



Portobello Primary School
Weekly Newsletter
17th October 2025



Achievement Assembly

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

Reception: Edie **Year 1:** Theo **Year 2:** Finley **Year 3:** Jenson
Year 4: Bobby **Year 5:** Harley **Year 6:** CJ

Celebrating Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently at 95.7%

Well done to Reception & Year 5 for best attendance this week at 100%!

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

- Mon 20th Oct - Y5 at Lord Lawson, Singin in the Rain showcase
- Tues 21st October - Reception Vision Screening AM
- Tues 21st October - Y3 @ Birtley Library PM
- Wed 22nd October - Y2 to Kirkley Hall Zoological Gardens
- Wed 22nd October - Reception Class Halloween Party
- Thur 23rd October - Y1 to Y6 Halloween Disco 4pm to 5pm
- 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
- Fri 5th 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!

Calling all Parents/Carers/Grandparents - WE NEED YOU!!



Our fabulous school hosts many additional activities for the children to make their school year even more fun, as well as bringing in vital funds to support our resources. This would not be possible without the generous support of our fundraising committee! This amazing group of volunteers meet every term to plan events and share ideas, and we need to grow our numbers! You do not need any experience just a willingness to give us a few hours over the course of the year...and perhaps enjoy a cuppa! If you would like more information, please drop-in or call Mrs Lister in the office.

Packed lunch bags/boxes

We have seen several toys being brought in attached to packed lunches over recent weeks.

Labubu's are the most popular by far as well as figures and teddys. Can we ask that nothing is attached to packed lunches moving forwards, other than the potential of being lost they are very unhygienic sitting on dining tables whilst children are eating. Thank you for your cooperation.



Collection of children at the end of the day

When collecting your children from school at the end of the day could we please ask that when you see your child you move forward towards the staff member on duty so that they can see you clearly. This will help us, to help you, keep your children safer.

Staff carpark

We would like to remind our families that our staff carpark should not be used to drop-off or collect children. Doing so makes it an unpredictable and therefore unsafe environment for other children.

Rights Respecting Article 15

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I have the right to meet with friends and join groups

Governments should make sure children can meet with friends and join groups or organisations.

Governments should make sure children can safely meet other people in public spaces to protest peacefully when they want to change things.

Easyfundraising

So far Portobello Primary School has 5 entries into easyfundraising's giveaway to win 1 of 5 £200 donations! You can help increase our chances of winning by signing up to support us before midnight 19th October:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/portobelloprisch/N7TLLL/c2s/J1YccjD6/CE941/facebook/>

School Photos

For free delivery to school on your child's school individual photographs order by Monday 27th October 2025. Order via the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk Or call 01736 751555 for assistance.

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 bolognaise 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 for contributions so far!



eSchools APP - Urgent

If you haven't yet, can you please download the APP to view texts/emails and other correspondence.

Costly push notifications stopped on Friday 12th. The APP is free to download from your mobile phone APP store.

To stay in touch and be connected to what's going on in school, receiving texts and emails is incredibly useful. Can we please ask you to download the eSchools APP if you have a mobile phone, and haven't done so yet, it would be useful for all parents/carers to be able to access communications from us on a weekly basis.

We currently have 117 of 284 parents/carers with responsibility for using the APP.

Contacts (Parental responsibility) (117 of 289)



Halloween Disco Tickets please book/pay online by 5pm Monday 20th - consent on:
<https://forms.gle/81JAfww3omdvh2oZ7>





HALF TERM BREAKFAST CLUB MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER TO THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER EVERYONE WELCOME

FREE

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9AM

UNTIL

11AM