

Portishead Primary School Newsletter



Friday 25th September 2026

A message from Mrs Sargent

Due to a growing number of requests by parents for assistance with administrative matters, including passport verification, help with completing paperwork and referrals, we ask parents to allow up to 10 working days for these tasks to be completed. Whilst we are pleased to support families where possible, these requests are managed alongside our staff's primary responsibilities within school. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation. We've recently made some exciting improvements to our lunchtimes, and it's been wonderful to see the positive impact already. Our new playground parties have brought music, bubbles, dressing-up clothes, musical instruments and lots of opportunities for imaginative play and enjoyment. One of our favourite moments came from a Year 5 pupil who asked, "Mr Meredith, is this your best day ever as well?" We think that says it all! It has been particularly lovely to see our older pupils taking the initiative to play with and support the younger children. The sense of community, kindness and inclusion on the playground has been fantastic to witness. If you have any unwanted dressing-up clothes at home, we would be very grateful for donations to help keep the fun going. Please drop any donations into the school office.

Weekly attendance



Monet	98.6%
Van Gogh	90.8%
Potter	99.3%
Scheffler	99.3%
Blake	94.6%
Cantrell	98.4%
Kahlo	98.3%
Kusama	97.1%
Ringgold	96.2%
Mehretu	93.4%
O'Keeffe	97.7%
Banksy	93.3%
Basquiat	96.0%

Dates for your diary

October 2026	
World Mental Health Day (Wear Yellow)	Fri 9th
Stay & Play Session for Sept 2027 New Intake	Sat 10 th 10am-12 noon
Science Dome Visit for Y3 & Y5	Thurs 15th
Last Day of Term 1	Fri 23 rd
November 2026	
Start of Term 2	Mon 2 nd
Parents Evening	Thurs 12 th
Children in Need Day (Wear PJ's to school)	Fri 13 th
Odd Socks Day	Mon 16 th
Parents Evening	Tues 17 th
INSET DAY -School Closed to Pupils	Fri 20th
Nasal Flu Vaccinations YR-Y6	Mon 23rd



Year 6 Visit to Lifeskills

Our Year 6 pupils recently stepped into the realistic interactive village at **Lifeskills**, where they took part in a unique hands-on experience designed to prepare them for everyday life.

Working through a series of realistic scenarios, the children learned how to spot hazards, think through difficult situations and make safe decisions. They explored topics including road and railway safety, staying safe at home, electrical safety, making a 999-emergency call and basic first aid.

The interactive sessions encouraged pupils to build confidence, ask questions and practise the skills they need to stay safe both now and in the future. It was an engaging, memorable day that brought important safety messages to life in a fun and practical way.

We hope our pupils came home with plenty to talk about – and some important safety tips to share with their families!

Huge thanks to our PTA for funding this important experience for Year 6!

Volunteer with Lifeskills

Lifeskills welcomes more than 10,000 children each year and is looking for friendly volunteers to help guide school groups through their sessions.

Volunteering is flexible, rewarding and a fantastic way to meet new people, learn new skills and make a real difference to children in our community.

To find out more about volunteering:

☎ 0117 922 4511

✉ volunteer@lifeskills-bristol.org.uk



FREE SCHOOL MEALS ELIGIBILITY

As you may be aware there are a number of changes to Free School Meals eligibility from the start of this academic year:

- Eligibility is being expanded for all children and young people who are in households in receipt of Universal Credit.
- Transitional protection is ending at the end of July 2026 (Transactional protection has been in place since April 2018 and meant that pupils becoming eligible for free meals under the benefits-based criteria have retained their entitlement for 6 years, even if their household circumstances have changed).

• If your child(ren) already receive(s) free school meals and you have not yet reapplied:

As a result of these changes all pupils currently in receipt of free school meals will need to re-check their eligibility over the summer break. Please use this link [Free School Meals Checker - Check Eligibility Online | LGfL FSM](#) to have your child(rens) status for free school meals re-checked (view previous check).

• If you want to check if your child may be eligible for free school meals and you have not already applied:

Please use this link [Free School Meals Checker - Check Eligibility Online | LGfL FSM](#) to see if you would be eligible for free school meals from September 2026.

Free School Meals provide eligible pupils with a free school lunch during the school day.

Registering for Free School Meals may also bring additional funding into school through pupil premium.

For more information about the changes to free school meals please [visit this webpage](#) on the Lighthouse Schools Partnership website.

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HALF TERM TENNIS CAMP

Just £12 Per Camp Session

15% OFF
for Siblings and Multiple Bookings

- Fun With Friends
- Lots Of Fun
- Learn a New Skill
- From Tennis Drills to Team Events
- All Players Welcome

Available To All Children From 4 – 16 Years Of Age

Week 1 – Monday 19th – Friday 23rd
Week 2 – Monday 26th – Friday 30th
9am – 12pm

All camp sessions are held at Clevedon Seafront Tennis Courts

For more information, contact Stuart
07593436665 - stuart@n-somersettennis.com

To Book Scan The QR Code

SEND INFORMATION & SUPPORT DROP IN

4TH FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH
9am-10.30am

A friendly and supportive space for parents and carers of children and young people with SEND, to meet and talk to professionals who work in a variety of different roles that support families in North Somerset.

£4 per parent/carer with coffee & biscuits included - no need to book, just turn up!

For more information call 01275 842461 or email amanda@portisheadyouthcentres.co.uk

PORTISHEAD YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE

HALF-TERM FOOTBALL FUNDAYS

AT PORTISHEAD TOWN FC
OCTOBER 26TH - 29TH

MIXED AND GIRLS ONLY DAYS
YEAR 1 - YEAR 6

15% OFF
With the code **Early Booker**

SCAN HERE TO BOOK

Shine HOLIDAY CLUBS
*Conditions apply. Expiry 11/10/26

NORTH AC NORTH SOMERSET AC

OCTOBER HALF-TERM FUNDAYS

CLEVEDON SCHOOL

10AM - 4PM

AGE 8-12

£26.00 PER DAY

ATHLETICS

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