



Friday 23rd January 2026

A message from Mrs Sargent

It has been wonderful to see the hard work and effort taking place across the school this week. Children have shown great focus, resilience, and pride in their learning, and we are very proud of their positive attitudes. Thank you to parents and carers for your understanding and support following our message last week about parking. We have now added reminder signs on the kerb opposite the school to help everyone park safely and considerately at busy times.

Following our whole-school assembly on Monday, can you take a moment to talk with your children about the Green Cross Code and how to cross the road safely. Your support in reinforcing these messages at home helps keep all of our children safe.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Weekly Attendance



Monet	100%
Van Gogh	97.2%
Goldsworthy	97.4%
Morris	95.2%
Mondrian	95.8%
Kandinsky	97.1%
Cantrell	93.0%
Kahlo	86.7%
Kusama	95.0%
Ringgold	94.4%
Mehretu	93.8%
O'Keeffe	93.1%
Banksy	93.0%
Basquiat	93.0%

Celebrate

Well done to the following children who all received a certificate today in our celebration assembly:

Monet	Evelyn
Goldsworthy	George
Mondrian	Oliver
Cantrell	Hope
Kusama	Seb
Mehretu	Sophia
Banksy	Ed

Van Gogh	Seren
Morris	Harvey
Kandinsky	Olivia
Kahlo	Heath
Ringgold	Frankie
O'Keeffe	Ernest
Basquiat	Max

Dates for your Diary

JANUARY	
Yr 4 Parents PGL Meeting Online	Mon 26 th at 6pm
Yr 3 Local Walk to Collect Data	Tues 27 th
Yr 4 Class Exhibition	Tues 27 th
Kandinsky Class Celebration Assembly	Mon 30 th
FEBRUARY	
Yr 6 SATs & Camp Info Meeting Online	Thurs 5 th
Children's Mental Health Week	Mon 9 th -Thurs 12 th
End of Term 3	Thurs 12 th
Inset Day – School closed to pupils	Fri 13 th



UNNAMED LOST PROPERTY - REMINDER

We are continuing to see a lot of unnamed lost property being brought to the School Office. Please could we ask that **all items** (clothing/lunch boxes and water bottles) that your child/ren bring in to school are **clearly named** so we can then return them to classes and reunite them with their rightful owners.

Thank you

Term Dates 2026-27

Term 1 - 3 September 2026 to 23 October 2026- **Term starts for children Monday 7th September 2026**

Term 2 - 2 November 2026 to 18 December 2026

Term 3 - 4 January 2027 to 12 February 2027

Term 4 - 22 February 2027 to 25 March 2027 **Term starts for children Tuesday 23rd February 2027**

Term 5 - 12 April 2027 to 28 May 2027

Term 6 - 7 June 2027 to 23 July 2027

INSET days- School closed to children:

Thursday 3 September 2026

Friday 4 September 2026

Friday 20 November 2026

Friday 15 January 2027

Monday 22 February 2027

Monday 7 June 2027

BOOKING OF SCHOOL LUNCH REMINDER

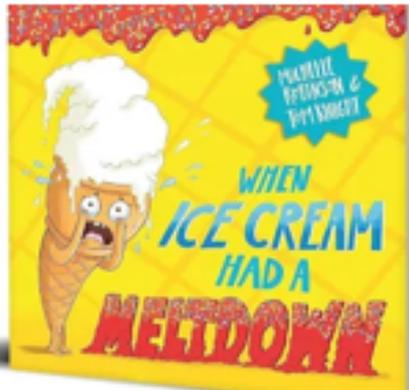
Could we please ask you to **log in** to Aspens SELECT to check that if your son/daughter is having a school lunch that you have selected their meals for the rest of this term. We are finding an increasing number of pupils who do not have a lunch booked for them each day. Thank you.



Recommended Reading



At Portishead Primary School, we are committed to fostering a love of reading. Our newsletter features a recommended book chosen by some of our staff. This book is a fantastic tool to help children self-regulate and is recommended by our Nurture Team.



Recommended by: Miss Treherne

Title: *When Ice Cream Had a Meltdown*
Author: Michelle Robinson and Tom Knight

Genre: Emotional regulation

Age group: Reception – Year 6

About the book:

When Ice Cream Had a Meltdown is a playful, relatable story that helps young children understand big emotions. Through the simple metaphor of ice cream melting, the book shows what a meltdown looks like, why it can happen, and how feelings can be managed in a calm, supportive way. With gentle humour and clear visuals, the story encourages children to recognise their emotions and learn strategies for cooling down, while giving parents an easier way to start conversations about emotional regulation, empathy, and problem-solving.

Miss Treherne says:

"I really enjoyed *When Ice Cream Had a Meltdown* because it is genuinely fun and engaging, with humorous, memorable characters that immediately captures our attention. Beyond the laughter, the story gently teaches children to show empathy, particularly towards the ice creams that weren't chosen first, which is such an important life skill. The book also supports children in understanding and regulating their emotions during tricky moments, using language and situations that feel familiar and reassuring. The children (and myself and Mrs Harris!) loved it so much that we went on to buy another book by the same authors, *When Cucumber Lost His Cool*, which is just as brilliant."



**FOOD
FESTIVAL**
BY APPOINTMENT

LUNAR NEW YEAR

12th February

Sticky Chinese Chicken Rice
with Mixed Green Vegetables

Or

Sticky Chinese Veggie Rice
with Mixed Green Vegetables

And

Chinese Five
Spice Cupcakes





Monday 16th Feb

Early Bird's £7
Under 2's free!

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