

Portfields Post

What a soggy week! Regardless of the weather the children have had some fantastic learning experiences over the week

Our Bridge Values of Respect and Kindness, Involve everyone and Grow Minds were extended on Sunday, when the Yr 6 Pupil Leaders and I had the privilege to attend the Newport Pagnell Remembrance Parade. We all felt honoured to be a part of such a respectful and historical event and were extremely humbled by the experience. The Yr 6 pupils represented our school community with grace and respect and I am extremely proud of them all.

On Monday we welcomed parents and children of the new 2026 EYFS cohort. They all enjoyed wonderfully wet, yet fun stay and play sessions, introducing the little ones to our Forest School and beginning their learning journey with us.

Year 2 took part in some amazing science learning with the team from Sublime Science on Wednesday. All pupils were involved in making their own slime, which they could take home, in their groups they created different weather sounds and also used a leaf blower to make balls of different sizes move across the room. Kalin in Newt described the day as "A very nice thing to do, it was very exciting and fun. The best bit was making the slime!". Eric in Frog class said "It was quite good, I enjoyed experimenting how to make slime, I had to change a few bits to make it good enough". Ammaar from Toad stated "It was sticky, green, interesting and it was slimey - I liked it!"

We have finished off the week with a fantastic bridge day where all year groups have experienced a range of carousel activities all focused around Art with the aim of children seeing themselves as artists. KS1 classes moved amongst their different classes with their year group, whilst KS2 classes moved around different classrooms across the year groups which has created a huge buzz around the school.

EYFS have focused on how art is used in religion with attention on Rangoli Art. Yr 1 has had the joy of t-shirt printing and how art can be used to express themselves. Yr 2 has investigated Cave art and how art can be used for story telling. Yr 3 have learnt about handprint dragons and how art can be used as part of a celebration. Yr 4 have been looking at Dream catchers and how art is reflected in our beliefs, Yr 5 have been inspired by Ernst Haeckel's work on art found in the symmetry of nature. Finally Yr 6 has focused on Tableau Vivants and how our bodies can be used to create art - Overall it has been a fantastic day with some very enthusiastic learning.

Mrs Folkard.

Notices

The Food Bank - A thank you

We received a wonderful letter of thanks from The Food Bank on Monday. Our donations from the Harvest festival were greatly appreciated and will provide support to those that truly need it. (Letter is attached for your interest)

School Photos - Deadline Date Reminder

This is a gentle reminder to all parents that the ordering **deadline date for FREE DELIVERY to the school is Wednesday 19th November 2025**

Any orders placed after the deadline will be subject to postage & packaging costs with delivery direct to them at their home address.

Kind regards,

The DSP Photography Admin Team

Supporting MK ACT

This Christmas, Portfields is proud to be supporting **MK ACT**, a local charity that helps families in Milton Keynes who are escaping domestic violence.

The women and children supported by MK ACT have created special *Christmas Wish Lists* (attached), and together we can help make their festive season a little brighter and ensure everyone gets a gift this Christmas.

If you'd like to join in, please bring an **unwrapped gift** or **gift voucher** (for food, shops, days out or activities) to the school office on **Wednesday 4th or Thursday 5th December**. These will be delivered to "Santa's Workshop" the following Monday.

Your kindness and generosity will help bring comfort, hope, and a touch of Christmas magic to families in need this year.

Further details are attached to the Parentmail.

FOPS

Portfields Christmas Fayre – Don't Miss Out!

Date: Friday, 12th December

Get ready for an unforgettable festive celebration packed with fun, games, and magical moments! Here's what you need to know:

Year 5 & 6 Games Stalls – Stamp Cards Required!

Our amazing Year 5 & 6 pupils will be running their own games stalls during the Fayre.

To join the fun, you'll need a stamp card (no cash accepted at these stalls):

Order online: <https://pta.events/oqyzhba9>

Deadline: by 8th December

Cards also available at the Fayre (but buy early to skip queues!)

Cards valid only in Year 5 & 6 areas. No refunds for unused credits.

Story Time with Santa – Book Your Spot!

Every Portfields child can enjoy a heartwarming story with Santa in his cozy grotto and receive a special gift – all for just £5!

Booking closes: 4th December

Reserve now: <https://pta.events/munwyr8f>

Spaces are limited – book early before Santa's list is full!

Dates**New dates in red**

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)

Tue - 18.11.25 - Owl and Swift Forest School Day

Wed 19.11.25 - Heron and Kingfisher Forest School Day

Wed 19.11.25 - School Photo Order Deadline

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)

Wed - 26.11.25 - Y6 Christmas Cracked

Thu - 27.11.25 - Owl Local Geography Walk

Fri - 28.11.25 - Swift Local Geography Walk

Mon - 1.12.25 9.00-11.00 Heron Local Geography Walk

Tue - 2.12.25 9.00-11.00 Kingfisher Local Geography Walk

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

Wed - 3.12.25 - Christmas Rocksteady Concert (9:30am - 10:30am)

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

Fri - 5.12.25 - 09:30 - Y5 Christmas Cracked

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

Wed - 10.12.25 - Christmas Dinner Day ([See website for details of how to book](#))

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)

Dates (Spring 1)

Mon - 5.1.26 - INSET Day

Tue - 6.1.26 - Children Return

Wed - 14.1.26 - Y1 Phonics Screening Check Parent Workshop (6:15pm - 7:15pm) - Aston Hall

w.b 26.1.26 - Mock Y6 SATs Week

Wed - 28.1.26 - Woodrow Parent Meeting (6:15 - 7:15pm)

Thu - 29.1.26 - Y3 Stone Age / Ice Age Visit

Mon - 2.2.26 - Learning Journal Session - Chestnut Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)

Tue - 3.2.26 - Learning Journal Session - Elm Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)

Wed - 4.2.26 - Learning Journal Session - Oak Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)

Wed - 4.2.26 - Parent Showcase Y1-6 (2:30 - 4pm)

Fri - 6.2.26 - Y5 Vikings Workshops

Tue - 10.2.25 - Safer Internet Day

Wed - 11.2.26 - Y4 Woodrow Trip

Fri - 13.2.25 - Last Day of Term

Dates (Spring 2)

Mon - 23.2.26 - Children Return

Mon - 23.2.26 - Young Voices

Mon - 23.2.26 - Parents Evening Bookings Live (5:30pm)

Thu - 5.3.26 - World Book Day

Thu - 5.3.26 - Parent Reading Drop In (08:30 - 09:00)

Fri - 6.3.26 - Y1 Exotic Animal Encounter

Tue - 10.3.26 - Y3 Roald Dahl Trip

Thu - 12.3.26 - Class & Leavers Photos

Wed - 18.3.26 - Rocksteady Concert

Thu - 19.3.26 - Y5 Space Centre Trip

Tue - 24.3.26 - Easter Discos

3:30-4:30 - EYFS

4:45 - 5:45 - Y5 Disco

Wed - 25.3.26 - Easter Discos

3:30 - 4:30 - Y3 Disco

4:45 - 5:45 - Y6 Disco

Thu - 26.3.26 - EYFS Spring Hat Parade - 2.45pm (The Playground)

Thu - 26.3.26 - Easter Discos

3:30 - 4:30 - Y1 & Y2 Disco

4:45 - 5:45 - Y4 Disco

Fri - 27.3.26 - Last Day of Term

Celebration

House Point Totals

1st - Purple = 1388

2nd - Green = 1252

3rd - Orange = 1134