



# Portishead Primary School Newsletter

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026

What a wonderful year we have had here at PPS! This year has been full of achievements, big and small, and whilst our pupils are always at the heart of everything we do, none of it would be possible without the incredible team of staff who work so hard every single day. I am absolutely delighted by our SATs results this year. They reflect not only the children's hard work and determination, but also the dedication, skill and commitment of the staff who support them throughout their journey at Portishead Primary School. We are incredibly proud of what has been achieved together.

I am also thrilled to share that our Trust has recognised the outstanding work taking place in our Early Years provision by awarding us an 'Excellence' judgement. This is a wonderful achievement and a testament to the passion, expertise and relentless commitment of Mrs Rebbeck and the EYFS team over the past three years. They have worked tirelessly to create an environment where our youngest children thrive, and it is fantastic to see that recognised.

There have been so many other successes this year too. Whether it has been our sports days, Christmas performances, class assemblies, residential in Y4 and Y6, school trips, PTA events, enrichment opportunities, or simply seeing children grow in confidence, kindness and independence, there has been so much to celebrate. One of the things I am most proud of is the way our children continue to live our values every day. They are kind, welcoming, resilient and enthusiastic learners, and they represent our school brilliantly.

None of what we do in school would be possible without our incredible partnership with you parents! I would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued support. Schools work best when we work together, and we are incredibly fortunate to be part of such a supportive community.

For now, it is time for a well-earned rest. I hope you all enjoy a wonderful summer filled with fun, laughter and special moments with family and friends.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Monday 7th September**. Have a fantastic summer and thank you for being part of another memorable year at Portishead Primary School.

## Start of the day arrangements from September:

EYFS and Year 1/2 classes will open their doors between 8:40-8:50. Children arriving after this time will need to enter via the office and will be marked as Late in the register. Children arriving after 9:10 will be marked with U code (Late after registers closed- this is recorded as unauthorised absence). The end of the day remains unchanged with doors opening at 3:15.

The doors to Y3/4 and Y5/6 will now open at 8:45 and will close at 8:55. Children arriving after this time will need to enter via the office and will be marked as Late in the register. Children arriving after 9:15 will be marked with U code (Late after registers closed- this is recorded as unauthorised absence). The end of the day remains unchanged with children leaving at 3:20. Year 3 will leave via the library to avoid congestion around the small Y3/4 stairwell.

We have made these changes as we currently have an imbalance in the total length of the school day between key stages and want to bring the length of our school day in line with other schools in the trust. We know that a staggered time for drop off and collection is important for families with children in KS1 and in KS2, so this arrangement will mean that the KS1 drop off/collection is always before the KS2 drop off/collection. Thank you all for your understanding.

## Dogs on the playground

Please can I remind you that we have an area outside the front of the school where you can safely leave your dogs at drop off/collection. Please do not take your dogs onto the playgrounds. Thank you for your cooperation.





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## Dates for your Diaries

|                                             | September                                            |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>INSET DAYS – School closed to Pupils</b> | <b>Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; Fri 4<sup>th</sup></b> |
| First Day of Term 1 for Pupils              | Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept                             |
| Individual & Sibling Photographs            | Fri 25th in School Hall – All Day                    |

### Yearly Attendance



|             |       |
|-------------|-------|
| Monet       | 96.4% |
| Van Gogh    | 91.1% |
| Goldsworthy | 95.7% |
| Morris      | 95.3% |
| Mondrian    | 95.5% |
| Kandinsky   | 97.0% |
| Cantrell    | 91.0% |
| Kahlo       | 93.4% |
| Kusama      | 95.4% |
| Ringgold    | 95.2% |
| Mehretu     | 96.7% |
| O'Keeffe    | 93.9% |
| Banksy      | 95.6% |
| Basquiat    | 96.1% |

## Have you applied to receive free school meals for your child?

From September Free School Meals are being expanded to all families on Universal Credit. To find out if your child/ren is/are entitled to Free School Meals for September click on the following link <https://fsm.lgfl.net/> (see attached letter for more information)

We are delighted to announce that Stevensons, our new nominated uniform supplier, has launched the Portishead Primary School web shop. The website is now live with items available for PRE-ORDER. Once an order is placed, this will be fulfilled and despatched as soon as the stock is on hand, and you will receive a delivery update via your chosen communication channel. [Home - Stevensons](#)



Please note that there is no expectation that branded school uniform is purchased- you can purchase plain navy sweatshirts, cardigans, dark/light blue polo shirts etc from high street shops and supermarkets.



**THE READING AGENCY**  
**UNIVERSAL MUSIC GROUP**  
**UNITED KINGDOM**

## READ to the BEAT

### Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The Summer Reading Challenge, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme, **Read to the Beat**, and is powered by Universal Music Group UK. The Challenge will celebrate the joy of music and the power it has to move, inspire, and connect us – all through the magic of reading. The Challenge is being brought to life with illustrations by award-winning author and illustrator, Harry Woodgate.

#### Why join?

- It's FREE! Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a lifelong love of reading
- Boosts confidence, creativity, and imagination
- Earn rewards, certificates, and prizes
- Fun for the whole family. Visit your local library together
- 95% of children said they read more after joining!
- Children choose their own books to read, collect rewards over the summer and receive a certificate or medal when they complete the challenge.

Visit your local library or go online at [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk) to get started from 4 July 2026.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!



Saturday 4 July 2024 – Saturday 12 September 2026

**If you're starting school this September, you can join in on the Summer Reading Challenge!**

Just sign up at your local library from Saturday 4 July 2026, read 6 books (with a grown up if you want) by the 12 September, and you could earn a certificate and medal!

We've got lots of events happening over the summer holidays too - for more details talk to your local library.



National Year of Reading 2026





Please click on the links below to book:



Art and yoga booking link <https://gowiththeflowkids.co.uk/bookings/>



Create club sketch book session wed lunch time. Booking link:

<https://portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/11541>



Create club Monday after school booking link

<https://portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/11528>



**MARTHA'S KITCHEN**

Dates: Jul 28; Aug 4, 11, 18, 25; Sep 1

Time : 10 - 12

Place: Methodist Hall. Portishead  
High Street BS20 6EN



Martha's Kitchen Portishead opens for families who would benefit from a **FREE HEALTHY** breakfast, craft activities for children and a place to relax during the school holidays



**SEND STAY AND PLAY**

**PORTISHEAD YOUTH CENTRE**

**THURSDAY, JULY 30<sup>TH</sup>,**  
**AUGUST 6, 13, 20, 27**  
**9.30-11.30**

**CALL TO BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE**  
**01275 842461**



**PORTISHEAD GYMNASTICS CLUB**  
**FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1 & ABOVE**

**PARISH WHARF LEISURE CENTRE**  
Parish Road, Portishead, Bristol BS20 7DD

With a strong emphasis on gymnastic skill development and fun, this club is for boys and girls. All children get the opportunity and autonomy to work to gymnastics fundamentals including handstands and shape and correction, cartwheels and round-offs in the more complex skills including somersaults and flips.

- Quality gymnastics coaching
- State of the art inflatable equipment
- Fantastic leisure centre facilities
- Free parking

**TERM 1 CLUBS NOW AVAILABLE TO BOOK**

**Tuesday Club**  
**8th Sept - 20th Oct**  
**£81 7 sessions**  
Session Time: 4.00pm - 5.00pm

**Thursday Club**  
**10th Sept - 22nd Oct**  
**£81 7 sessions**  
Session Time: 4.15 - 5pm

**Any enquiries contact Head Coach Ben on 07967 402061**

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE. BOOK NOW AT [www.gymclubs.co.uk/gymnastics-clubs](http://www.gymclubs.co.uk/gymnastics-clubs)



## ✂ THE BIG GIG COLOUR RUN ✂

Join us for the Portishead Pilot Gig Club Family Fun Day Colour Run 🏃 —a fun, family-friendly dash along a 2k (approx.) course around Portishead Town Football Club fields. You will be showered with powder paint along the way by our local event sponsors as well as some bubbly surprises!

All ages are welcome to take part or spectate, and food and drinks will be available for purchase! Enjoy the live music, Bar, BBQ with locally sourced Butcher's Block meats, Sav's ice cream van and a variety of sweet treats whilst having a fun day out with all the family. Expect bright colours, relaxed vibes, and plenty of community spirit on the day!

Gates open at 10.30am, with running waves at 11am, 12pm, 1pm and 2pm (2pm is age 16+ only).