

# Polehampton C of E Schools ~ 14th October 2024

## “Let your light shine” Matthew 5:16

### Church Service

Yesterday, our Year 6 and Year 2 Value Leaders visited St Mary’s Church in Wargrave for the TKAT Annual Service. This service is recorded for the rest of the school to watch at another time. A huge well done to Ahana, Seb, Lottie, Aahil, Skyla and Jasper M who did us so proud. The juniors talked about how our partnership with the Trust sits with our school values and the infants read our poem about partnership. These are on the next page for you to read. A huge thank you to the parents who were able to bring their children to these!

### Parents Evening

Please remember to book your parents evenings slots, there are approximately five families per class who have yet to do this. This will result in teachers having to make additional calls to parents and take them away from the teaching and learning of the children. Thank you for your support with this. If you require assistance for how to book, please contact one of the school offices.

### PTA Working Party - Infant

Just a reminder that a wonderful bunch of volunteers are helping to ‘spruce up’ the infant grounds tomorrow. If anyone else is able to help, please contact Polly or John for more information.

**Please note that next Thursday will be fish and chips!**

### Infant Diary Dates

[Parents Evening](#)  
23rd & 24th Oct  
[INSET Day \(School Closed\)](#)  
Friday 25th October  
HALF TERM  
[Individual Photos](#)  
Monday 4th November  
[Flu Vaccinations](#)  
7th November  
[Year 2 - 3 Open Evening](#)  
14th November, 18:30  
[Children in Need](#)  
15th November  
[Non-Uniform & BAB](#)  
28th November  
[Panto](#)  
29th November  
[Christmas Fayre](#)  
30th November  
[Blue Class Nativity](#)  
3rd December  
[Year 1/2 Nativity](#)  
4th December  
[Year 1/2 Nativity](#)  
5th December  
[Christmas Jumpers & Lunch](#)  
18th December  
[End of Term](#)  
20th December, 1:40

### Junior Diary Dates

[Parents Evening](#)  
23rd & 24th Oct  
[INSET Day \(School Closed\)](#)  
Friday 25th October  
HALF TERM  
[Flu Vaccinations](#)  
7th November  
[Year 3 Tea & Songs](#)  
(Y3 Parents Invited to attend)  
8th November  
[Children in Need](#)  
15th November  
[Year 6 Measurements](#)  
20th November  
[Year 4 Cake Sale](#)  
22nd November  
[Non-Uniform & BAB](#)  
29th November  
[Christmas Fayre](#)  
30th November  
[Panto - South Hill Park](#)  
4th December  
[Year 4 Christmas Play](#)  
11th December, 19:00  
[Year 5/6 Carol Concert](#)  
18th December, 18:30 - **CHANGE**  
[Christmas Jumpers & Lunch](#)  
18th December  
[End of Term](#)  
20th December, 1:50

### Important Information re: SEND Communication

Mrs Pierro is having an increasing and unmanageable number of requests from parents for meetings about their child's provision. This is having a huge impact on Mrs Pierro's ability to work with, and for, the children. It is not possible, operationally, for Mrs Pierro to sustain this amount of parent communication. Please know that Mrs Pierro is 'triaging', with other senior leaders within the schools, to see where her resources are best placed; this may mean that you are waiting longer than you have been before, for a response. Over the coming weeks, Mrs Pierro will also be limiting her meeting times whilst she meets teachers and teaching assistants about individual learning plans. Thank you for your understanding. Please do keep in contact with your children’s class teachers but be mindful that they also have a finite amount of time.

### Respect

Over the weekend, please talk with your children about what makes a conducive learning environment and how showing respect is a huge part of what makes communities work well together. We have been talking to the children about the different ways of showing respect and would very much appreciate this message being reiterated at home. Thank you.

- ⇒ Waiting while others speak
- ⇒ Following the rules and routines of the environment
- ⇒ Take notice/follow boundaries
- ⇒ Treating others as you would like to be treated
- ⇒ Politely raising concerns or queries
- ⇒ Understanding how your behaviour can impact others

It is important for children to understand that some people find this harder than others.



We are looking to recruit new lunchtime controllers (12:00 - 13:30) at the junior school. We are also looking to recruit a Cook for Polecats.



Reception	KS1	Year 3/4	Year 5/6

Have a lovely week!  
Mrs Medcalf and Mrs Castell

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As we have heard from others this morning, one of our values here at the Keys is partnership. Partnership at the Keys is about working closely together in order to make things the very best they can be.

At Polehampton schools we have six values... gratitude, friendship, perseverance, forgiveness, honesty and compassion.

We would like to talk to you about how our six values link to the Keys value of partnership.

### GRATITUDE

Gratitude is about being thankful for everything we have whether these things be big or small. We are so thankful for the partnership we have with the Keys. Mr Powley is working closely with us this year. He is looking at how we are learning in class, helping teachers with their planning and looking at the work we complete in our books.

### FRIENDSHIP

The gift of friendship is so important to us all at Polehampton. Having people we can rely on is so reassuring; having a partnership with the Keys reassures us that we have people that can help us if we need it.

### PERSEVERANCE

Perseverance is all about keeping going, trying your very best even when things are difficult. Our partnership with the Keys has allowed us to seek help when we have needed it in order to keep going!

### FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness is about saying sorry. This can be hard sometimes. We explore this value at Easter when we think about the forgiveness and love that God shows to all.

### HONESTY

Honesty is about telling the truth and seeking the truth from others. Through our partnership with the Keys, honest conversations with both staff and children have enabled the school to make improvements.

### COMPASSION

Compassion is our final value. It teaches us about showing care and concern for others. We are so fortunate that in our partnership with the Keys, this value has been demonstrated in bucket loads! Thank you to all who work at the Keys, we'd be lost without you!

### Partnership at Polehampton

At Polehampton, we work hand in hand,  
With our North Hub schools, together we stand.  
Sharing our values, our voices unite,  
In the spirit of partnership, we spread our light.

With our church guiding us, we learn and we grow,  
Exploring the teachings of Jesus, we know.  
In kindness and love, we find our way,  
Together we shine brighter every day.

We partner with each other, learning side by side,  
Supporting one another, with hearts open wide.  
In every connection, our purpose aligns,  
At Polehampton, we thrive, as our light brightly shines.