



Portobello Primary School  
Weekly Newsletter  
2nd May 2025



**Achievement Assembly**

Our achievement assembly celebrated children who have "shown respect" this week. Well done to the following children:

**Reception:** Marvel    **Year 1:** Iqra    **Year 2:** Ellie  
**Year 3:** Rose    **Year 4:** Robert    **Year 5:** Annalise    **Year 6:** Katie

**Celebrating Attendance**

Whole school attendance is currently at 95.5%  
Well done to Year 2 for best attendance this week at 98%!

**Date for Diary** \*\*Bank holiday Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May\*\*

- Thur 8<sup>th</sup> May - Reception class trip to Safetyworks
- **Thur 8<sup>th</sup> May - VE 80<sup>th</sup> celebration - dress up in red/white & blue**
- Wed 14<sup>th</sup> May - Y1 to Gibside
- Thur 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Y5 to Gibside
- **Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Inset day - school closed to pupils**
- Midnight 15<sup>th</sup> June - School Uniform order deadline for free to School Delivery
- Tues 17<sup>th</sup> June - Y2 & Y4 Newcastle trip & Discovery Museum Workshops
- Fri 4<sup>th</sup> July - Summer School Fayre 2pm
- **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July - Occasional Day - school closed to pupils and staff**
- Thur 10<sup>th</sup> July - DT Showcase/workshop, timings will be shared in the summer term
- **Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Sept - Inset day - school closed to pupils**

**Rights Respecting**

Article 29: I have the right to an education which develops my personality, talents and abilities.

**Summer uniform**

As the warmer weather approaches (fingers crossed) we would just like to draw your attention to our uniform policy:

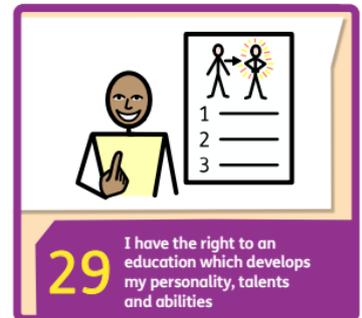
We request that the children wear the following uniform daily:

- red jumper or cardigan
- blue polo shirt or shirt
- grey shorts, trousers, skirt or dress
- plain black leggings
- blue summer dress
- black school shoes or plain black trainers
- hair bobble for long hair

If your child is wearing shorts, they should be plain grey. Please note cycling and sports shorts are not permitted. Please pop on a cap and sunscreen before school too on warm sunny days.

School Uniform cut-off date for back to school is midnight 20th July 2025 (For Home Delivery) and **Midnight 15th June (FREE to School Delivery)**, Emblematic will do their utmost to get your order delivered before the start of term, subject to supplier stock availability. Orders after this date are not guaranteed and can take over 28 Days due to supply and demand over the summertime.

[https://www.portobelloprimaryschool.co.uk/how\\_to\\_order\\_school\\_uniform](https://www.portobelloprimaryschool.co.uk/how_to_order_school_uniform)





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**A production of Pinocchio in school**

M&M Theatrical Productions are the UK's largest and most respected provider of theatre-in-education, specialising in Classic Literature Adaptations, we are the first to see their adaptation of Pinnocchio this week and it was full of laughter, fun, great music as well as larger than life characters. Everyone had a fantastic time on Wednesday.

If you would like to make a £2 voluntary contribution towards the cost it would be appreciated, payable online or via £2 to class.

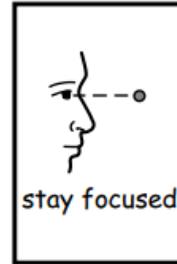
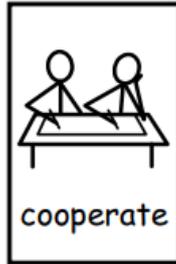


**Little Wandle Reading Books please return**

We have several outstanding Little Wandle Reading books still at home. These books make up sets that are vital to the teaching of reading in school. Please can you take a look over the Easter and return to the school office ASAP.

**Power of a growth mindset**

We believe in the power of a growth mindset and that all our children have the ability to achieve what they want to achieve. Staff encourage children to develop their abilities and think of challenges as opportunities to grow. This week we launched our new Learning Powers in school. These will be used throughout the school day to ensure the children succeed.



**Struggle with making payments online?**

Check out the school website for a step-by-step guide or view the how to links below: <https://parent-support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/sections/4409410266641-Payments>

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Stay fully connected to your child's life at school, wherever you are. Download from your app store.

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**VE 80<sup>th</sup> Celebration**

Victory in Europe (VE) Day, celebrated on 8 May 1945, marked the end of World War II in Europe. Eight decades later, we come together to reflect on the sacrifices made and honour the courage of those who fought for our freedom through a special assembly in school.

On Thursday 8 May 2025, we invite all children to come to school dressed in red, white and blue as part of our school celebration.



At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SAFETY ON THE ROAD

Traffic-related incidents are a significant risk for young pedestrians and cyclists, so understanding road safety is crucial for children's wellbeing. While all road users share responsibility for keeping one another safe, this guide offers strategies for empowering young people to navigate the roads confidently and responsibly.

## 1 TAKE PRACTICE JOURNEYS

Making 'practice' journeys with children is a great way to help them stay safe, thereby modelling responsible behaviours and having road safety conversations as they prepare to travel independently. Add hazard perception activities like spotting electric vehicles – which may have a green number plate – and point out how quiet they are. Children learn by watching others; remind them that their peers might not always be the best role models.

## 2 BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

Visibility is lower during darker winter days, and drivers need to take extra care to look out for pedestrians. Wearing bright and reflective clothing can help make children more visible to drivers near roads. In poor daylight conditions, encourage children to wear light, bright or fluorescent clothing. When it's dark, wear reflective clothing or materials such as a reflective armband or jacket.

## 3 EYES UP

Encourage children to look up and keep their eyes on the road. Teach them to constantly watch for traffic and practise double-checking the road before crossing – looking right, left and then right again.

## 4 LIMIT DISTRACTIONS

Where possible, devices like phones should be kept away from children while out and about near roads. If they're carrying devices, these should be put away until they've reached their destination. Children must also avoid playing with toys or being distracted by friends. If a friend wants to show them something funny on their phone, there'll be time for that once they've safely arrived.

## 5 SLOW DOWN

Discuss the importance of waiting instead of crossing immediately. It can be tricky to judge the speed of traffic and spot obstacles that could cause a trip or a fall. For safety, children must stop and think before they get to the kerb and should always walk – not run – when crossing the road. They should avoid crossing until they're certain they have plenty of time. Even if traffic seems a long way off, it could still be approaching very quickly.

## 6 STOP BEFORE THE KERB

Teach children to stop before reaching the kerb – not right at the edge of it. Halting before they get to the kerb allows them to see if anything's coming, whereas getting too close to traffic is dangerous. If there's no pavement, children should stand back from the road's edge but ensure they can still see approaching traffic.

## 7 CROSS SAFELY

Children should always find a safe spot to cross the road, prioritising zebra crossings or pelican crossings, footbridges and subways. Find a place where they can see traffic coming from both directions. Avoid crossing near junctions, bends in the road, or obstacles that block their view. Instead moving to somewhere they can see and be seen. Remind them to use their eyes and ears together when checking the road, as sometimes they can hear traffic before they can see it. Looking and listening while crossing helps them quickly spot traffic, including cyclists and motorcyclists driving between other vehicles.

## 8 PARKED VEHICLES

Crossing between parked vehicles is very dangerous. Teach children to use extra caution if crossing in this way, and, ideally, avoid it altogether. They should use the outside edge of a vehicle as if it were the kerb, waiting and checking for traffic before moving. They should ensure vehicles aren't about to move, by looking for drivers in the vehicles and listening for engines running – but remember that electric vehicles may move off silently. They should always make sure there is a gap between any parked vehicles on the other side, so they can reach the pavement.

## 9 REVERSING VEHICLES

Children must never cross behind a reversing vehicle – it's extremely dangerous. Remind them to look for white reversing lights and listen out for warning sounds. Can they hear the engine sound or a radio playing inside the vehicle?

## 10 WAIT FOR THE BUS TO LEAVE

When getting off a bus, children must wait for it to leave before crossing so they can have a clear view of the road in both directions. This also allows them to see and be seen by other road users. Crossing near large vehicles is particularly dangerous and should be avoided.

### Meet Our Expert

THINK! is a year-round national campaign that aims to encourage safe road behaviours – whether we're driving, cycling, horse riding or walking – with the aim of reducing the number of people killed and injured on the UK's roads each year. Find out more at: <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>



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