

POTTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 19th June 2026



From the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a lovely way to end this week with this amazing weather. The weather looks set to continue into next week so just a reminder please to send your child into school with a re-fillable water bottle, a sun hat and where possible please apply sun cream before the start of the school day. If you would like your child to re-apply sun cream at lunchtime please send in a named bottle of sun cream (please be mindful of the ingredients as we have members of our school community with nut allergies).

Our Year 1 children have had a busy week this week. On Monday they had their school trip to Hertfordshire Zoo and I have heard that they all had an enjoyable day. On Wednesday they had their Learn Together Afternoon where their parents and carers were invited into school to take part in activities about their topic "wild about animals" I hope that those of you that were able to attend enjoyed yourselves.

On Tuesday this week some of our children from Years 3-6 attended a Cross Country competition held at Stratton School where they took part in events against other local schools. Thank you to the staff that attended and well done to all the children that went, Mr Boyd said that they all did amazingly well.

On Wednesday this week our School Council had their last Cake Sale of the academic year where children from Year 1 donated cakes for the sale. Thank you for all of the amazing donations. Please see below to find out which year group raised the most money.

This week we had our Father's Day Gift Shop running in school. I hope that the children's loved ones like their gifts. Thank you for your continued support and we will let you know how much the event raised in the next couple of weeks.

The next PTFA Summer Fayre meeting is on Monday 22nd June 7:30pm at the Coach House

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards

Miss J Watts

Headteacher

Diary Dates



Wednesday 24th June - EYFS Sports Day

Wednesday 24th June - Changes to Relationship and Sex Education Parents Meeting - 2:30pm. Years 2, 3, 4 & 5

Week Commencing 29th June - Year 6 Residential Trip

Tuesday 30th June - 9:15am - Year 4 Ukulele Concert

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



Letters Home



Year 2,3,4 & 5

Changes to Relationship and Sex Education - Parent Meeting

Year 5 & 6

Grossbusters Tickets

Message from The School Council.

School Council Cake Sales

Thank you very much for your continued support in supplying cakes for the School Council cake sales this year.

Thanks to your generosity, we have raised a fantastic amount of money that will go towards supporting exciting opportunities and resources for the school.

We are also delighted to announce the winner of the year group competition:

Year 1!

As a reward for their fantastic support, Year 1 will receive a year group treat. Our School Councillors are currently deciding what this will be, and more details will follow soon.

Thank you once again for your support throughout the year.

School Council 🍰🎉

Whats Happening?

Whole School

- Thursday 9th July - Potton Primary Transition Day
- Saturday 11th July - PTFA Summer Fayre

EYFS - Robins & Ravens

- Wednesday 24th June - EYFS Sports Day
- Wednesday 1st July - Learn Together Afternoon
- Tuesday 2nd July - Ravens - Library Visit

Year 1 - Puffins & Peacocks

Year 2 - Mallards & Moorhens

Year 3 - Wrens & Woodpeckers

Year 4 - Hawks & Herons

- Tuesday 30th June - Ukulele Concert

Year 5 - Swifts & Starlings

- Monday 13th July - Year 5/6 Performance
- Tuesday 14th July - Year 5/6 Performance

Year 6 - Kites & Kingfishers

- 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

Potton Primary School Information

Help!

Help Needed!

Help!

Our EYFS Team are in need of some donations of baby dolls, prams and pushchairs for our children in Reception.

If you have any donations please could you bring them to The Roots Office.

Thank you for your continued support!



HELP

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Message from the PTFA

The PTFA are in need of donations of soft toys and books for their Summer Fayre. If you have any items to donate please could you bring them into the school office and they can be given to the PTFA for the event.

Thank you for your continued support!



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 = 91.8%%

Year 1 = 90.0%

Year 2 = 93.8%

Year 3 = 93.5%

Year 4 = 92.4%

Year 5 = 90.4%

Year 6 = 93.9%

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 2 - Attendance Data

Wk Beg 1st June - 92.5%

Wk Beg 8th June - 91.7%

Wk Beg 15th June - 91.8%

Our attendance for
this week is :

91.8%

Our attendance for
the year to date is:

93.4%

Awards this Week

In today's assembly, we celebrated...

Class Superstars

Peacocks: Timothy H
Puffins: Luke A
Mallards: Charlie S
Moorhens: Reggie B
Wrens: Indianna S
Woodpeckers: Elsie W
Hawks: George W
Hérons: Kaden C
Swifts: Nancy B
Starlings: Oliver J
Kites: Emilia P
Kingfishers: Maddie T

Values Superstars

Peacocks: Rufus D
Puffins: Isaac P
Mallards: Elijah M
Moorhens: Tobey D
Wrens: Teddy F
Woodpeckers: Harry H
Hawks:
Hérons: Alfie C
Swifts: Eden-Rose W
Starlings: Harriet H
Kites: James S
Kingfishers: Jasmine I

Numbots Star Of The Week

Peacocks: Erin H
Puffins: Dawson Y
Mallards: Jack D
Moorhens: Lacey F
Woodpeckers: Gracie M
Wrens: Jaxon A

Times Tables Rockstars Star Of The Week

Hérons: Avraaj P
Hawks:
Swifts: Layla N
Starlings: Poppy B

Housepoints This Week

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| Ash: 281 | Birch: 295 | Elm: 247 |
| Oak: 229 | Sycamore: 248 | Willow: 255 |

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| Ash: | Birch: 1 | Elm: 2 |
| Oak: | Sycamore: | Willow: |

House Cup Winners This Week are:.....



Birch



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

At The National College, our **WakeUpWednesday** guides empower and equip parents and carers with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with their children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. For further guides, hints and tips please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips on Supporting Children with SELF-REGULATION

Children need to learn to understand and recognise their emotions, while finding healthy ways to process them. Emotional self-regulation, however, depends heavily on age and development. While very young ones or children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) may find it particularly challenging to self-regulate, nurturing these important skills can be hugely beneficial. Here are ten top tips for supporting children with their self-regulation.

- 1. DESIGNATE A TRUSTED ADULT**
It's vital that children feel safe and know that there's someone they can always go to for help if they need it. Schedule consistent times for the child to develop a relationship with this person – ideally through play and games – allowing them to grow and ensuring that the child is more likely to come forward if anything is wrong, rather than hiding their emotions.
- 2. MEET CHILDREN HALFWAY**
Unless you know where a child is developmentally and tailor your approach to their needs, you're less likely to have an impact. In particular, younger ones and children with SEND can struggle to self-regulate and instead rely on others to help them. We call this 'co-regulation'. Rather than offering strategies for self-regulation, it could be better to start co-regulating with a trusted adult first.
- 3. FACTOR IN THEIR BASIC NEEDS**
Remember that for a child to develop emotional regulation skills, their basic needs must be met first. Children who are hungry, tired, cold and so on – as well as those who have experienced adverse childhood experiences – may struggle to self-regulate. Before you develop strategies with any child, make sure they feel safe, secure and comfortable in themselves.
- 4. REMAIN PATIENT**
If a child is struggling with their emotions, it can often become difficult to stay calm. Remember that dysregulation is beyond their control, so a display of frustration or anger could negatively impact the situation. Instead, children need to be met with comfort and understanding to help them manage these problematic feelings.
- 5. BE A DYSREGULATION DETECTIVE**
While some children can tell you why they become dysregulated, many others can't. You could investigate possible triggers by observing the child and talking to their family. When the child becomes dysregulated, note down details like the time, what they're doing and who they're with – the trigger may be someone they sit near, an unmet sensory need or something else entirely. Once we identify some triggers, we can help to avoid or overcome them.
- 6. USE SUITABLE LITERATURE**
There are some wonderful books that can help you teach self-regulation to children. Reading these with a child can be especially powerful. Take time to discuss the content, ask questions about what feelings the characters had, why they felt that way and what strategies helped them. It can also be useful to refer back to snippets of these books at appropriate moments.
- 7. TRY SENSORY RESOURCES**
An overlap between sensory needs and emotional regulation is possible. Children may struggle to self-regulate if they're experiencing sensory overload (a noisy classroom, for example). Positive sensory input can help calm them down. Use resources such as weighted blankets and fibre-optic lights. Of course, what works for one child might not work for another – so it's important to offer a choice of resources to discover which they prefer.
- 8. NURTURE INDEPENDENCE**
If you feel it's appropriate, let children try out these strategies alone. Always offer them a choice: they could listen to music when they're feeling stressed, for example, or they could write down their worries or draw something to represent how they feel. This may take time for the child to get used to, so be patient. Encourage them to share any helpful strategies with a trusted adult.
- 9. MODEL GENUINE FEELINGS**
Children learn a lot just from watching grown-ups. Don't be afraid to show your own emotions and self-regulation strategies. While you'll obviously want to avoid sharing anything too personal with children, they should still see us experiencing and handling our own feelings. Tell them how you are feeling, then show them how to respond in a healthy manner.
- 10. FORMULATE A PLAN**
As much as we try to prevent children from experiencing dysregulation, it's always wise to have an appropriate plan for when it does happen. Discuss this strategy with the child (if appropriate) and their family. The best approach for an individual child is often a bespoke one; it's hugely important to know in advance what might help and what could worsen the situation.

Meet Our Expert
Georgina Curran is an author, former teacher, Special Educational Needs Coordinator and the creator of the award-winning SEN Resource Blog, where she shares activities, advice and resources for parents and teachers of children with SEND.

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Potton Primary Events Information



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!

Sandy Library Summer Reading Challenge

Central
Bedfordshire
Libraries

Central
Bedfordshire

READ to the BEAT

The **Summer Reading Challenge** is an annual challenge run jointly by The Reading Agency and public libraries. This year the challenge is **Read to the Beat**, all about being musical and ties in with the National Year of Reading 2026.

It runs **Friday 17th July to Saturday 5th September 2026**.

Children are encouraged to read whatever they choose for the challenge, recognising the importance of reading for pleasure in increasing empathy and improving well-being, as well as in children's educational success. The theme this year is all about music! Children will be able to find books linked to their favourite creative arts, and access activities at the library.



The Challenge

- ❖ Children must be members of the library service. [Join the library here](#) or go to your local library.
- ❖ The challenge invites children to read six library books or more during the summer holidays.
- ❖ Children can borrow books or read our e-books, magazines and audiobooks available on our BorrowBox and PressReader app. [More about e-resources](#)
- ❖ Families can sign up for the challenge at any library, at any stage in the summer from Friday 17th July.
- ❖ Children are awarded a certificate and a medal for reading 6 books.
- ❖ Children completing the challenge (6 books) will be entered into a lucky dip at their library for the chance to win a £40 voucher for The Works to buy arts, crafts and books.

Struggle with reading?

We can help!

- ❖ For dyslexia, we have collections of shorter books, with special fonts and paper – and great stories.
- ❖ The BorrowBox app has special accessibility features, which allow customers to select font, background and font size.
- ❖ Picture books aren't just for toddlers! Libraries have collections of older picture books for young readers.
- ❖ Get hooked on graphic novels (comic style books).
- ❖ Learning to read? Select from beginning to read or short chapter books
- ❖ Booklists with lots of ideas available on our Virtual Library [Books and Reading - Children and Teenagers Pages](#)
- ❖ Some children (especially boys) prefer non-fiction. Dinosaurs, transport and space are particularly popular.
- ❖ Enjoy stories through audiobooks. Free to borrow on CD or download with BorrowBox.



All libraries will have [activities](#) for children available throughout the summer.

All libraries offer a **Treasure Hunt** to children when they complete the reading challenge

Other Information

Woodentops Preschool

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Open Afternoon on 9th July

1.30 to 2.30pm

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Has limited spaces for Sept 2026

Please contact; 07947892823 or email woodentopspotton@gmail.com

For more information.

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



June 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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| Understanding Anger | 1 June 10am |
| School Anxiety | 1 June 7pm |
| Facing Defiance | 2 June 10am |
| Supporting Healthy Screen Use | 2 June 7pm |
| Anxiety Explained | 8 June 10am |
| Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness | 8 June 7pm |
| Introduction to OCD | 9 June 10am |
| What is ACT? | 9 June 7pm |
| Decreasing Depression | 15 June 10am |
| Raising Self-Esteem | 15 June 7pm |
| Understanding the Teenage Brain | 16 June 10am |
| Supporting Healthy Sleep | 16 June 7pm |
| Improving Family Communication | 22 June 10am |
| Autism-Improving Communication | 22 June 7pm |
| Supporting a Child with ADHD | 23 June 10am |
| Understanding Addictive Behaviour | 23 June 7pm |
| ADHD and Homework | 25 June 7-8pm |

Other Information

Helping an ADHD Child with Homework



FREE one hour online session for parents
Thursday 25th June 7pm - 8pm

Join us online to get some advice on how to help your
ADHD child start and complete their homework.

Book on the **PARENTS - Live Talks** page
facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Other Information

 [thecromptonclub](https://www.instagram.com/thecromptonclub)

SUN 12 JULY 10 - 11AM



GIRLS ONLY

INTRODUCTION TO RUGBY



Join us at Biggleswade RUFC for a fun, friendly, confidence-building Introduction to Rugby session with elite player **GRACE CROMPTON**



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- World 7s Player
- 15s PWR Player with Harlequins
- Represented England at U20s



For girls currently in School Years 4,5, and 6

Scan the QR code to book your free place



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Other Information



GIRLS FOOTBALL SESSION

COME ALONG, HAVE FUN
AND PLAY FOOTBALL!


-  **20TH JUNE 2026**
-  **11.45 TILL 12.45**
-  **CURRENT YEAR 1 AND 2
GIRLS ONLY**
-  **SESSION IS FREE! **

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- 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

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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

Local Events

Hello from Eyeworth Village Hall!

Just to let you know that we have our annual family-friendly fundraising event taking place later this month.

We are inviting you to an amazing puppet show by the very talented, local puppetry & storytelling company the 'Theatre of Widdershins'.

'The Elves & The Shoemaker' will be performed on Sunday 28th June at 11am & 2.30pm.



This show is suitable for ages 3yrs+ & tickets are now available from: eyeworthvh@yahoo.com & are priced at £7/adult & £5/child.

Refreshments will be on sale before & during the performances.

This year, instead of holding our annual Family Fun Day we are celebrating our Hall's 70th anniversary on Saturday 22nd August with cream teas in the afternoon followed by a Barn Dance with bar & hog roast in the evening.

As well as the above, we have regular Aerial Yoga classes plus Fit Ball Pilates classes, Archery sessions, lots of puppy & ScentWork classes & soon-to-launch toddler & family foreign language classes & a monthly drum circle.

More details about the Puppet Shows, our celebratory events & regular classes can be found on our social media: www.facebook.com/EyeworthVillageHall

The soon-to-launch foreign language classes & the monthly drum circle will be advertised very soon, so give our page a 'like/follow' to keep updated.

We look forward to you joining us & thank you for your support!

Summer Holiday Clubs & Events

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Summer Holiday Clubs & Events



Central
Bedfordshire

MULTISPORT 4 DAY CAMP

JOIN US FOR SUMMER ACTIVITIES & SPORTS!

Dates & Locations:

Flitwick Football Club

- Monday 10th August - Thursday 13th August
- Monday 17th August - Thursday 20th August
- Monday 24th August - Thursday 27th August

The Sports Hall Sandy

- Monday 17th August - Thursday 20th August
- Monday 24th August - Thursday 27th August

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