

POTTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 26th June 2026



From the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow what a hot week we have had here in Potton Primary. I wanted to start by praising our children this week for their understanding in things being different and not being able to go outside at lunchtimes. Thank you to the staff for supporting our children during the week and to parents/carers for your continued support. Next week the forecast is for slightly cooler weather but please continue to ensure your child brings a refillable drinks bottle, sunhat and sunscreen.

Following on from my communication earlier in the week, Mr Boyd our Deputy Headteacher will be leaving us at the end of term to take up a Deputy Headteacher role at a school in Cambridgeshire. Thank you Mr Boyd for all your hard work and support during your time at Potton Primary. Mrs Fitzpatrick one of our class teachers is also leaving us to take up a teaching post in Cambridgeshire. Thank you Mrs Fitzpatrick for all your hard work and support over your years at Potton. Miss Addison our Heron teacher will be leaving us as she is relocating. Thank you for your hard work and support this year and we wish you the best as you continue in your teaching career.

Our Year 6 children who are moving up to Sandy Secondary had their transition day on Thursday. I have heard that they had a lovely day.

Some of you may remember Mrs Looby who left us last year to begin her teacher training. It was lovely to welcome her back to Potton for a brief visit on Monday morning. The children and staff were excited to see her. We wish her well as she embarks on her first teaching role.

Next week our Year 6 children head off on their residential trip to Caythorpe Court. I hope they all have a lovely time and enjoy taking part in the numerous activities that are planned for them.

A reminder that on Wednesday afternoon we have our rearranged EYFS Sports Day and Learn Together Afternoon. Please let the office know if you are coming to the event.

On Thursday our Year 3 children go to Hazard Alley on their school trip. I hope that the children and staff attending have an amazing day.

Finally, thank you for your continued support with our fundraising events. Our Fathers Day gift shop raised £303.77.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards

Miss J Watts

Headteacher

Diary Dates



Week Commencing 29th June – Year 6 Residential Trip

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

Wednesday 1st July – EYFS Sports Day and Learn Together Afternoon

Thursday 2nd July – Year 3 Trip – Hazard Alley Safety Centre

Tuesday 7th July at 10:00am – Rocksteady Concert

Wednesday 8th July – Year 3 Singing Concert at Shuttleworth

Thursday 9th July – Potton Primary Transition Day

Friday 10th July at 9:30am – Rocksteady Concert

Saturday 11th July 12:00–4:00pm – PTFA 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 at 9:30am – Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Letters Home

All

Class Photo's Order Information

Fidget Toys In School

Staff Changes for Next Academic Year.

Whats Happening?

Whole School

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

EYFS - Robins & Ravens

- Wednesday 1st July - Sports Day/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

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 = 85.8%

Year 1 = 79.7%

Year 2 = 82.6%

Year 3 = 76.7%

Year 4 = 82.5%

Year 5 = 79.6%

Year 6 = 89.2%

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%

Wk Beg 22nd June - 82.4%

Our attendance for
this week is :

82.4%

Our attendance for
the year to date is:

93.1%

Awards this Week

In today's assembly, we celebrated...

Class Superstars

Peacocks: Kobi W
Puffins: Amara N
Mallards: Alfie P
Moorhens: Jason A
Wrens: Jacob S
Woodpeckers: Tally TT
Hawks: Ava L
Hérons: Jack H
Swifts: Layla N
Starlings: Ethan P
Kites: George B
Kingfishers : David G

Values Superstars

Peacocks: Layla-Rose G
Puffins: Isabella T
Mallards: Adaline N
Moorhens: Caiden D
Wrens: Daisy N
Woodpeckers: Reid J
Hawks: Poppy U
Hérons: Jack H
Swifts: Hallie D-M
Starlings: Rory W
Kites: Frazier S
Kingfishers : Lily D

Numbots Star Of The Week

Puffins: Remi S
Mallards: Mollie S
Moorhens: Cassie W
Woodpeckers: Parker W
Wrens: Devlin P

Times Tables Rockstars Star Of The Week

Hérons: Finley S
Hawks: Fernando G
Swifts: Alfie C
Starlings: Finnley F

Housepoints This Week

Ash: 209	Birch: 192	Elm: 211
Oak: 167	Sycamore: 215	Willow: 146
Ash:	Birch: 1	Elm: 2
Oak:	Sycamore: 1	Willow:

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



Sycamore



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 National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trained adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it's needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trained adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, links and tips for adults.

Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, Ukie, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide more insight into a particular game, while the parental controls on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remove any child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games (such as role-playing games) require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much paying for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage their expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or don't realise they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary: emphasises that you're made an exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to this boundary by browsing games' boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.

18 CENSORED

FACTOR IN FRIENDS

If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle. So, when friends visit, do they instantly dash to their console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this once they're together. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breaks – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Unfortunately, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tasks a night before, or using a timer to choose something to build together at Fortnite or a level in Minecraft, choose something to build together at. For more ideas, visit our guide to try out some of the fun game modes, like Pop Hunt, which don't require high skill levels.

TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS

Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to trash talk other players, for example? Can they notice when they get angry if they lose? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS

A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately troublesome. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes their experience a negative one. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable: what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.

Meet Our Expert

Daniel Upchurch is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality and more. He has also written 10 guidebooks for children, covering games such as Fortnite, Apex Legends, Halo Infinite, Rocket League, and more, which have been published by the BBC, BBC Kids, Usborne, and others. He has reviewed more than 80 games and produced over 100 pieces of work.

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Potton Primary Events Information



POTTON PRIMARY PTFA

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

BE PART OF SOMETHING AMAZING!

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

 **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

Potton Show Information



CHILDREN'S CUPS AND MEDALS: Points from all classes for Children will be included in the points for cups and vouchers.

Junior Medal 3 - 5 years

Junior Medal 6 - 8 years

Junior Cup 9 - 11 years

Junior Cup 12 - 16 years

CHILDREN'S COOKERY JUDGE: VICKI WINGFIELD SPONSOR: [JANE LEONARD](#) Please note that all items are to be displayed on a paper plate.

3 - 5 Years

350 Chocolate nests

351 4 Decorated biscuits

6 - 8 Years

352 4 Homemade biscuits - can be decorated or left plain. Please state ingredients

353 6 Homemade sweets

9 - 11 years

354 4 Decorated homemade fairy cakes

355 A homemade, decorated gingerbread man

356 6 Homemade sweets

12 - 16 years

357 A decorated home made cake, 20cm / 8" maximum

358 4 Muffins

359 2 Energy bars - state ingredients

360 4 Cheese straws

CHILDREN'S HOME HANDICRAFTS

6 - 8 Years

550 A sock puppet

9 - 11 Years

551 An article of handmade jewellery

552 A handmade sewn fabric creature/monster/animal or alien

12 - 16 Years

553 A fabric pencil case

554 A bag made from recycled clothing

555 An article of Diamond Art

CHILDREN'S PHOTOGRAPHIC

6 - 8 Years

620 Potton

9 - 11 years

621 Potton

12 - 16 years

622 Potton

Potton Show Information

THE POTTON SHOW – ENTRY FORM 2026

Please complete and take this form, in a sealed envelope with entry fees,

to: Potton Post Office, OR to Mrs Jan May, 19 Brook End Potton SG19 2QS

Entries can also be emailed to entries.pottonshow@gmail.com (pay by bank transfer)

BY NO LATER THAN 4PM ON THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

Alternatively, entry forms can be handed in at St Mary's Church Hall, Potton SG19 2RP

between 7pm and 9pm on the evening of Thursday 10TH September

Fee: 50p per class / entry

Contact number for queries/telephone entries: 07909 522159

Please clearly print the name of each entrant, and class number entered, into boxes below

Additional schedules and entry forms can be downloaded from our website: www.pottonshow.org.uk

or obtained from Potton Post Office, Potton Library, Tysoes Hardware, Camerons News

Sorry no entries after the times stated above as we need to complete our paperwork and calculate spacing and layout for exhibits

MR/ MRS/ MISS	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	AGE (if under 16yrs)	CLASS NUMBER (enter one class in each box) MAXIMUM OF 2 PER CLASS PER PERSON						OFFICE USE

TOTAL ENTRY FEE ENCLOSED

(@50p per entry)

Office Payment Check:

Address (Block capitals)

Postcode:

Email address:

Telephone:

Data protection regulations: I give permission for Potton Show to hold my personal information which will not be shared with any other party. Please tick box to confirm agreement ☐

I/we declare that we intend staging the above entries in strict conformity with the rules of The Show, as per schedule and rules and have noted cut-off timings. Exhibits can be set up from 7 – 9pm on the evening prior to the show and from 8am to 9.45am on show morning, at which time the premises will be closed for judging.

We are most grateful for any produce items left with us for the Auction, which commences immediately after prize-giving. Please note that all exhibits are to remain on display until after prizes are awarded.

Other Information

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For more information.

Other Information

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SUN 12 JULY 10 - 11AM



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- 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

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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-  **MAKE NEW FRIENDS**
-  **INDOORS AND OUTSIDE**
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-  **LUNCHBOX**
-  **DRINK**

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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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www.mindfitforall.org

Summer Holiday Clubs & Events

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INFORMATION & BOOKING



GROW WILD
OUTREACH

Summer Holiday Clubs & Events



Blues
Foundation

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

Summer Holiday Clubs & Events



Summer 2026 Football Camps By 4 Corner Coaching



FUN



FRIENDS



FOOTBALL

Venue: Sandy Sports Centre (Astro) SG19 1BL

Week 1 Tues 21st & Thurs 23rd July

Week 2 Tues 28th & Thurs 30th July

Week 3 Tues 4th & Thurs 6th Aug

Week 4 Tues 11th & Thurs 13th Aug

Costs £20 per person per session. Ages 5 - 14

UEFA B coaches – Youth Award Level 3 - Enhanced DBS

Safeguarding – BFAS (Basic First Aid for Sport)

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