

Portfields Post

After 18 years of extraordinary dedication, we say a heartfelt farewell to Mrs Mandy Britnell, our school business manager, as she begins her early retirement. Her steady leadership, kindness, and unwavering commitment have shaped our school in ways that will be felt for years to come. On behalf of the whole school, thank you for every late night, every solution found, every challenge faced, and every moment you gave to help us thrive. We are deeply grateful, and we wish you a retirement filled with joy, rest, and all the things you so richly deserve.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to Cody and Corey of Chapmans Building Services, a Newport Pagnell local family run business, who kindly donated their time and expertise to build a stud wall, creating a wonderful calm and quiet space for our children with complex needs. We are extremely grateful to our wonderful community coming together to help us complete this project so efficiently.

I can confirm that the Portfields community raised a wonderful £381.50 for Children in Need and we also collected £96.29 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families for their generous support.

On a completely different note, we have been extremely busy with some amazing learning experiences throughout the week. Year 5 enjoyed a knowledge rich and fun STEM day, exploring the science and engineering behind aircrafts and using their learning to design, build and test their own models! Future aircraft experts in the making!

Wednesday was packed with events from Forest school for Year 3, Year 6 visiting Lovat Hall for the Christmas Cracked experience and finished with the fantastic EFYS wedding. All the pupils in EYFS looked so smart in their party attire!

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Folkard.

Notices

Non-Uniform Day - Donate a Bottle - Friday 5th December

On Friday 5th December 2026 children are able to come to school in non-uniform. If your child has PE on this day, please ensure it is suitable for them to still participate, and all children must wear sensible clothing and footwear for the weather, as they will still be playing outside

EYFS/KS1 can bring in chocolate for the Christmas fayre tombola

KS2 can bring any bottles - alcohol, bath, squash for the Christmas fayre tombola

All alcohol **MUST** be given to a staff member

Christmas Dinner Day Wednesday 10th December

A gentle reminder to place your child's christmas dinner order by **midnight Sunday 30th November 2025**.

Christmas Carols on the Playground 17th December 26

You are invited to join the whole school for a School Carol Concert which takes place on the playground at 9:15am - 10:15am

FOPS

Important Notice Year 5 & 6 Games Stalls – Stamp Cards Required!

Our amazing Year 5 & 6 pupils will be running their own games stalls during the Fayre – come and join the fun!

Important: These stalls will be **cash-free**, so you'll need a **stamp card** to play.

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

Deadline: 8th December

Buy early to skip queues! Cards will also be available at the Fayre.

Please note: Cards are valid only in Year 5 & 6 areas. No refunds for unused credits

We Need Your Voice!

Your feedback matters. Please take a few minutes to complete the **FOPS Parent Questionnaire**. Your responses help us improve and make decisions that benefit our school community.

Why is it important?

- Share your thoughts and ideas
- Help shape future events and initiatives
- Ensure every parent's voice is heard

How to complete it:

The link <https://forms.gle/sQSduVvqVx98CwU66>

Complete by 16th December

Thank you for supporting FOPS and helping us make a difference!

Santa is Visiting Portfields School! – Friday 12th December

We're excited that Santa will be visiting Portfields School on **Friday 12th December**, and we're offering all children the chance to enjoy a magical story with Santa.

- Slots Available: We still have spaces, but they must be booked by 5th December.
- Session Details: Each session lasts 10 minutes and costs just £5, which includes a special gift.
- Important: Slots must be booked in advance and will NOT be available to purchase at the fayre.
- <https://pta.events/munwyr8f>

Don't miss out on this festive experience!

Bauble Decorating Competition – Closing Date: Friday 5th December

Don't forget to decorate and return your baubles! All children should have received a bauble to decorate.

- Prizes: There will be prizes for the best decorated bauble in each year group.
- Display: All baubles will be displayed on the FOPS Christmas Tree at the fayre.
- There is no cost to enter – it's completely free!

Get creative and join in the festive fun!

FOPS Christmas Raffle

We're thrilled to announce the launch of our **FOPS Christmas Raffle** – a wonderful chance to win fantastic prizes while supporting our school community!

Thanks to the generosity of local businesses, we have an exciting selection of prizes, including:

- **MK Dons Family Voucher**
- **Open Mead Voucher**
- **Delicious Chocolates**

...and much more!

Tickets:

- £1 each
- £5 for a book of 5

Every ticket sold helps us raise vital funds for school resources, enrichment activities, and those little extras that make a big difference to our children's experience.

How to Purchase:

If you'd like to buy tickets for yourself or on behalf of family and friends use the link

<https://pta.events/t1ipllva>

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Thank you for your continued support.

Dates

New dates in red

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

House Point Totals

1st - Green -1111

2nd - Orange - 1049

3rd - Purple 994

Star of The Week

First Assembly

Elm - Aurora

Chestnut - Daisy

Seahorse - Freddie

Toad - Mylo

Frog - Harry

Iguana - Isla

Stegosaurus - Sara

Brachiosaurus - Logan

Owl - Liam

Heron - Evie

Dolphin - Noah

Meerkat - Darryl

Second Assembly

Oak - Arthur

Shark - Dexter

Starfish - Charlie

Newt - Cem

Gecko - Eryn

Chameleon - Hugo

Triceratops - Katie

Kingfisher - Jack

Swift - Israel

Rhino - Jack

Jaguar - Ayotofunmi