

## **Portfields Post**

Welcome back and happy new year to all our families. We hope to find you all rested and raring to go for this new term.

This week all children have settled back into their routines extremely well, and lots of positive work has been seen.

We would like to welcome Mrs McLaren to the Portfields team. Mrs McLaren has a wealth of experience that she is excited to share with us and the children in EYFS, and she is looking forward to getting to know the children and their families.

The colder weather has certainly kicked in this week, therefore please take care on your way in and out of school. If it is particularly icy, we advise that you try and leave a little earlier to ensure a safe journey to school. Also, please be considerate with your parking and we ask that you do not park on the yellow zig-zag lines outside of the school, as it is causing a hazard to those needing to cross.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Wishing you all a good weekend

Mrs Folkard.

## Notices

### Volunteers needed for Our Careers Focus Day!

We are excited to announce that we will be holding a **Y4-6 Careers Focus Day** on **Monday 18th May from 1:30 - 2:30!** This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn directly from people working in various fields.

We are looking for some parents to volunteer a short amount of time to talk about their careers. Your experiences could be the inspiration for a child's future!

#### **What we'd love you to share:**

- Your current job role.
- What motivated you to choose this profession.
- A brief, engaging overview of your typical workday (a "day in the life").

We are hoping you'll be able to give approximately 60 minutes of your time. This would involve giving three or four short 5-10-minute presentations/talks to different classes and allow the children to ask questions.

Don't worry if you aren't used to public speaking, you will present to one class at a time, and the classroom teacher will be right there to assist and facilitate the session.

If you are able to help us make this day a success, [please complete this form](#).

### Change of Toad forest school day

Toad forest school day will now be on Monday 9th February 2026.

### Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 11th February 2026 we will celebrate safer internet day, a national day where we look at the importance of responsible internet use and discuss ways to keep ourselves safe online.

This year's theme is '**Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI**'.

### [Year 3 \(Iguana only\) entrance changes](#)

Please note that as of **Monday 12th January 2026**, the Year 3 Iguana door entrance will no longer be used for drop off and pick. Therefore, **please use Gecko and Chameleon class entrances** to drop your child/children off using the year 4 entrance at the back of the school (Wordsworth Avenue side) Please see attached school map.

### [Year 1 Phonics Screening](#)

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have had to cancel the phonics screening test meeting on Wednesday 14th January. However, please find attached details regarding The Phonics screening test and if you have any questions please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher.

### [FOPS Information](#)

#### **Stay Connected with FOPS!**

FOPS (Friends of Portfields School) play a vital role in organising many of the exciting activities and events that happen throughout the school year.

To stay in the loop with everything FOPS has planned—from fundraising initiatives to fun-filled events—make sure to check out the following channels:

[WhatsApp](#)

[FACEBOOK](#)

[INSTAGRAM](#)

#### **Tuck Shop – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

FOPS are hoping to run the end-of-term tuck shop, a treat the children always look forward to. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the October tuck shop as we didn't receive any offers of help to run the stall.

We're really keen to make it happen this half-term, but we can only do so with a little support. If you—or someone you know—would be able to help from **3:00pm to approximately 3:45pm**, it would make a big difference and would be very much appreciated.

Please get in touch if you're able to volunteer by completing your details <https://pta.events/vq1vwo6u>.

### **We Want to Hear From You!**

The FOPS committee is elected to represent the whole school community, and your voice genuinely matters. Everything we do—whether it's organising fun events for the children or raising funds to support the school—is aimed at enhancing the learning and overall school experience for every child.

To help us continue improving, we would really appreciate your feedback. Please take a moment to complete the Parent Questionnaire. <https://forms.gle/sQSduVvqVx98CwU66> by **25th January 2026**. Your input helps shape what we do next, and we really appreciate your time and support.

### **Join Our School Lottery and Support Portfields!**

Did you know you can support Portfields School simply by taking part in our school lottery? Every ticket sold directly helps our fundraising efforts, making a real difference to the resources and experiences we can provide for our children.

This half-term, you can choose to join the **weekly draw** or take part in the **Super Draw**, where you could win a **£1,000 Aldi voucher** or a cash alternative. It's a fun way to support the school—and you might even win big.

**Why join?** • Tickets cost just £1 a week • Chance to win up to £25,000 • Play weekly, or just enter the Super Draw • Every ticket helps boost our fundraising for 2026

### **Dates**

**New dates in red**

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

Fri - 16.1.26 - Y2 "Moon Landing Coding Adventure"

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

Mon - 9.2.26 - Toad Forest School Day

Tue - 10.2.25 - Safer Internet Day

Wed - 11.2.26 - Y4 Woodrow Trip

Wed - 11.2.26 - Frog Forest School Day

Thu 12.2.26 - Newt Forest School Day

Fri - 13.2.26 - Non-Woodrow Y4 Forest School Day

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 = 1049

2nd - Purple = 1005

3rd - Green = 956

### Star of The Week

#### **First Assembly**

Elm - Leo

Chestnut - Aida-Grace

Seahorse - Karina

Toad - Hollie

Frog - Lukas

Iguana - Delvis

Stegosaurus - Charlie

Brachiosaurus - Ethan

Owl - Imogen

Heron - Victoria

Dolphin - Willow

Meerkat - Sofia

#### **Second Assembly**

Oak - Thora

Shark - Gabriel

Starfish - Max

Newt - Eva

Gecko - Ehrin

Chameleon - Filip

Triceratops - Amelia

Kingfisher - Lucy

Swift - Ella

Rhino - Thomas

Jaguar - Ahmad