

## **Portfields Post**

Firstly I want to thank all students, parents and staff for such wonderful Pyjama day last Friday supporting Children in Need. Everyone looked amazing and thoroughly enjoyed their day. We will let you know our final total soon!

Monday saw the first of hopefully many Intra-Newport Pagnell Cross Country meet. It was such a great event and all the children from both Green Park, Tickford Park and Portfields had a great time. The event was well attended, and we look forward to hosting and competing in many more Intra-Newport Pagnell events.

This week children also had the opportunity to spend their morning sharing a wonderful reading experience. The classrooms were abuzz with children and parents reading together and building core memories that will last a lifetime.

EYFS also had the opportunity to showcase their learning journals to their parents/guardians, many were excited to show off their learning so far this year.

Yr 5 had the joys of their Forest school days and even in the cold weather, they certainly enjoyed their time getting very muddy, building wonderful dens and taking advantage of the outdoors.

Finally, the weather has turned extremely quickly and we have ended the week with much colder weather than we have had in the past few weeks. Please ensure your children bring in **labelled warm winter coats, hats and gloves**, even if they do not wish to wear them on the way to school, please bring it with them and hand them in to the class teacher.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Folkard.

## Notices

### [The Adventures of - Young Writers Creative Writing Competition \(7-12 year olds\)](#)

Young Writers have invited your child to explore their imagination, build confidence and celebrate writing. *The Adventures of..* is all about *short, creative bursts of writing that are engaging and full of fun.*

Last year's competition saw 3 of our pupils publish their work, copies of the book can be seen in reception, let's see if we can get more children published this year!!

Some of the benefits of entering include:

- 100-word limit helps focus writing and improve vocabulary
- Fantastic writing stamina practise
- See your child's writing confidence and pride in themselves flourish when they see their work published in a book.
- Open theme to let creativity shine
- Bookmark and sticker for every entrant
- A chance for the school to win the top prize of £1000
- Young Writers 5 favourite published writers will each win a fantastic creative writing goody bag worth over £100 including a fitness watch!
- 5 runners-up will each win a £20 Smyths voucher.

For full details on how to enter, visit : [Young Writers Competition 2025](#)

If your child decides to enter please ensure you link their entry to Portfield's Primary school.

We also have a number of paper entries at the front office. If you would like a paper copy, please let the office team know. You can also send your entries via email to the School Co-ordinator [magaly.betts-murphy@portfields.org](mailto:magaly.betts-murphy@portfields.org)

## FOPS

Please see attached Newsletter from FOPS -with updates on what has been raised and events moving forward

## Water Bottles

We have an excess of unnamed and unclaimed water bottles in reception. If your child has lost one please pop in and check with reception. Any unclaimed bottles will be disposed of on the last day of term.

## House Winners Last Term

We can confirm house points results for last half term are as follows:

1st - Orange Total: 9470

2nd Green Total: 9242

3rd Purple Total: 9066

Therefore, Orange house pupils can celebrate their win on **FRIDAY 28th NOVEMBER** with a non-uniform day just for them! Please ensure that your child wears appropriate clothing and footwear for the day (no fancy dress)

## Dates

### New dates in red

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

Wed -26.11.25 - Y3 Forest School Day

Wed - 26.11.25 - EYFS Wedding (PM)

Thu - 27.11.25 - Owl Local Geography Walk

Fri - 28.11.25 - Swift Local Geography Walk

Fri - 28.11.25 - Orange House only Non school uniform

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)

Thu - 4.12.25 - Relationship & Sex Education Parent Workshop (09:00 -10:00am & 17:15 - 18:15)

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

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

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

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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 - Green = 1262

2nd - Purple = 1194

3rd - Orange = 1159

### **Star of The Week**

### **First Assembly**

Elm - Alfie

Chestnut - Isabel

Seahorse - Isla

Toad - Daniella

Frog - Ralph

Iguana - Diyana

Stegosaurus - Malachi

Brachiosaurus - Arthur

Owl - Graham

Heron - Leo

Dolphin - Lily

Meerkat - John

### **Second Assembly**

Oak - Ace

Shark - Noah

Starfish - Lallie-Ann

Newt - Aria

Gecko - Riley

Chameleon - Norah

Triceratops - Levi

Kingfisher - Sienna

Swift - Benjamin

Rhino - Hariniha

Jaguar - Niall