

Newsletter

Pride, Passion, Success

Firstly, we have to say a sad farewell to all our 6 children who are on to pastures new in September. We are so proud of your hard work and attitude to learning.



We wish you all the best in your secondary schools.

We are also saying goodbye to Miss Byrne, Miss Storey and Mrs Taylor who are leaving us this year. In addition, Miss Shaw who has worked with us as a TA this year is off to university to start her training in Education, with a view to becoming a teacher. We wish them all the best for their future endeavours.

This just leaves me to thank you, the staff and the children for the hard work and commitment to the school that you have all shown over this year.

Please enjoy the summer break with your families and loved ones, and we look forward to seeing you back on Wednesday 2 September 2026.

Tony Head
Headteacher

Curriculum update.

Year R

This month, Year R have been busy preparing for their transition to Year 1 through our exciting Teddy Bear's Picnic theme. The children enjoyed a range of hands-on activities, including role-playing picnics and making delicious food for our special event. During English, we learnt how to make jam sandwiches and then wrote our own set of instructions to explain the process.

To celebrate all of our hard work, we joined Year 1 for a teddy bear's picnic where we listened to stories with our new Year 1 friends and enjoyed eating jam sandwiches together. We have also been finding lots of ways to keep cool during the hot weather!

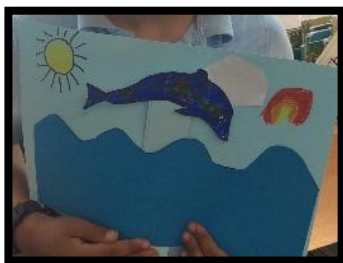
Well done, Year R, for a fantastic year and a wonderful start to your school journey. We are so proud of everything you have achieved and wish you lots of success as you move into Year 1!



Year 1

In DT, the children had great fun exploring how moving pictures work. They followed simple step-by-step instructions to create a flower and a dolphin, learning how sliders and levers can make parts of a picture move. The children enjoyed experimenting with these mechanisms and were excited to see their pictures come to life.

Using what they had learnt, the children then designed and made their own moving pictures. They thought carefully about what they wanted to create, drew their ideas and planned how the moving parts would work. The children showed creativity, perseverance and problem-solving skills as they tested and improved their designs. We were very impressed with their imaginative ideas and the fantastic moving pictures they produced.



Year 2

In PSHE, we have been working hard towards our Citizenship Awards by being helpful at home, learning a new hobby and taking part in football matches to raise money for Southampton Hospitals Charity. We had lots of fun doing this.

Our hobby choices were learning to sing, making lizards out of beads, art and collage or making dream catchers.



Year 2 cont...

Teacher Challenge

If the Giraffes and Eagles worked together to raise **£800**, they got to soak Miss Byrne and Mrs Peacock.

If they raised **£1,000**, they got to soak Mr Green.

If they raised **£1,200**, they got to soak Mr Head

If they raised **£2,000**, they got to soak Mr Leonard.



We can reveal that Year 2 officially raised **£2,090.68!** This is the most that has ever been raised by a Year 2 class at Portswood Primary school. We are very proud of our achievements, and this money has been very appreciated by our charity.



Year 3

In music this term, year 3 have had their final session with the music teachers. It was also a lovely opportunity for both classes to watch each other play their instruments!



In DT this term, we have made photo frames. The children had the opportunity to practice woodwork skills such as measuring, sawing and sanding down pieces of wood to make their designs come to life.



Year 4

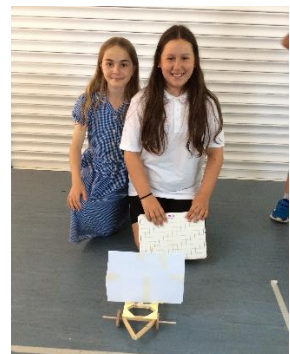
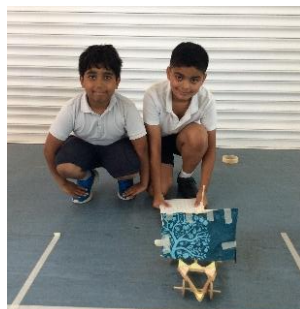
Year 4 have had a lot of fun this month. We have enjoyed ice poles earned by working so hard learning our times tables, have completed an exciting science investigation looking into how different drinks affect our teeth and have also finished our collage, inspired by Van Gogh's *Starry Night*. Have a look at our fantastic work – we had to consider the collage techniques we used and also work well as a team!



We are now working on our final DT project, creating pop-up book versions of *Wind in the Willows*. Year 4 have really impressed us with how well they have learned different pop-up mechanisms, and we're excited to see their final books!

Year 5

We have had a wonderful final month together. A highlight has been our DT unit in which we designed, made and raced land yachts. Huge congratulations to Daniel and Xinyu for designing the winning land yacht. We have also been getting ready to transition to year 6 thinking about how our bodies grow and change. We were all very excited to share baby pictures of ourselves and think about how we have personally changed.



Year 6

Year 6 have been busy during their last few weeks at Portswood! As part of their DT unit of work, they have been designing their own miniature playgrounds. First, they evaluated a park and were inspired by their favourite play equipment. They then demonstrated their excellent woodwork skills by measuring, sawing and building. Look at their amazing work!



Well done for all your hard work over the year as well as your brilliant end of year performance, Year 6. We are so proud of all of you and wish you the best of luck for your future endeavours.

June Sports News.



School Games Mark Gold

We are thrilled to announce that Portswood Primary School has achieved the Gold School Games Mark for our commitment and engagement in the School Games. We are so proud of this achievement and hope that our continued efforts to raise the profile of P.E. and sports motivates and inspires our children to lead active lifestyles.

Athlete visit



Leon led an inspiring assembly to begin our day.



All the children took part in a sports session. Even the staff were excited for their visit!



We were so excited to welcome athletes Leon Greenwood and Richmial Miller to Portswood Primary School on the 7 July. Leon led an inspiring assembly talking about his many successes as well as the barriers he has faced, losses, training and self-improvement. The children left feeling very motivated and with a better understanding of the hard work that goes into a successful athlete's career.

The children then took part in sessions led by the athletes to help improve their running techniques and agility. It was a fantastic day, and we look forward to seeing the impact these inspiring individuals have on our pupils.

Sports News cont....



Bassett Buzz Cup

Congratulations to our brilliant Year 6 children who took part in the Bassett Buzz Cup this year. It has been the most challenging year, with thunderstorms, school closures and extreme heat cancelling nearly all of our games. However, the team worked incredibly hard with people they haven't played with before and finished in 4th place.

Swimming and self-rescue

Did you know that swimming is a compulsory part of the national curriculum? All primary schools must provide swimming and water safety lessons during either Key Stage 1 or 2. At Portswood Primary School, all children in Year 4 take part in swimming lessons at Jubilee Pool.



By the end of Year 6, all pupils are expected to:

- Swim competently, confidently, and proficiently over at least 25 metres
- Use a range of strokes effectively (e.g., front crawl, backstroke, breaststroke)
- Perform safe self-rescue in various water-based situations

There are lots of pools to take your children to around Southampton including The Quays, Jubilee Pool and Shirley.

Please share these self-rescue techniques with your children – they are simple instructions that could save a life.

Reminders

Free School Meals

Are you receiving Universal Credit? Your child may be entitled to Free School Meals.

Applying for free school meals not only gives your child the opportunity to have a meal at lunchtime but, depending on your circumstances, the Government also gives the school additional money to help with your child's education. It is therefore to your child's advantage that you apply for free school meals (even if your child is entitled to universal free school meals; or does not actually take up the offer of a meal).

You can apply on-line at [Online FSM Application \(cloudforedu.org.uk\)](https://cloudforedu.org.uk).

Parking

To protect the health of the children and all other members of our school community, please could we ask you to turn off your engines if you are parking by the school.

Sitting with your engines idling will produce harmful emissions which can contribute to ill health and damage to the environment.

If you can: turn your engine off.

Our usual parking reminders are here:

Please can we ask you to be mindful of residents when parking around the school.

Do not park or leave your car in the disabled bays along Northcote and Brickfield Road.

Please do not pull up on double yellow lines or the school zig zag lines, even if you are only dropping your child off, as this causes congestion.

Please do not park over the entrance to the allotments, these gates should always be accessible.

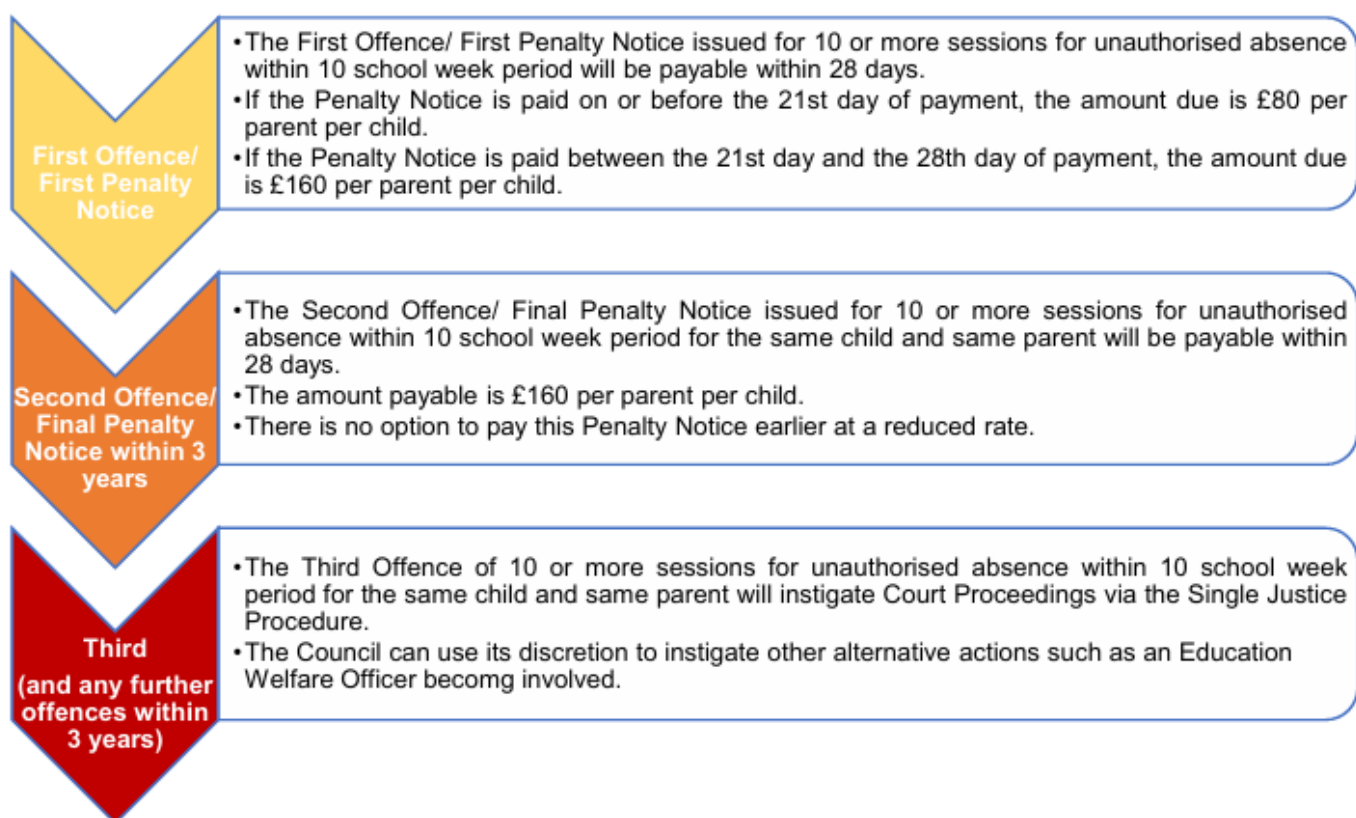
Please park a little further from the school and walk the rest of the way where possible.



Attendance

We would just like to remind you of the change in the national framework for Penalty Notices which came into effect in August 2024.

Penalty Notices can be issued when a statutory school-aged child has had 10 sessions (5 school days) or more of unauthorised absence within a 10 school week period. Only two penalty notices will be issued to the same parent for the same child within a 3-year period. The next offence will result in a prosecution.



Further information can be found on the school website ([Portswood Primary School - Home](https://www.portswoodpri.org.uk)) and on Southampton City Council's website, under School attendance and support ([southampton.gov.uk](https://www.southampton.gov.uk)).

Dates / Activities

Date	Activity
Monday 20 July 2026	Year 6 Disco
Tuesday 21 July 2026	Year 6 Picnic on the Rec
Wednesday 22 July 2026	Year 6 Leavers assembly 2.15pm
Wednesday 22 July 2026	Last day of school
Tuesday 1 September 2026	Inset day – school closed
Wednesday 2 September 2026	Children back to school.

2026-27 term dates

Term	Starting	Ending
Autumn one	1 September	23 October
Autumn two	2 November	18 December
Spring one	4 January	12 February
Spring two	22 February	25 March
Summer one	12 April	28 May
Summer two	7 June	21 July

Inset Days for 2026 - 2027.

Tuesday 1 September 2026
Monday 2 November 2026
Friday 18 December 2026
Thursday 25 March 2027
Monday 12 April 2027
Friday 9 July 2027

SOUTHAMPTON HOCKEY CLUB

JUNIOR PLAYERS WANTED!



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BE A PART OF A TEAM

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**QUALITY COACHING. REGULAR MATCHES.
A PROVEN PATHWAY INTO ADULT HOCKEY!**



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SUMMER HOCKEY TASTER SESSIONS

Join our fun, friendly hockey taster sessions designed for players of all abilities this summer! Sticks and balls provided, gumshields and shin pads highly recommended. Open to new and existing players, bring along a friend!



**LEARN A NEW
SPORT**
Develop new
skills!



**MAKE NEW
FRIENDS**
Learn to work as
a team!



**KEEP ACTIVE
THIS SUMMER**
Build fitness and
speed!

DETAILS



TUESDAYS
10:30-12:00
THIS AUGUST



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**BOYS & GIRLS
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7-13**



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OUR WEBSITE
AND FIND OUT
MORE!**

QUESTIONS?

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Portswood Primary School



Skoolkit will be holding a **10% discount week** in our **Eastleigh** store from **Monday 29th June – Saturday 4th July**, where all items listed below will be subject to a **10% discount for this time only**.

2026 Price List	
Daywear	Price
White Plain Polo Shirt	From £11.00
Navy Embroidered Sweatshirt	From £12.50
Navy Embroidered Sweatshirt Cardigan	From £15.50
Navy or Grey Trousers	From £10.99
Navy or Grey Skirt	From £10.25
Navy or Grey Pinafore	From £15.50
Navy Printed Bookbag	£8.50
Iron-On Name Tapes	x36 – £5.00/ x72 – £5.99

Summer Wear	Price
Blue Summer Dress	£13.99
Navy or Grey Daywear Shorts	From £10.99

PE Wear	Price
Navy or White Plain PE T-Shirt	From £4.50
Navy PE Shorts	From £5.50

Prices are correct at the time of printing.
For full size and pricing information, please refer to our website.

**SATURDAY 25ST JULY -
SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST**

USE CODE: SUMMER26

ONLINE ORDERS NEED TO BE PLACED BY

FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST

for guaranteed delivery before the start of the school year.

Skoolkit will do its utmost to deliver orders placed after this date before back to school.

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Opening Times

Mon - Fri 9:00 AM - 17:30 PM

Sat 9:00 AM - 17:00 PM

Skoolkit

Saturday 22nd August

SUMMER FAIR

Lordshill Community Centre SO16 8LX
07497102949

Join us for a day of community fun and activities for all the family!

Bouncy Castle with slide

BBQ

Lots to Browse and buy

Tombola & Luxury Raffle

10.30am - 3.30pm
Free entry



NHS
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Free Summer Transition Sessions 2026

Mental Health in Schools Team

Join our fun and supportive summer sessions to help you feel confident and ready for Secondary School

Sessions will be held at **GOALS**, Third Avenue, Southampton, SO15 0JW
3:30pm-4:30pm



Communication & Friendships Monday 24th August



Managing our worries Wednesday 26th August



Self-Care Thursday 27th August

You will:

- Build confidence
- Meet new people
- Learn how to manage worries
- Feel ready for your new school

Book your place now!
Just scan the QR code



Your Parent/Carer must attend with you