Knebworth House

Friday 12th June - Dress Down Donation Day for PTFA Summer Fayre

Week Commencing 15th June - Father's Day Gift Shop

Monday 15th June - Year 1 Trip - Hertfordshire Zoo

Wednesday 17th June - Year 1 Learn Together Afternoon

Wednesday 17th June - School Council Cake Sale - Year 1 Donations

Thursday 18th June - SEND Coffee Afternoon

Wednesday 24th June - EYFS Sports Day

Week Commencing 29th June - Year 6 Residential Trip

Wednesday 1st July - EYFS Learn Together Afternoon - More information to follow.

Thursday 2nd July - Year 3 Trip - Safety Centre

Tuesday 7th July 10am - Rocksteady Concert

Wednesday 8th July - Year 3 Singing Concert Shuttleworth

Thursday 9th July - Potton Primary Transition Day

Friday 10th July 9:30am - Rocksteady Concert

Saturday 11th July 12:00 - 4:00pm - PFTA Summer Fayre

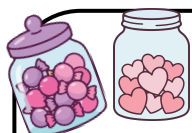
Monday 13th July 1:30pm - Year 5/6 Play Performance

Tuesday 14th July 9:30am - Year 5/6 Play Performance

Wednesday 15th July - Disco Day

Friday 17th July 9.30am - Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Donation Days



On Friday 5th and Friday 10th June we will be having dress down days where we invite the children to come into school in non school uniform.

On Friday 5th of June in exchange for coming in non school uniform we will ask children to bring in filled jars. These can be filled with sweets, chocolate, stationary, hair ties etc. All we ask is that any confectionary is wrapped and no nut products please.

On Friday 10th of June we ask that children bring in a bottle of something into school. This can be drink, shower gel, bubble bath etc.

These donations will be used for stalls at the PTFA Summer Fayre. The proceeds earned at the Fayre will be used to fund a new Learning Pod for our EYFS classes.

Letters Home

EYFS
Local Walks

Year 5
Knebworth Trip

Year 6
SATs Information
SATs Breakfast Club

Whats Happening?

Whole School

- Wednesday 20th May - Sports Day - Year 1-6
- Friday 22nd May - Break The Rules Day
- Week Commencing 15th June - Fathers Day Gift Shop
- Thursday 9th July - Potton Primary Transition Day
- Saturday 11th July - PTFA Summer Fayre

EYFS - Robins & Ravens

- Tuesday 12th May - Robins - Church Visit
- Monday 18th May - Ark Farm Visit to school
- Tuesday 2nd June - Ravens - Church Visit
- Thursday 18th June - Robins Library Visit
- Wednesday 24th June - EYFS Sports Day
- Wednesday 1st July - Learn Together Afternoon
- Tuesday 2nd July - Ravens - Library Visit

Year 1 - Puffins & Peacocks

- Monday 15th June - Hertfordshire Zoo Trip
- Wednesday 17th June - Learn Together Afternoon
- Wednesday 17th June - School Council Cake Sale - Year 1 to bring cake donations

Year 2 - Mallards & Moorhens

- Monday 13th May - Learn Together Afternoon

Year 3 - Wrens & Woodpeckers

- Thursday 14th May - History Off The Page
- Thursday 2nd July - Safety Centre Trip

Year 4 - Hawks & Herons

- Friday 22nd May - Bikeability

Year 5 - Swifts & Starlings

- Wednesday 10th June - Knebworth House Trip
- Monday 13th July - Year 5/6 Performance
- Tuesday 14th July - Year 5/6 Performance

Year 6 - Kites & Kingfishers

- Week Commencing 11th May - SATS
- Week Commencing 29th June - Residential Trip
- Monday 13th July - Year 5/6 Performance
- Tuesday 14th July - Year 5/6 Performance
- Friday 17th July - Leavers Assembly

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 = 91.5%

Year 1 = 93.8%

Year 2 = 88.2%

Year 3 = 93.2%

Year 4 = 91.9%

Year 5 = 92.2%

Year 6 = 95.8%

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%

Wk Beg 4th May - 92.5%

Our attendance for
this week is :

92.5%

Our attendance for
the year to date is:

93.6%

Awards this Week

In today's assembly, we celebrated...

Class Superstars

Peacocks: Lucas. S
Puffins: Dawson Y
Mallards: Devon W
Moorhens: Remi W
Wrens: Jaxon A
Woodpeckers: Hayley O'L
Hawks: Summer F
Hérons: Avraaj P
Swifts: Lexi S
Starlings: Annie P
Kites: Frazer R
Kingfishers : Darcey A

Values Superstars

Peacocks: Monty. B
Puffins: Mahlia A
Mallards: Summer-Rose G
Moorhens: Cassie W
Wrens: Lottie O
Woodpeckers: Precious P
Hawks: Chloe A
Hérons: Ava N
Swifts: Amelia H
Starlings: Tiana C
Kites: Hal M
Kingfishers : Ellie W

Numbots Star Of The Week

Puffins: Etta M-M
Peacocks: Victoria H
Mallards: Kiaan P
Moorhens: Remi S

Times Tables Rockstars Star Of The Week

Wrens: Sophia G
Woodpeckers: Max D
Hawks: Kayden P
Hérons: Ralphie Mc
Swifts: Eden-Rose W
Starlings: Lia C
Kites: Frazier S
Kingfishers: Florence C

Housepoints This Week

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| Ash: 122 | Birch: 132 | Elm: 167 |
| Oak: 234 | Sycamore: 146 | Willow: 147 |

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

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

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

... and how to make it easier



It's awkward/ embarrassing

- 1 Start conversations early and keep them going**
Keep the conversation going, responding to your child's experiences. Don't let awkward or "taboo" topics stop you. **Conversation starters** are included later in this guide, and the [Thinkuknow website](#) has age-appropriate ideas.
- 2 Keep it casual**
Use everyday moments to talk about their online experiences — for example, while walking or driving. Teens say they don't want "the big talk!"
- 3 Be a role model**
Think about how your own habits set an example. Talk openly about them, use them to shape family rules, and share stories from your childhood or teenage years — reflecting on how things might be different in today's digital world.
- 4 Have a conversation and ask questions**
If you're unsure how to start, try watching an [#AsktheAwkward video](#) together.
- 5 It's okay to laugh!**
Sharing a laugh can ease tension and make conversations more comfortable. Teens say they don't want parents to be too serious or intimidating.

Potton Primary Events Information



Father's Day Gift Shop

A pop-up gift shop will be open during the week of 15th June 2026 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. Payment for this year's shop will need to be made in cash (correct cash only please, no change can be given). Children will be sent home next week with an information form and envelope. If you would like your child to attend the gift shop please complete the form provided and return this and any money in the envelope provided to school. Your child will then be added to a register to attend the shop during the week that is open.

Deadline for purchases will be
12th June 2026



POTTON PRIMARY PTFA

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

BE PART OF SOMETHING AMAZING!

 **SATURDAY 11TH JULY** |  **12:00 – 4:00 PM**

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

-  **RUN A STALL**
-  **HELP SET UP**
-  **PACK AWAY**
-  **SERVE & REFRESH**
-  **AND MORE!**

WE NEED YOU!

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

🌸 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



Potton Youth
Council
Preloved
Clothing Sale
Saturday 16th May
9.30am to 1pm
Community Centre,
Brook End
All proceeds to
 East Anglian
Air Ambulance



If you would like to donate any unwanted, clean and gently used clothing, please contact Cllr Carol Leggatt on 01767 260001 or email carol.leggatt@pottontowncouncil.gov.uk. Latest date for clothing donations – Friday 15th May ^{ay}.

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

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| 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



FUN

May 2026 Football
By 4 Corner Coaching



FRIENDS



FOOTBALL

Venue: Sandy Sports Centre (Astro) SG19 1BL

Tuesday 26th May & Thursday 28th May

Time: 10.00am – 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

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)

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THE OUTDOORS PROJECT

NERF SHARP SHOOTER
THE OUTDOORS PROJECT

CAMP CRAFT
THE OUTDOORS PROJECT

ROAM
THE OUTDOORS PROJECT

"THE KIND OF DAY EVERY CHILD SHOULD HAVE"
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"NO SCREENS, JUST GOOD FUN OUTSIDE"
★★★★★

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

Other Information

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GYMNASISTICS CLASSES by **Beth Tweedle**

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NINJA CLASSES

PRESCHOOL CLASSES

Gymfinity Kids CLUBS

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KIDS ACTIVITY CLASSES

Gymnastics and Ninja sessions for children of all ages! Our great selection of activity classes get kids active whilst having tons of fun – we're on a mission to help children fall in love with movement!

ADDED BENEFITS OF JOINING GYMFINITY KIDS

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- ✓ Learn new skills
- ✓ Discover new talents
- ✓ Make friends
- ✓ Earn awards for progression

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GYMNASISTICS CLASSES by **Beth Tweedle**

OLYMPIC MEDALLIST & 3X WORLD CHAMPION

RECOMMENDED BY PARENTS LOVED BY KIDS

FOR ALL ABILITIES

NINJA CLASSES

PRESCHOOL CLASSES FOR UNDER 5's






HOLIDAY CAMPS

Our Holiday Camps are jam-packed with loads of thrilling activities to keep kids active & entertained in the school holidays! Expect themed camps: from safari to 'All around the world'. Children will play games & learn skills, plus take part in craft challenges. Members & non-members welcome - book online today!

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Make your child's birthday one they'll never forget! We offer Gymnastics and Ninja-themed parties to both members & non-members, plus various packages to help make the party as special as possible! Find out more online or call us today.




HOW TO FIND US



Our main clubs are open 7 days a week and offer classes, holiday camps and parties in a dedicated facility. Community clubs run on selected days of the week and we bring our equipment to community venues like schools and sports halls.

- Our main club is:**
- 1 Cambridge Beehive Centre, Cambridge, CB1 3ER
- Our community clubs are:**
- 2 St Neots Longsands Academy, Longsands Road, St Neots, Cambridge, PE19 1LQ
 - 3 Swavesey Swavesey Village College, Gibraltar Lane, Swavesey, Cambridge, CB24 4RS
- T: 01223 622 810
E: info@gymfinitykids.com

TRY YOUR FIRST CLASS FOR FREE



Scan here to book your **FREE** class today or visit gymfinitykids.com

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
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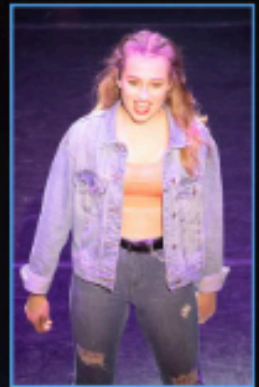
JUNIORS

🕒 16:00 - 17:00



VISION

🕒 16:30 - 19:30



SENIORS

🕒 17:00 - 20:00

ALL LESSONS ARE AT
IGNITE STUDIOS

TO BOOK A FREE TRIAL
AND FOR MORE INFORMATION

CONTACT US

✉ visiontheatrearts@hotmail.com

📘 @Visiontheatrearts

☎ 07814571460



Other Information

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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.theatretrein.co.uk/biggleswade

Contact us on 07757495906

or biggleswade@theatretrein.co.uk

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