

Portishead Primary School Newsletter



Monday 14th September 2026

A message from Mrs Sargent

What a fantastic start to the new school year we've had! The school building and grounds look lovely- a huge thank you to John and our site team for all their hard work over the summer holidays. Talking of our school site, we have some exciting news about the playgrounds/fields and a project we have started which will improve our lunchtimes- more information to follow in the next few weeks! It has been wonderful to see the school full of smiling faces again, with children settling quickly into their new classes and routines. Our new Reception children have made an incredibly positive start and have already settled so well into school life. It's lovely to see their confidence growing every day as they make new friends and explore their new learning environment.

Our Year 6 pupils have also hit the ground running and are already showing great promise as our school leaders. They have been setting a wonderful example to younger children through their kindness, responsibility and positive attitudes.

A special mention must also go to our three Key Stage 1 classes. The children have embraced this year's changes with enthusiasm and resilience, making new friendships and settling into their classrooms brilliantly.

As I've walked around school over the past few days, I've been struck by how calm, happy and purposeful everything feels. There is a real sense of excitement and readiness for learning across the school, and the children have returned eager to do their very best.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead filled with learning, laughter and lots of memorable experiences.

Dates for your diary

September

Tues 22nd – Year 6 Life Skills Trip.

Fri 25th – Individual & in School sibling Photographs.

October

Sat 10th – Stay & Play session for Sept 2027 New Intake 10am-12 Noon.

Thurs 15th – Science Dome visit for Year 3 & Year 5.

Fri 23rd – Last day of Term 1

Mon 26th – Fri 30th – Half Term Hols.



Each Friday, class teachers will choose a child who has achieved something special (or exceptional demonstration of the school values) and will write a certificate for them. Parents of those children will be contacted by the office via email and invited in to the following Friday's celebration assembly at 9:10 so that you can come in and watch your child receive their certificate.

We also have 'Milkshake Mondays' where class teachers will be choosing children who always do the right thing and always try hard to come and have a drink and story with Mrs Sargent. This will begin next week.

Weekly attendance

We will share weekly attendance for all classes here.

We aim for at least 96% attendance every week.

See our website for more information about attendance.

A polite reminder to all our parents that our staff car park **must not** be used by parents unless you have permission from school in advance.

Can I also ask that you are parking safely when dropping your children off in the morning or collecting at the end of the school day

Thank you.



We are pleased to be introducing **Medical Tracker**, our new online system for recording and managing pupil medical information.

If your child has a bump, injury, or accident at school, you will receive an email notification through Medical Tracker, helping us keep you informed promptly and consistently.

We will also be using the system to manage children's medical care plans. If your child has an allergy, uses an inhaler, or requires any other regular medication, please keep an eye out for an email inviting you to review and confirm their medical information. This will help us ensure that our records are accurate and up to date.



By using Medical Tracker, we can improve communication with families, maintain consistent records, and reduce our reliance on paper forms.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY



EVERY DAY IN SCHOOL COUNTS!

When children attend school regularly and arrive on time, they are more likely to:



ACHIEVE THEIR BEST

Good attendance helps children make the most of every lesson.



BUILD STRONG FRIENDSHIPS

Being in school helps children build friendships and feel part of a team.



FEEL CONFIDENT AND HAPPY

Regular attendance supports wellbeing, confidence and self-esteem.



DEVELOP POSITIVE ROUTINES

Good routines help children feel ready, focused and prepared to learn.



ENJOY EVERY OPPORTUNITY

From trips and clubs to special events – being here means not missing out!



ON TIME. EVERY TIME.

Being just a few minutes late each day soon adds up and can mean missing important learning.

Be here. Be ready. Be your best!



ATTENDANCE = OPPORTUNITY



LEARN

Every lesson helps us grow.



CONNECT

Every day builds friendships and belonging.



ACHIEVE

Every day brings us closer to our goals.

★ TOGETHER, LET'S MAKE ATTENDANCE A PRIORITY! ★

At Portishead Primary School, we believe that every day counts. Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in helping children achieve their full potential, build confidence and enjoy all aspects of school life. When children attend school every day and arrive on time, they are better able to keep up with learning, develop friendships and feel a strong sense of belonging within our school community.

We know that occasional illness is unavoidable, but we encourage all families to make attendance a priority wherever possible and to ensure children arrive promptly each morning, ready to start the day. Even a few minutes of lateness can mean missing important learning and settling-in time.

Over the coming year, we will be working closely with families to promote excellent attendance and punctuality. Look out for our **Attendance Matters** letter next week, which will provide further information about attendance expectations, support available and how we can work together to ensure every child makes the most of their time in school.

Thank you for your continued support in helping every child to thrive. 🌟



Want your child to improve their cycling confidence and learn new skills?

Book AUTUMN CYCLING WORKSHOPS for this term with Fox Cycling!

Fox Cycling will be running [Cycle Improvers workshops every Monday, 3:30pm - 4:15pm](#) (straight after school). Places are limited so we advise you to book as soon as you are able. Sign up for a 7-week term.

CYCLE IMPROVERS: Pedal Bike Workshop (for those who can already ride a pedal bike without stabilisers)

Cycle Improvers is a confidence-builder course for children who are already cycling (without stabilisers). The course offers the chance for children to further develop their abilities on a pedal bike. Through fun games and challenges, children will advance their cycling skills in balance, safe and effective braking, advanced cornering, glancing behind them, lifting a hand off the handlebars etc.

If your child can already ride a pedal bike without stabilisers, and would like to take part in Cycle Improvers, we ask that you **please supply your child's bike and helmet for the sessions**. If your child does not have a helmet or a bike, Fox Cycling can help you. Just email Alex at alex@foxcycling.co.uk

Interested? Click the link here to book! [BOOK CYCLE IMPROVERS HERE](#)

What does it cost?

The 45-minute class for the 7 sessions of term **works out at £7 per week**. Usually, a Cycle Improvers class outside of the school setting is £15 per class, so this offers a great saving! You can also join mid-way through term and will only be charged for the remaining weeks.

Please **BOOK ON THE LINK ABOVE** if you would like your child to take part in Cycle Improvers.

Many thanks and happy pedalling!



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**Ages
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