

POTTERHANWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 5

Dear Parents

The children have been working hard this term and have particularly enjoyed the sunshine. The term is progressing well and the children are all well settled.

A reminder that if you have any concerns about your child/ren then please come and speak to us as we are always happy to help and support.

Kind regards

Mrs D Challinor
Head Teacher

HOT OFF THE PRESS!

On **Monday, 23rd June**, the children will all be participating in a Circus Skills Day and will have the opportunity to learn some exciting new skills. This may include juggling, plate spinning, diabolo, etc. and there may even be a few extra surprises in store during the course of the day! We are delighted to share this with you since this has been organized using some of the school fund raising money.



On a separate note, on **Friday 23rd May** our Reading Ambassadors have organised a Teddy Bear's Picnic for the whole school, including Pre-School.



The children are invited to attend school wearing non-uniform and bring a teddy to share their book with. At 2:30 parents and carers are invited to come in and join us on the field (weather permitting!) and share the stories together with their children and their buddies.

Children will return to class at 2:55pm ready to collect their bags and leave school via the classrooms as normal.

Collective Worship



You are very welcome to join us each Friday morning for Collective Worship in Church—this commences at approximately 9.10 a.m.

Absence Reporting

A Reminder:

We require a week's notice (whenever possible) of any appointments your child has during school time. Please complete a form obtainable from the office if your child will be attending dental/medical/other appointments. We ask to see a notification of the appointment.

Absence Reporting

Children's absence due to illness should be emailed to school via their class email. Please also use the class email to notify us of changes to home-time arrangements (eg going home with a friend).

SWIMMING



Well done to the group of Y3/4 children who recently represented the school at the Branston Academy Swimming Gala.

We were so very proud of them all as they finished in **second** position on the podium.

SCHOOL PREMISES

Sadly, it has come to our attention that over the Easter break there was some disturbance in the school grounds and surrounding area.

Please could we ask for your assistance in exercising vigilance as this is, of course, private property and we wish this to be looked after for the benefit of our children.

SAFETY

At the end of the school day please ensure that your child/ren remain with you or their collecting adult. There should be no running, scooting or cycling at this busy time of day. It would also be appreciated if you do not allow your child/ren to play in the gravel area at the front of the playground.

We wish to keep our children safe and thank you for your support in this regard.

REMINDER



Given the recent spell of very warm weather, please ensure that your child is sent to school with protective sun hat/cap and sun cream, as appropriate.

Please also ensure your child has their water bottle with them in school each day. Replacement water bottles, or lids, can be purchased from the school via Parentmail.

Safeguarding Information

It is a statutory requirement that we include our Safeguarding Policy on the school website & is available to all parents. Please visit www.potterhanworth.lincs.sch.uk— select the “Policies” tab, and you will see our **Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy** included in the list.

Mrs Challinor is our Designated Safeguarding Lead should you have any concerns. As you are aware, Miss Barnett is due to start her maternity leave. In her absence, Mr Simpson will be the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.

REMINDER: If your child has suffered an injury outside of school hours, please ensure that you complete a 'Pre-Existing Injury Form' which can be obtained from the school office. Thank you.

We would urge all parents to read the following to check whether you might be entitled to claim free school meals. By doing so, this can provide the school with additional 'pupil premium' funding to support learning in school.

**** FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY ****

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 they are automatically entitled to receive a free hot meal in school - known as a Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM).

However, regardless of your child's age, for those parents and guardians who meet the following criteria, we would encourage you to apply for free school meals (FSM)

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS).
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income that does not exceed £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

Free school meals offer a healthy, wide selection of options for your child at lunch time and can save families approximately £460 per year. Please apply online using the following link:

<https://lcc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/SynergyWeb/Parents/default.aspx>

RECEPTION INTAKE SEPTEMBER 2025



Welcome letters have now been sent out to those parents whose children will be joining us in September 2025. The letter includes the following:-

- * A new parents meeting - Wednesday, 11th June from (9:30—10:15 a.m.) and;
- * Children's visit to their new class - Thursday, 3rd July (1:30—2:45 a.m.)
Monday, 14th July (9:30—11:30 a.m.)

We are looking forward to welcoming them to our school community.



PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY

May

Monday, 12th	Key Stage 2 [Year 6] SATs week - completed
Monday, 19th	Group photos by Wrates Photographers
Tuesday, 20th	National Numeracy Day [see Parentmail]
Friday, 23rd	Whole School Teddy Bear's Picnic
Friday, 23rd	End of Term 5

June

Monday, 2nd	Term 6 begins
Mon, 2nd—4th June	Y5/6 PGL residential trip
Monday, 9th	Phonics Screening
Tuesday, 10th	Carre's Grammar School Taster Day
Wednesday, 11th	September intake parents meeting (a.m.)
Thursday, 12th	Carre's Grammar School Taster Day
Monday, 16th	Great Athletes visit
Tuesday, 17th	Infants visit to Great Wood Farm
Wednesday, 18th	KS2 Sports Day (p.m.)
Thursday, 19th	KS1 Sports Day (p.m.)
Wednesday 25 th	Reserve KS2 Sports Day (p.m.)
Thursday, 26th	Reserve KS1 Sports Day (p.m.)
Friday, 27th	Y7 Induction Day at Ruskington

July

Wednesday, 3rd	LSST Induction Day
Wednesday, 3rd	September Reception intake transition (p.m.)
Thursday, 4th	LSST Induction Day
Tuesday, 8th	'Create' Day
Wednesday, 9th	Summer Production
Monday, 14th	September Reception intake transition (a.m.) and whole school transition
Monday 14th	SWRA Induction Day
Mon, 14th—Thurs 17th	Y5 Bikeability
Thursday, 17th	Rock Steady Concert (p.m.)
Tuesday, 22nd	End of Term 6

School Uniform

- Please remember to name all items of school uniform;
- If your child has to borrow PE kit from school, please can this be returned;
- A polite reminder—please can all children adopt our uniform policy;
- Lost uniform/property will be kept in the main office. If not claimed then it will be sent to charity each term.

Wrates
School Photography

The school photographers, will be in school this Monday 19th May to take class group photos. We would politely ask that, as usual, children attend school wearing regulation school uniform.

School Transport – September 2025



If your child is starting primary school or transferring to secondary school in September 2025, they may be eligible for school transport. If you think your child is eligible, please apply for transport as soon as you have your offer of a school place.

Early transport applications are encouraged to ensure that transport is in place in time for the start of the September term. Applications can be made online at the website below. Please do not apply until you have a formal offer of a school place. For more information about the home to school transport policy and online applications please go to www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport.

Queries can be emailed to schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk.

Attendance

Schools are not allowed to authorise any holidays during term time due.

TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

Any requests for term time holidays, unless there are extenuating circumstances, will be declined and any subsequent absences will be recorded as unauthorised. Please refrain from taking holidays in term time to avoid any misunderstanding and to avoid the risk of being fined by the Local Authority.

Most importantly, we would reiterate that at least one week's notice is required for any planned absence. Our overall attendance to date is 94.6% which is **below** the national expectation. Unauthorised absenteeism currently stands at 48.76% and the school will be looking for this figure to be reduced.

PUNCTUALITY

We would request your support in ensuring that your child arrives at school in a timely and punctual manner. This is an essential life skill that needs to be taught from the very beginning.

**** At Potterhanworth Primary School the learning starts promptly at 08:45. ****

The school is becoming increasingly concerned with the increasing number of holidays being taken during term time. Relevant fines will be issued.