

Portfields Post

What a very busy week for everyone here at Portfields!

Heron and Kingfisher completed their local geography walk earlier this week, walking into Newport Pagnell High street, where they compared the present day high street to photos of how the high street looked many many years ago. Despite the weather, all children participated well and represented our school brilliantly. Well done year 5!

On Wednesday a very successful and packed Rocksteady concert took place. All of the bands that performed were fantastic and definitely had Aston Hall rocking!

I hosted 2 Relationship and Sex Education meetings on Thursday and due to demand we have offered another meeting for Wednesday 17th December 25, please complete the form sent out yesterday if you wish to attend . If you are not able to attend, please do not worry, all details of the meetings will be available for you from the school website before we start the new programme in the spring term.

Today Year 5 had a visit from the Bridge Builder trust for their Christmas cracked event. The children came away full of energy and enthusiasm Sid from year 5 said "we played lots of fun games and learnt lots about the Christmas story." When asked to describe the session in 3 words, he chose "fun, enjoyable and educational. Lilly from year 5 described it as " a fab experience and very exciting". Hetty chose "fun, calm and respectful" whilst Lucca described it as "entertaining and joyful". In conclusion I think it is safe to say that year 5 had a great morning.

Not long left of the academic year, but still lots of exciting learning and activities to be had.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend

Mrs Folkard.

Notices

Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who managed to complete the parent survey during parents evening. If you didn't have the opportunity, please take a few moments to complete our annual survey.

[CLICK HERE](#)

Sports Kit Returns

A gentle reminder that if your child has taken part in a sporting event this half term and still has a kit, please could they return it as soon as possible.

Uniform Stall at Christmas Fayre

We are going to have a stall at the xmas Fayre next week for Pre-loved Uniform. All items have been kindly donated by families. You will be able to take any uniform you require **free of charge**.

Cycling Santa's Record

Why not join the record-breaking Cycling Santas '25 event next Saturday 13th December. We're hoping for 500 MK people!

It starts in Station Square at 10.30am, with prizes from the stage to schools with the highest number of registered participants. Please [register here](#) and see the attached flyer for more information.

EYFS & KS1 Young Writers Competition

We are inviting children from EYFS, Year 1 and 2 to take part in a fabulous artwork competition run by Young Writers.

This term's theme for the competition is Monster Mayhem. Your child can let their creativity go wild as they **draw and colour their very own monster**.

You can encourage them to label its features or write a few words about their monster, allowing them to *practise descriptive writing*.

Drawings will feature in a series of vivid, full-colour **Monster Mayhem** books, showcasing the children's artwork for all to see. One picture from each book will be chosen as the front cover image, and from those drawings we'll pick 5 overall winners, who will each win a fantastic goody bag packed with creative supplies.

One drawing from each book will be picked as a finalist and their picture will feature on the front cover. From these finalists, **5 artists** will be chosen to win an amazing kit to create their own den.

PLUS

Every entrant receives a bookmark and sticker for taking part. We award a certificate of merit to all young artists chosen for publication.

Deadline for Entries Friday 19th December 2025

<https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/primary-4-7/mm?view=ind>

FOPS

Christmas Fayre – Friday 12th December, 3:30pm–5:00pm

Our annual Christmas Fayre is happening next Friday! Join us for festive fun, including:

- Games
 - Raffle
 - Refreshments
 - Tombola
 - **Gift Stalls** with lots of small gifts perfect for stockings
- ...and much more!

Come along, show your support, and help us raise funds for the school.

We need your help!

We're still looking for volunteers to run stalls. Even half an hour makes a big difference. Without your help, some stalls may not run.

Sign up here: <https://pta.events/i3l9971w>

Or email: friends@portfields.school with your availability.

Year 5 & 6 Games Stalls – Stamp Cards Required!

To join the fun at the Year 5 & 6 games area during the Christmas Fayre, you'll need a **stamp card**—cash or card payments will not be accepted at these stalls.

How to get your stamp card:

- **Order online:** <https://pta.events/oqyzhba9>
- **Deadline:** 8th December
- Cards will also be available at the Fayre, but buying early helps you skip the queues!

Important:

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

Christmas Pots

Don't forget to decorate and return your Christmas Pots on **Friday 12th December**.

Stay Connected with FOPS

Friends of Portfields School (FOPS) organise many exciting activities and events throughout the year. To keep up to date with fundraising initiatives and fun events, make sure to check out our communication channels.

<https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029Vah9uiR65yDH7UY2FV2O>

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/EQNeaw535evstvoa/?mibextid=K35XfP>

<https://www.instagram.com/friendsofportfieldsschool.np?igsh=bTFz0HlInaHh6>

Dates

New dates in red

Mon - 8.12.25 - Yr 1 Seahorse and Starfish - Forest School day

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 - Year 1 Shark - Forest School day

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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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 - 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 - Orange = 1042

2nd - Purple = 997

3rd - Green = 975

Star of The Week

First Assembly

Elm - Chloe

Chestnut - Jack

Seahorse - Ayesha

Toad - Bodhi

Frog - Edie

Iguana - Betsy

Stegosaurus - Haze

Brachiosaurus - Willow

Owl - Ozde

Heron - Roschelle

Dolphin - Austin

Meerkat - George

Second Assembly

Oak - Delilah

Shark - Nina

Starfish - Eleanor

Newt - Maya

Gecko - Evangeline

Chameleon - Mabel

Triceratops - Verity

Kingfisher - Oliver

Swift - Larna

Rhino - Henry

Jaguar - Alice