



Portobello Primary School
Weekly Newsletter
12th September 2025



Achievement Assembly

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

Reception: Evie & Rhea **Year 1:** Oliver **Year 2:** Michael

Year 3: Esme **Year 4:** Georgie **Year 5:** Imogen **Year 6:** Peter

Celebrating Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently at 97.6%.

Well done to Reception & Year 2 for best attendance this week at 100%!

Dates for Diary (an annual parent planner will be made available in due course)

- Fri 19th Sept - Flu vaccination - whole school
- Mon 13th October - Individual School Photos AM (younger siblings welcome from 8.50am, for example who currently attend a nursery, who do not attend Portobello, parents/carers please bring children via main entrance and photos will be taken before school starts)
- Thurs 16th Oct - Reception 2026 - Open event from 4pm, applying for Reception 26? please come along or share the date & time with friends/family
- Tues 21st October - Reception Vision Screening AM
- Fri 24th October - break up for Half term 27th to 31st
- Thurs 6th Nov - Reception 2026 - Open event from 4pm, applying for Reception 26? please come along or share the date & time with friends/family
- Thur 4th Dec - PM Xmas Fayre all welcome
- Mon 8th Dec - Y2 A Christmas Journey at Birtley Methodist PM
- Thurs 18th Dec - Y1 to Y6 Panto Trip AM @ Little Theatre (Payment via Schoolgateway please)
- Break up for Xmas Friday 19th December!

Design Technology - we need your support!

Our DT curriculum is going from strength to strength with our children developing some exciting new skills and knowledge!

To support themes this year such as exploring and tasting a wide variety of fruit and vegetables, creating a menu and cooking various food items such as cakes/biscuits/stir fries, pizza or bolognese dishes, sculpting with clay, modelling with wood and designing and creating mechanisms, a one-off £10 annual DT/Food contribution would be greatly appreciated. This will go a long way towards helping create future Technology experts. Payment can be made via schoolgateway. Thank you!

Homework

If you are struggling to access home-learning for your child at home your child may be eligible for home-learning club at school. Please email the school office who will then pass any queries to class teachers who can discuss this further with you.

Here comes autumn

As the days are becoming a little colder and the rain is a little more frequent, please ensure your child comes to school with a coat. This is particularly important for our Year 6 swimmers.



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Here is your September/ October online Families magazine!

Check out our bumper 'back to school' education feature, with informative articles to help you support your child's learning. We've come up with an A-Z of kids' classes so choose a new activity for your child. Plus, a recipe for spooky Halloween cupcakes and lots more! [READ NOW](#)

Earrings Reminder

As of Monday 15th September, if your child comes to school wearing earrings and cannot remove them independently, you will be contacted and asked to come to school to remove, for them.

Earrings can pose a risk of injury, particularly during physical activities, sports, and even in the classroom.

We understand that earrings are a form of personal expression, and respect that. However, they are not part of our uniform, our priority is to ensure a safe environment for everyone. We ask that children refrain from wearing any earrings to school. This includes clear plastic studs.

Pupils should not wear jewellery to school unless by exceptional agreement of the Governing Body due to religious grounds. Only one wristwatch is permitted; to keep all our children safe we have a no smart watch policy. We also ask that children do not come to school wearing false nails or make up and advise against nail varnish.

If your child wears earrings to school, they will not be able to participate in:

- PE lessons
- Active games such as football at playtimes
- Climbing/playing outdoors at breaks
- Active after school clubs which commence week 15th

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring a safe and healthy learning environment for all. Thank you for your understanding and support.

BBC 500 Words contest opens on the 23rd of September

National Book Tokens are proud to support [BBC 500 Words](#), the UK's largest story-writing contest for 5 to 11-year-olds, which invites children to write a story they would love to read - in 500 words or less! Ahead of this year's contest opening for entries on 23rd September, young writers and story lovers can discover writing tips and advice from some of their favourite authors, including Maz Evans, Jacqueline Wilson, and Jasbinder Bilan.



[Top children's authors share their story writing tips for BBC 500 Words | National Book Tokens](#)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>

Student Council 25/26

We would like to introduce you to our new school council members for this academic year. Class nominations and voting has been completed this week. Well done everyone:

Y1: Finn & Kiera	Y2: Holly & Thomas
Y3: Lola & Vinnie	Y4: Oscar & Rose
Y5: Isabelle & Robert	Y6: Bella & Jack



Toileting support for children and education settings

it's not always easy knowing where to turn for advice on managing toileting issues for children. That's why ERIC has launched a new guide for parents/carers and professionals to support children and young people across early years settings, school and college. In it, you'll find tips to make school less stressful for children experiencing bowel and bladder issues, details about caring for children with medical conditions in school, information about intimate care and much more. Click to read the guide:

[Read the guide](#)

ERIC are hosting an online roadshow between the 6th and 9th October via Zoom

To help support these families and answer some of the most common questions, ERIC is hosting a week of online activities where you'll be able to get advice and information directly from the experts. For more information and how to sign up check out: <https://eric.org.uk/virtual-roadshow-supporting-families/>

Rights Respecting

Article 18: Everyone under 18 has rights

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Everyone under 18 has these rights



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Under the UNCRC, a child means every human being below the age of 18.



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A child has all the rights in the UNCRC until they are 18 years old.