

## **Portfields Post**

As we are rapidly approaching the end of the term, we are bidding a sad farewell to Miss Laura Dolan. Laura has been a dedicated member of the Senior Leadership team here at Portfield, especially in EYFS for the last 3 years, her experience and positivity will be greatly missed. We wish her all the very best as she moves onwards and upwards in her career taking a Deputy headship role at Middleton School.

We would like to extend our immense gratitude to Mrs Nunn and the school council for her tireless campaigning for increased traffic safety around the school. Mrs Nunn has successfully initiated the implementation of 20mph limit signs on Wordsworth Avenue and Westbury Lane. 18 months of consistent hard work and dedication including raising a petition, getting pupils to write letters to the local council and numerous emails has paid off. Mrs Nunn's work is not over and further improvements from The Highways Agency are in the pipeline. We thank Mrs Nunn for her dedication to the safety of our children and their families at Portfields Primary School.

This week has been filled with exciting exploring of Forest school for year 1 and year 6 enjoyed their orienteering days, improving their navigation and problem solving skills. All year groups got a sneak peek of the EYFS nativity play rehearsals, which they all enjoyed. We are looking forward to our families joining us next week to see their amazing performance.

Year 5 and 6 have been working hard getting their stalls ready for the Christmas fayre later today, lots of team work and collaboration has been evident. They are all super excited to show off their hard work and bring lots of Christmas cheer to all that visit the fayre - so roll up roll up and have a go at the games that will be available.

Once again without the dedication and commitment of the FOPs team, this Christmas fayre would not take place, therefore we would like to thank the team again. The team are always looking for more volunteers to help support all aspects of the fundraising efforts, therefore if you are able to help no matter how small, please get in touch with FOPs.

Mrs Folkard.

## **Notices**

### **Parents Evening Reports**

Parent evening reports for those unable to attend, or who attended virtually, will be sent out via ParentMail next week.

### **Christmas Songs on the Playground - Wednesday 17th December 25**

Families are invited to join the school next Wednesday at 9:15am for the annual christmas songs on the playground. We would love to see you all, so wrap up warm and bring your singing voices, help us fill the Poets estate full of christmas cheer.

### **Language of the Term**

Each term we have a new "Language of the Term" and the children have an opportunity to learn some common words in that language, next term the children will be learning French. Please feel free to learn along with the children some of the common words, these can be found here:

<https://www.portfieldsprimaryschool.org/children/language-of-the-term>

### **Young Writers Competition**

The Monster Mayhem for 4-7 yr olds and The Adventures of.. For 7-12yr olds competitions need to be handed in to your child's class teacher or to reception by Thursday 18th December 25. We have quite a few entries so far, but let's see if we can inundate their headquarters with lots of entries from Portfields and have lots of our children published artists and writers.

## 2026-27 Term Dates

We have updated the term date section of the school website with the new term dates for the 2026-27 academic year. [Please see them here](#)

## Dates

### **New dates in red**

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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**Wed - 17.12.25 - Final Relationship and Sex Education Evening (Aston Hall) 5:30pm - 6:30pm**

Tue - 16.12.25 - Y5 Panto Stantonbury

**Thu - 18.12.25 SEND Parent Coffee morning 9am-10am (Aston Hall)**

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

**Fri - 9.1.26 - Y4 Geography Field Walk**

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 - Orange - 1253

2nd - Green - 1158

3rd - Purple - 1153

### **Star of The Week - No Assembly**