

Portfields Post

This week Mr Dixon and I have had the difficult task of interviewing and selecting the Portfields Pupil Leaders. With more than 30 applications, it was not an easy task. A huge well done to everyone who put themselves forward. I'm happy to announce Tom, Baaba, Carlos, Erin, Rose, Hudson, Lily and Dev were successful and I'm looking forward to working closely with them this year. Next week, applications for other Y6 school leadership positions will commence.

A huge well done to all the children who attended last night's year 5/6 boys football trials. We had 45 children take part but are only able to select 16 for the league fixtures. However, there will be plenty of other opportunities throughout the year to represent the school both at football or another sporting event. Thank you to all the staff who gave up their time to enable the trials to take place.

Next week, on Monday, we are holding a Y6 SATs workshop where invite parents of children in Y6 to come along and find out about the KS2 SATs assessments which will happen in May and we will talk about arrangements and show you the types of questions the children will be faced with.

Hopefully today's lovely sunshine stays around and you have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Folkard.

[Notices](#)

[Community Events](#)

Please see our [community events page](#) for local events and clubs happening in and around Newport Pagnell.

[Parking](#)

Please make sure you are parking considerately outside school and are not parking on double yellow lines or over local residents driveways.

[Pupil Premium - Free School Meals](#)

If you receive any of the following your child may be entitled to Pupil Premium Free School Meals. If your child does not already receive them and you think you qualify, please complete the attached form and return to school by Wednesday 24th September.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If your child does not already receive them and you think you qualify, please complete the attached form (If you require a printed copy, please speak to the school office) and return to school by Wednesday 24th September.

[Guitar Lessons - Y3-6](#)

Please see the attached information about guitar lessons available during school time for children in Y3-6

[Premier Wrap Around Free Trial Evening](#)

We're thrilled to invite you and your child to a free trial evening of our wraparound childcare service—hosted right at Portfield!

Whether you're looking for a safe, fun, and enriching space for your child before or after school, or simply curious to see what we offer, this is the perfect chance to experience it all—completely free of charge.

What to Expect:

- Engaging activities designed to spark creativity and confidence
- A chance to meet our friendly team and explore our setting
- A relaxed, welcoming environment for both children and parents
- Free trial session—just book using your bespoke link:

<https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/940996>

We'd love to welcome you and your child for this special evening. Spaces are limited, so be sure to book early to secure your spot.

Please see the attached document for more details.

[National Assessments Information Leaflets](#)

We have added the Department for Education information leaflets about the following national assessments to the corresponding year group pages on our website

EYFS - The Reception Baseline Assessment

Y1 - The Phonics Screening Check

Y4 - The Multiplication Tables Check

Y6 - The KS2 SATs Tests

[You can find the class pages here](#)

[H&S Update - Are you aware of Legionella disease?](#)

Legionnaires disease is a severe type of pneumonia caused by the Legionella bacteria.

People can become infected by inhaling contaminated aerosols or droplets or soil. Legionella is found naturally in freshwater, but people only get sick when it grows and spreads in man-made water systems like hot tubs, fountains, and plumbing systems.

As a school, to make sure we prevent the spread of Legionnaires disease, we complete the following:

- An expert external contractor comes to site once a month to test water temperatures throughout the school at different locations and will inform us if we need to make any adjustments.
- We have TMV valves (thermostatic mixing valves) installed on every single tap around school to maintain safe water temperature.
- Once a week we run the taps in areas that have not been used for 7 days to reduce the risk of Legionella growth.
- We have a Legionella risk assessment completed every 4 years and reviewed every 2 or if we have any significant changes to the water system.
- As part of our legal requirement, we also have a Legionella written scheme in place - this is a risk management document that identifies the measures needed to reduce the risk of exposure to Legionella bacteria in our water systems.

If you do have any questions about Legionella Disease or how we control the risk control measures we use, please contact Mr Welford and he will be happy to help.

[FOPS Notices](#)

We are delighted to announce that we will be taking part in the Christmas Card Project again this year.

Over the next few weeks your child will be bringing home artwork which they have completed at school. The artwork your child has created will be accurately reproduced in full colour onto Christmas cards that are available in packs of 10. Additional items are also available such as T Towels, Mugs, Aprons, Coasters, Water Bottles and Bags. These would make ideal Christmas Presents for family and friends and provide a lasting keepsake of your child's work.

Orders need to be placed and paid for online (We cannot accept any cash payments). The artwork must then be returned to school with all the details fully completed, by 9th October. (No incomplete orders can be processed.) To order <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofportfields/index.cfm?event=products>

A price list is on your child's artwork.

By making an order you agree to the following:

Portfields School will pass FOPS details of your child's name, age and class. FOPS will pass this information to All My Own Work to process your order. Their Privacy Policy can be found on their website. www.allmyownwork.co.uk.

[Exclusive School Fundraising Incentive from Lazer Quest!](#)

FOPS have teamed up with Lazer Quest to bring you an amazing opportunity! Parents can now receive 20% off their child's birthday party on weekdays and 10% off on weekends—because every celebration should be epic!

But that's not all! For every party guest booked using our school code PORTFIELDSSMK168PS £1 will be donated back to Portfields School school, helping to support our fundraising.

PLEASE ADD our unique code to the 'SCHOOL CODE' BOX IN THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SECTION WHEN BOOKING.

So, whether it's for a laser battle extravaganza or an action-packed birthday bash, book today and make a difference while having fun!

[School Lottery](#)

Don't miss out on your chance to win some fantastic prizes by signing up to our Your School Lottery page today!

Every ticket you buy makes a real difference to our school.

Guaranteed Portfields winner each week

Prizes up to £25,000

£1 a ticket

Play weekly or play the prize draw

Further details in the attached leaflet

[Name It, Support Us!](#)

Don't forget to label your child's uniform—and help raise funds for Portfields School at the same time!

We're thrilled to partner with two fantastic companies that give back to our school:

- Stamptastic – A quick and easy way to name your uniform. When you order through [Stamptastic](#), you may receive a discount and up to 15% of your order value comes back to us in funds! Just use our unique code at checkout: MK168PS
- Stikins – These stick-on name labels are super durable and hassle-free. By ordering through [Stikins](#) and quoting 16036 a donation is made to Portfields

To keep up to date with FOPS activities and Deadlines please follow on our facebook or instagram

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

[Dates](#)

New dates in red

Dates (Autumn 1)

Mon - 22.9.25 - Y6 SATs Information Evening - (Aston Hall) - 6:15pm)

Mon - 29.9.25 - Y5 CO2 Crew

Tue - 30.9.25 - Y5 CO2 Crew

Wed - 1.10.25 - KS2 (Y3-6) CPR Live Session

Wed - 1.10.25 - MAT Parent Consultation (3:30pm & 6:15pm)

Thu - 2.10.25 - Y3 OAA Day

Mon - 6.10.25 - Rhino Forest School Day

Tue - 7.10.25 - Jaguar Forest School Day

Wed - 8.10.25 - Meerkat Forest School Day

Thu - 9.10.25 - Dolphin Forest School Day

Fri - 10.10.25 - Mental Health Day (Wear Yellow)

Mon - 13.10.25 - EYFS Intake (26-27) Parent Information Morning (9:00 - 10:00am - Aston Hall)

Mon - 13.10.25 - EYFS Intake (26-27) Parent Information Evening (6:15 - 7:15pm - Aston Hall)

Mon - 13.10.25 - Toad Class Forest School Day

Tue - 14.10.25 - Newt Class Forest School Day

Wed - 15.10.25 - Frog Class Forest School Day

Mon - 20.10.25 - Discos

3:30-4:30 - EYFS

4:45 - 5:45 - Y5

Tue - 21.10.25 - Discos

3:30 - 4:30 - Y3

4:45 - 5:45 - Y6

Tue - 21.10.25 - Triceratops Forest School Day

Wed - 22.10.25 - Stegosaurus & Brachiosaurus Forest School Day

Wed - 22.10.25 - Discos

3:30 - 4:30 - Y1 & Y2

4:45 - 5:45 - Y4

Wed - 22.10.25 - Kingfisher & Heron OAA Afternoon

Thu - 23.10.25 - Owl & Swift OAA Afternoon

Thu - 23.10.25 - Individual & Sibling Photos

Thu - 23.10.25 - Last Day of Term

Fri - 24.10.25 - INSET Day

Dates (Autumn 2)

Mon - 3.11.25 - Children Return

Mon - 3.11.25 - Simon the Explorer - Y6 WOW Day

Mon - 3.11.25 - Parents Evening Booking Live (5:30pm)

Sun - 9.11.25 - Remembrance Sunday - Pupil Leaders

Mon - 10.11.25 - EYFS Intake (26-27) Stay & Play -Forest School - 09:00 - 10:00am

Mon - 10.11.25 - EYFS Intake (26-27) Stay & Play -Forest School - 1:30 - 2:30pm

Wed - 12.11.26 - Y2 Sublime Science Visitor

Mon - 17.11.25 - Y1 & Y2 Parent Reading Drop In (08:30 - 08:50)

Mon - 17.11.25 - Learning Journal Session - Chestnut Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)

Tue - 18.11.25 - Y3 & Y4 Parent Reading Drop In (08:30 - 08:50)

Tue - 18.11.25 - Learning Journal Session - Elm Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)

Wed - 19.11.25 - Y5 & Y6 Parent Reading Drop In (08:30 - 08:50)

Wed - 19.11.25 - Learning Journal Session - Oak Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)

Tue - 25.11.25 - Y5 RIAT STEM Challenge

Wed - 26.11.24 - Flu Immunisation (EYFS & Any who missed)

Tue - 2.12.25 - Parents Evening (15:30 - 18:00)

Wed - 3.12.25 - Christmas Rocksteady Concert (TBC)

Thu - 4.12.25 - Parents Evening (15:30 - 18:00)

Fri - 5.12.25 - Non-Uniform Day (Bottle Tombola donations)

Wed - 10.12.25 - EYFS Dress Rehearsal (KS1) - 1:30pm

Thu - 11.12.25 - EYFS Dress Rehearsal (KS2) - 1:30pm

Fri - 12.12.25 - Christmas Fair

Fri - 12.12.25 - Christmas Jumper Day

Tue - 16.12.25 - EYFS Nativity - 2-3pm (Aston Hall)

Wed - 17.12.25 - Whole School Carol Concert - 9:15 - 10:15am (Playground)

Wed - 17.12.25 - EYFS Nativity - 2-3pm (Aston Hall)

Tue - 16.12.25 - Y5 Panto Stantonbury

Thu - 18.12.25 - Last Day of Term

Fri - 19.12.25 - INSET Day (School closed to children)

[Celebration](#)

[House Point Totals](#)

1st - Green = 2787

2nd - Purple = 2721

3rd - Orange = 2663

Star of The Week

First Assembly

Seahorse - Ellie

Toad - Max

Frog - Amelie

Iguana - George

Stegosaurus - Byron

Brachiosaurus - Ruby-Ann

Owl - Beatrix

Heron - Isabella

Dolphin - Jake

Meerkat - Emelia

Second Assembly

Shark - Romi

Starfish - JJ

Newt - Pierre

Gecko - Yuvan

Chameleon - Reuben

Triceratops - Harper

Kingfisher - Ralph

Swift - Evie

Rhino - Carlos

Jaguar - Sophia