

Polehampton News



Friday 8th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Photo Permissions

We have virtually everyone's permissions for photo consent. If anyone has yet to do this, or would like to amend their permissions, please use this link. Year Three parents, we will continue to use the permissions you gave us at the Infant School, unless you complete this new form to make changes.

[Photo Permissions Form](#)

Mrs Pierro, our Inclusion Lead's Time

We just wanted to remind parents about Mrs Pierro's working days. Mrs Pierro works Tuesdays to Fridays. She splits her time between the two schools, usually working Tues/Wed at the Juniors and Thurs/Fri at the Infant School. If you have any concerns, it's always best to speak to the class teacher first – if you would then like to meet Mrs Pierro, please be aware that she will need time to check in with teachers first. She will then give you her next available time – this might not always be in the same week when demand for her time is high. Thank you!



Our Black History Month focus has been about continuing to understand what Black History is and why it is important to teach it. This is done through discussion and showing children the Black people, who history seems to have forgotten or eliminated. The theme 'Proud to Be' is the foundation of all our discussions.

Our curriculum has been revamped entirely over recent years to include more Black history and make explicit that Black history IS British history. One of our curriculum visions was to showcase Black role models and to challenge myths and stereotypes. Black History Month, for Polehampton, is an additional way to showcase even more wonderfulness and how Black History is rich, dynamic and part of everyone's history – and **not** to be centred around slavery.

Both the Monday and Friday assemblies are being focused on Black History. At the juniors, the children are being shown daily updates about lesser-known Black figures and VIPERS lessons are using texts to celebrate being Black. At the infants, children are listening to story book versions of famous and/or inspirational Black figures.



World Mental Health Day

It's been wonderful to have a little bit of yellow in our schools today, allowing time in class to talk about our mental health and thinking of ways to feel more cheerful, by thinking of how we can perform "random acts of kindness" for one another and for people in our family or community.

Keys Academy Trust Annual Church Service

Next Thursday morning, it is the annual Keys Academy Trust Church Service – this year, we are hosting the service at St. Mary's Church in Twyford! We have a small group of children attending from each school to represent their classmates. However, this year, because we are now all very good at tech, we will be able to live stream it into every classroom, so we will can all watch and sing along! A big thank you to Revd. Anna and Ele from our church team in supporting us with this lovely event.



Harvest Plans

Every year, we do a collection for the Wokingham Food Bank. Understandably, they have seen a massive increase in calls on their service, so anything we can do to support this charity would be wonderful. **Please can all donations be brought to either school by Thursday 21st October.**

Parents, please remember that we are a referral agency for the Food Bank – we can apply for support on your behalf. This would be totally confidential – just ask to speak to any of us (Miss Ball, Mrs Scott, Mrs Medcalf or Mrs Castell) and we can help with that.

Harvest Donations for Autumn 21 – thank you!	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long Life Milk • Sponge Puddings • Tinned Potatoes • Tinned Carrots • Tinned Soup • Long Life Custard • Tinned Fruit • Hot Dogs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pasta Sauce • Biscuits • Long Life Fruit Juice • Confectionary • Shampoo & Conditioner • Razors & Shaving Foam • Adult AND Childrens Toothbrushes • Antibacterial Cleaning Spray

Infant News

Blue Class parents' Meeting

It was lovely to welcome parents into school "in real life" this week for our Blue Class curriculum parents' meeting. For those unable to attend, we will send you an email so you can see what was covered.

Individual Photos

Photos will be taken on Monday 8th November for infant sibling and individual photos. If you would like to have photos taken with a younger or older siblings, you can book a slot between 8.00 – 8.50 am – please contact the office to book a slot.

Blue Class drinks - a chance for parents to meet up. Thursday 14th October. 8pm at Buratta's in Ruscombe.

Junior News

Eco-Warriors



Year 3
Theodore M, Vivaan
R, Sebastian F, Lottie J

Year 4
Noah J, Evan C, Niamh L,
Wilf M

Year 5
Hattie, Belle P, Lawrie J,
Lily B

Year 6
Orion G, Toby W, Edward
G, Luca R

School Council



Year 3
Peter T, Rosie S,
Jacob W, Ahana M

Year 4
Jacob S, Jonah P, Ellis T
Henry R, Ria S

Year 5
Bethan L, Josie J,
Harry G-S, Harry J

Year 6
Maryam R, Annabel C,
Paeyton P, Caleb P

Librarian



Year 3
Sebastian F, Lottie J,
Phoebe P, Freya R-E,
Lewis P

Year 4
Ismail Z, Rory C, Oliver S,
Isla P, Eleanor A,

Year 5
Debdeepa M, Dorr
P, Elsa S, Olivia M

Year 6
Toby R, Amber R,
Isabelle P, Mille B, Amelie
R, Toby B Amber R

Year Six River Trip

We were delighted to send our Yr6s on a trip this week – their first school coach trip since Christmas 2019! Both classes went to the River Chess. Lizzie from Santana Class said “My highlights included writing in the different parts of the river, catching a fish (we let it go!), and measuring the depth and the width at 3 different places. The water went over our wellies! We all poured the water out of our wellies at the same time – it was massive!”

Prospective Parents Open Mornings

We are able to host open mornings again now. Please do pass these dates and times to anyone you know who has a child who will be starting school next year. We would love to show them around our

school. Places need to be booked as we are limiting numbers more this year. More dates can be added if we fill up.

- Friday 12th November - 9.15am Infants (11am Juniors, if you would like to visit there too).
- **New Date** - Friday 19th November - 9.15am Infants (11am Juniors, if you would like to visit there too).

For those unable to attend, please see the [Prospective Parents page](#) on our website for a welcome video.

PTA News

Twyford Together Charity 5K and Fun Run - This Sunday!!!!

Don't forget the PTA will be running a book stall at the Twyford Fun Run THIS Sunday 10th October. Please come and visit us on the day! We will have a reading corner and the wonderful yellow box

from Let Them Eat Books 📖

For more information on the Fun Run please go to

<https://twyfordtogether.org/upcoming-events/twyfordtogether-charity-5k-and-fun-run/>

🌟 Any child that chooses a 🧸 rather than a 🍷 can come and choose a free 📖 from the Polehampton PTA Book Stall!! 🌟

A promotional poster for a Curry Night event. The background is dark with a top-down view of various Indian dishes including fried bread, chickpeas, and a plate of chicken and rice. The text is white and green on a dark background. The PTA logo is in the top right. The main title 'CURRY NIGHT' is in large white letters. Below it, the text says 'Socialise and raise money for the school at the same time!', 'WEDNESDAY 20TH OCTOBER @ 7.30PM', 'HAWELI, TWYFORD', and '£15 (Price includes mixed starters and a choice of main dish)'. It also mentions a raffle and payment via card reader, and provides the website for tickets. The bottom right corner has the registered charity numbers.

Polehampton PTA
C of E Infant & Junior School

CURRY NIGHT

Socialise and raise money for the school at the same time!

WEDNESDAY 20TH OCTOBER @ 7.30PM

HAWELI, TWYFORD

£15
(Price includes mixed starters and a choice of main dish)

There will also be a raffle on the night, payment via card reader.

Please visit www.polehamptonpta.org to buy tickets for this event

Registered Charity Nos. 1039915 | 1056049

Curry night!!

Our popular curry night at Haweli is back on Weds October 20th! Great opportunity to socialise & fundraise at the same time. Tickets are limited so please visit <https://www.polehamptonpta.org/> to book yours ASAP!

Bags2school

Having another clear out? Bags2school will be at Loddon Hall car park 8-9am on 5th November. See the [PTA website](#) for a full list of what is accepted. Please bring donations in bin bags!

Attachments

- Wokingham Children's Book Festival poster – 16th/17th October
- Round Table Bonfire and Fireworks on Saturday 30th October – poster

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend,
Best wishes,

Miss Ball, Mrs Scott, Medcalf and Mrs Castell

Diary dates

Next week / new dates / infants only / juniors only

Date	Event	Place and time
Sunday 10 th Oct	Fun Run – see details above	
Thursday 14 th Oct	Keys Academy Trust Church Service – live streamed in every class	
Wed 20 th Oct	PTA curry evening	
Thursday 21 st October	Infant School – bring fruit and vegetable animals to school	
Friday 22 nd October	Schools closed for staff inset	
Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th October	Schools closed for half term	
Monday 1 st November	Schools closed for staff inset	
Fri 5 th November	Bags to School	8-9am Loddon Hall Car park for donations
Monday 8 th November	Infant individual photos	See info above
Friday 12 th November	Prospective parents' Open Morning*	9.15am - infants 11.00am - juniors
Monday 15 th November	Odd Socks Day	More info to follow!
Friday 19 th November	Prospective parents' Open Morning*	9.15am - infants 11.00am - juniors
Friday 17 th December	Last day of term <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-uniform day• No After School Club	School closes at <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Infants - 1.40pm• Juniors – 1.50pm

*please call the school to book a place

Term Dates 21/22

Holidays in term time are not authorised.

Autumn 2021

- Inset day 1 – Wednesday 1st September
- School opens to pupils – Thursday 2nd September
- Inset day 2 – Friday 22nd October
- Half term – Monday 25th – Friday 29th October
- Inset day 3 – Monday 1st November
- Last day of term – Friday 17th December

Spring 2022

- Inset day 4 – Tuesday 4th January 2022
- School opens to pupils – Wednesday 5th January
- Inset day 5 – Friday 18th February

- Half term – Monday 21st – Friday 25th February
- Last day of term – Friday 8th April

Summer 2022

- School opens to pupils – Monday 25th April
- Half term – Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June
- Last day of the school year – Wednesday 20th July

Term Dates 22/23

Autumn 2022

- Inset day 1 & 2 – Friday 2nd & Monday 5th September
- School opens to pupils – Tuesday 6th September
- Inset day 3 – Friday 21st October
- Half term – Monday 24th – Friday 28th October
- Last day of term – Tuesday 20th December

Spring 2023

- Inset day 4 – Wednesday 4th January 2023
- School opens to pupils – Thursday 5th January
- Inset day 5 – Friday 10th February
- Half term – Monday 13th – Friday 17th February
- Last day of term – Friday 31st March

Summer 2023

- School opens to pupils – Monday 17th April
- Half term – Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June
- Last day of the school year – Friday 21st July