



Portobello Primary School
Weekly Newsletter
6th June 2025



Achievement Assembly

Our achievement assembly celebrated children who have "asked great questions" this week. Well done to the following children:

Reception: Lily **Year 1:** Charlie **Year 2:** Mia
Year 3: Ben **Year 4:** Jack **Year 5:** Olivia **Year 6:** Jake

Celebrating Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently at 95.6%

Well done to Reception for best attendance this week at 97%!

Date for Diary

w/b - 9th June - Health and Sports Week

- Tuesday - YR - Y2 Sports Day: Parents/Carers welcome to attend from 1.20pm
- Wednesday - School Games Day: All pupils to attend in PE kit
- Thursday - Y3 - Y6 Sports Day: Parents/Carers welcome to attend from 1.20pm
- Friday Y6 @ Gateshead Stadium: Y6 to attend in PE kit
- [Midnight 15th June - School Uniform order deadline for free to School Delivery](#)
- Tues 17th June - Y2 & Y4 Newcastle trip & Discovery Museum Workshops
- Thur 19th June - Sponsored colour run event/national picnic day lunch
- Fri 4th July - Summer School Fayre 2pm
- **Monday 7th July - Occasional Day - school closed to pupils and staff**
- Thur 10th July - DT Showcase/workshop, timings will be shared in the summer term

Class Assemblies!

We are absolutely thrilled to invite you back into school for class assemblies over this next half term and the first practises are well underway. Other than Year 6, the assemblies will last approximately 30minutes. If you have mobility concerns, could you please let us know as soon as practical.

On arrival at school please wait behind the wooden gate to the office. We will admit you, as our guests, into the hall as quickly as we can but please be patient as we need to ensure the children are all safely accounted for. The children in the rest of your child's Key Stage will form part of the audience along with yourselves.

We ask that assemblies are not filmed to safeguard all our children. After we have dismissed children from the audience back to their classes you will have the opportunity to take a photograph of your child and spend a couple of moments with them. Please see dates below:

- Year 4 - Wednesday 18th June at 9.30am
- Year 3 - Tuesday 24th June at 9.30am
- Year 5 - Thursday 26th June at 9.30am
- Year 1 - Wednesday 2nd July at 9.30am
- Reception - Thursday 3rd July at 9.30am
- Year 2 - Friday 11th July at 9.30am
- Year 6 - Friday 18th July at 9.30am



BIG AWARD
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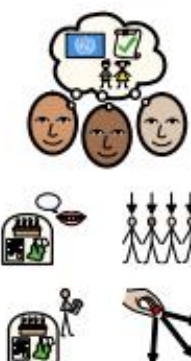


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Rights Respecting

Article 42: Everyone should know about children's rights.



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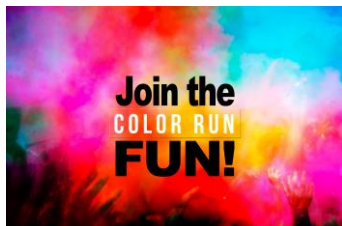
Governments should make sure that adults and children know about the UNCRC.

They should make sure they do this in an appropriate and active way.

Term Dates 25 26

Autumn Term		
Start of term	Half term	Last day of term
Monday 1 st September 2025	27 th Oct - 31 st Oct 2025	Friday 19 th December 2025
Spring Term		
Start of term	Half term	Last day of term
Monday 5 th January 2026	23 rd - 27 th February 2026	Thursday 2 nd April 2026
Summer Term		
Start of term	Half term	Last day of term
Monday 20 th April 2026	25 th May - 29 th May 2026 (bank holiday 25 th May)	Friday 17 th July 2026

- Please note the return date for pupils is Tuesday 2nd September 2025.
- In addition to the above dates, schools will be closed to pupils and staff on Monday 4th May 2026 (Bank Holiday).
- **Two days** within the above terms are to be used for professional development for staff. These dates are to be determined and agreed by individual school governing bodies.
School will be closed to pupils on these days:
 - Monday 1st September 2025
 - To be determined
- In addition, **one occasional day** within the Summer Term 2025 is to be utilised for the purpose of closure for possible election purposes: this day to be used near the end of the summer term and agreed by individual school governing bodies. **School will be closed to staff and pupil on this day.**



Sponsored Colour Run at Portobello Thursday 19th June 2025 @ 2pm

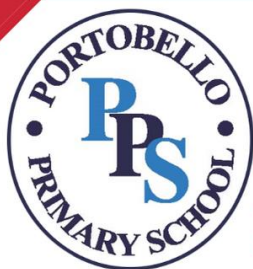
An account has been created on Schoolcomms/ParentPay for parents/carers to collect sponsorship money from friends and relatives to pay online: FUN RUN SPONSORSHIP DONATIONS 2025 or send in cash to school along with sponsor form.

NB: if you or an adult family member are entering to take part on the day, please pay the £4 adult entry fee online or send in an envelope to school re: Parent/Carer Entry Sponsored Colour Run Thursday 19th June 25. Please make sure you add the name of the adult taking part too and for which child.

For your child to take part please complete below consent by 23rd May
<https://forms.gle/yfMAanrJVApfPFRG7>



The colour run on the 19th of June also coincides with National Picnic week and on the day, there will be no other dinner option available.



NEEDS YOU!

We are planning our Summer Fayre and we need your help!

Do you have any donations for our tombola or raffle?

We would appreciate any suitable items such as unused gifts, bottles, chocolates etc

Please leave any donations at the drop off point at reception.

Can you spare a few hours of your time?

We are always looking for volunteers to join our Fundraising Committee or even just help out on the day!

Do you know any local businesses who would be willing to donate anything towards our fundraising?

Do you or anyone you know have any skills we could use at our fayre?

Face painting/Hair brading/ Circus skills

Please Contact Mrs Lister if you can help!

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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EMOJIS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

An emoji like 🍌 (thumbs up emoji) might seem friendly to adults, but teens often interpret it as sarcastic or passive-aggressive. These differing interpretations can create confusion or unintended tension in cross-generational conversations.

SHIELDING BULLYING OR PEER PRESSURE

When embedded in emojis, mean-spirited jokes or exclusionary language can fly under the radar. Terms like 'mid' or 'delulu' may seem harmless, but they can be used to undermine peers in subtle ways.

RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Emoji meanings can change overnight. A person standing emoji (🧑) once signified awkwardness but might now be repurposed for something entirely different. This ever-changing lexicon can leave adults in the dark and young people vulnerable to misunderstanding or misuse.

MASKING DISTRESS OR HARM

Some emojis are used to discreetly signal troubling behaviours. For instance, 🍷 (falling leaves emoji) or 💊 (pill emoji) might suggest drug use, while 🌸 (wilted flower emoji) could hint at emotional struggles. Such usage can obscure serious issues, making them harder for trusted adults to detect.

NORMALISING RISKY BEHAVIOURS

Emojis can make harmful actions seem light-hearted or fashionable. Strings like 🍷🍷🍷 (fire + 'woozy' face + pill emojis) may appear humorous but can reference partying, intoxication or dangerous challenges, which might otherwise raise red flags.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LEARN THE LINGO

Stay updated with emoji trends and definitions using resources like emojipedia.org or Urban Dictionary. Knowing current meanings builds confidence when engaging with young people and helps spot potential concerns early.

ASK, DON'T ASSUME

Approach unfamiliar emojis with curiosity rather than suspicion. A light-hearted "What does 🍷 (juice box emoji) mean these days?" can open conversation and show that you respect their knowledge.

CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION

Encourage casual chats about emojis, online slang, memes, or social media trends. Showing interest without judgement reassures young people that they can talk about their digital world openly and safely.

PRIORITISE TRUST OVER SURVEILLANCE

While parental controls and monitoring tools can be useful, emotional safety matters most. Be someone children and young people feel they can come to — not just someone who's watching them.

EMOJI CHEAT SHEET - The following slang terms and emojis are some common examples - please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list.

COMMON EMOJIS:

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| 🤡 (Clown face) Foolishness or clowning around | 🙄 (Pleading face) Over-affectionate or 'simping' |
| 😎 (Cool face) Cool, stylish or ruthless | 👁️ (Eyes) Watching drama unfold |
| 🔥 (Hot face) Intense attraction or excitement | 🐐 (Goat) Greatest of all time (G.O.A.T.) |
| 🙄 (Meh) Stone-faced, unbothered | 🙄 (Nails) Confidence, sassiness, or indifference |
| 👑 (Crown) 'Slaying', as in doing great | 🚩 (Triangular flag) Red flag: a warning sign about someone's behaviour |

POTENTIALLY CONCERNING EMOJIS

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| 🍷 (Ear of corn) Slang for pornography (avoids censorship algorithms) | 🌸 (Wilted flower) Often used to convey emotional struggle or sadness |
| ❄️ (Snowflake, snowman, snow cloud) Can symbolise cocaine | 🐍 (Snake) Can represent betrayal or being 'two-faced' |
| 🗝️ (Key, lying face) Related to cocaine use | 🔫 (Water pistol) Sometimes used to reference violence or self-harm |
| 🍃 (Falling leaves, herb, maple leaf) Can symbolise cannabis | ⚠️ (Warning) Used to emphasise drama, threats or emotional turmoil |
| 💊 (Pill) May reference drug use or prescription misuse | 🍜 (Steaming bowl) Refers to nudes ('noods' is an abbreviation of noodles) |

Meet Our Expert

Keith Bruni is a globally renowned emoji expert and the Editor in Chief of emojipedia.org, the world's number one emoji resource. He has an MSc in Business Psychology from University College London and an MBA from Quantic School of Business and Technology.



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