

Portfields Post

What a wonderful week full of festive cheer. It was lovely to see so many families in to watch the fantastic EYFS nativity this week. A huge thank you to the whole EYFS team for their hard work in making it happen and a big thank you to everyone who helped with putting up the stage and putting the chairs out for each performance.

This week our Year 6 children visited Lovat Hall to take part in Christmas Cracked, where they learned more about the Christmas story.

We finish the week with the FOPS Christmas Fayre. We're extremely lucky to have such a dedicated team willing to give up their time to support the school. Thank you to each and every one of you for your hard work and effort. I know how much time goes into organising an event like this and we are all extremely grateful.

A reminder that if you were unable to attend Parents Evening, the deadline for completing the parent survey is Monday at 12pm. [Complete the survey here](#)

Next Wednesday we have our annual Carols on the Playground. We welcome families to come along from 9:10 and join in the singing and festive fun.

Mrs Folkard.

Notices

TA Vacancies

We have a number of positions available for teaching assistants. Please see our website for full details <https://www.portfieldsprimaryschool.org/about-us/vacancies>

Curriculum Newsletters

Our Spring 1 Curriculum Newsletters are now available on the school website. These are designed to give you an insight into the learning your child will be doing next half term. [You can find the class pages here](#)

For more in depth information about what your child will be learning in each subject, please see the Medium Term Plans for each subject on our curriculum pages.

Year 3 Swimming

A form has been sent via parentmail to all parents with a student in year 3, please complete this form by **Wednesday 18th December**.

Pinecones and bottles please!

Year 2 have some fun investigations planned for Science next half term but we need pinecones and plastic bottles (500ml, 1l or 2l). We need plastic bottles for the first week back and pinecones for the fourth week back. Please could you hand any bottles or pinecones you may have to your child's teacher who will pass them on to Year 2. Thank you in advance!

Mini Professors & Newport Tennis Clubs

Both of these clubs have now finished.

Keep an eye out for the club list for next half term!

Lost Property

We have lots of unnamed lost property in school. This will all be placed outside reception on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. This will be donated to charity if it is not collected.

Rocksteady

Following on from their successful Rock Concerts last week, the Rocksteady Bands are looking for new members. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Dates

New dates in red

Dates (December)

Wed - 18.12.24 - Whole School Carol Concert - 9:15 - 10:15am (Playground)

Fri - 20.12.24 - Last Day of Term

Dates (Spring 1)

Mon - 6.1.25 - INSET Day

Tue - 7.1.25 - Children Return

Tue - 7.1.25 - Y5 CO2 Crew

Thu - 9.1.25 - Y2 Local Walk (PM)

Tue 14.1.25 - Y5 CO2 Crew

Wed - 15.1.25 - Y1 Phonics Screening Check Parent Workshop (6:15pm - 7:15pm) - Aston Hall

Mon - 20.1.25 - Young Voices Concert

Tue - 21.1.25 - CO2 Crew (Frog AM, Newt PM)

Wed - 22.1.25 - CO2 Crew (Toad PM)

Mon - 27.1.25 - Woodrow Parent Meeting (6:15pm)

Thu - 30.1.25 - Y5 Viking Day Workshop

Mon - 3.2.25 - Learning Journal Session - Oak Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)

Tue - 4.2.25 - Learning Journal Session - Chestnut Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)

Tue - 4.2.25 - Y3 Stone & Iron Age Workshop

Wed - 5.2.25 - Learning Journal Session - Elm Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)

Wed - 5.2.25 - Parent Showcase Y1-6 (2:30 - 4pm) - History / Geography

Thu - 6.2.25 - Y6 Forest School Day (Dolphin & Jaguar)

Fri - 7.2.25 - Y6 Forest School Day (Meerkat)

Wed - 13.2.25 - Y4 Woodrow Trip

Tue - 12.2.25 - Safer Internet Day

Wed - 13.2.25 - Y6 Ousedale Music Session (An introduction to music at Ousedale) - 10am - 10:30am

Thu - 13.2.25 - Y6 Forest School Day (Rhino)

Fri - 14.2.25 - Last Day of Half Term

Celebration

House Point Totals

1st - Purple = 1144

2nd - Orange = 1138

3rd - Green = 1121

Star of The Week

First Assembly

Shark - Efiya

Seahorse - Abigail

Toad - Logan

Frog - Isla

Chameleon - Esme

Crocodile - Florence

Stegosaurus - Thomas

Brachiosaurus - Bobby

Owl - Megan

Heron - Lily

Dolphin - Imogen

Meerkat - Ethan

Second Assembly

Elm - Luke

Chestnut - Alice

Oak - Langa

Starfish - Faye

Newt - Teddy-John

Iguana - Ronnie

Gecko - Alex

Triceratops - George

Velociraptor - Amelia

Kingfisher - Hayden

Swift - Rose

Rhino - Jessica

Jaguar - Finlay