



**PORTWAY
JUNIOR SCHOOL**

Start the Year Meeting

Year 5 and 6

2025/2026

 **POSITIVITY RESILIENCE INTEGRITY DEDICATION ENCOURAGEMENT**

Meet the Leaders



Year 5 Year Leader

Miss Charlotte
Freemantle



Year 6 Year Leader

Mr Ashley
Gunner



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Portway Code



THE PORTWAY CODE

READY

RESPECTFUL

SAFE

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Portway Values

Positivity

Resilience

Integrity

Dedication

Encouragement



Certificates are awarded to children in celebration assembly who demonstrate the Portway Values

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Portway Uniform



Portway jumper/fleece /
cardigan (or plain blue)

***No smart watches**

Grey trousers or skirt

***Stud earrings only**

Portway polo (or
plain light blue)

Black school shoes
(not trainers)



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Portway PE Uniform



Year 5 - Monday and Tuesday
Year 6 - Monday and Thursday

Portway PE t-shirt or light
blue t-shirt (not branded)

Hair tie for long hair
(and earring tape)

Black or white
trainers

Dark blue or black
shorts/tracksuit (not
branded)



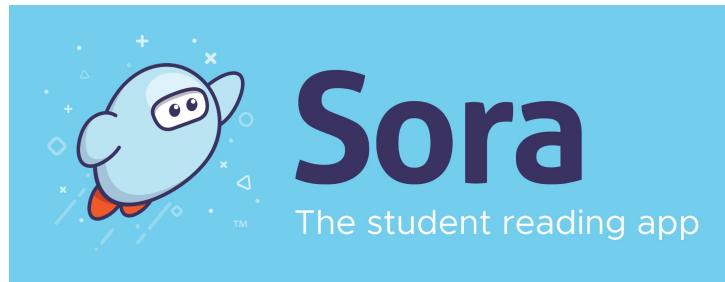
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Reading at Portway

SORA app

Search, add Portway Junior School and child's email address.

Lots of online books, audio books and magazines too!



Our home reading initiative

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Each time you read, record the date, title of the book and the page numbers. An adult (parent or school staff) must sign each time you read.



Reading Journal



Name: _____ Class: _____

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Year 3



Year 4



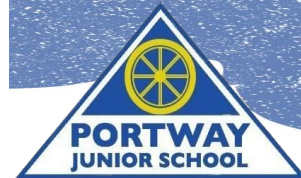
Year 5



Year 6

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Each time you read, record the date, title of the book and the page numbers. An adult (parent or school staff) must sign each time you read.



Date	Title / page numbers	Comment / adult signature
04.09.25	Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone - pages 21-33	Read aloud to mum 
05.09.25	Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone - pages 33-45	Read independently 
05.09.25	Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone - pages 45-54	Read to Mr Gunner at school 

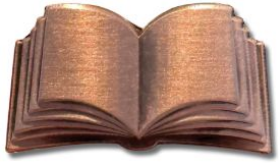
Today's date

Name of the book
you're reading and the
pages that you read

Short parent comment
and signature

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When you achieve a target number of reads, you will be presented with a badge in celebration assembly...



50 reads = bronze badge



100 reads = silver badge



200 reads = gold badge

**READING
AMBASSADOR**

300 reads = reading ambassador badge



Year 3



Year 5



Year 4



Year 6

Spelling at Portway

Our approach to spelling is using:

sounds & syllables
the sensible spelling system

We will dedicate time to the teaching of spelling in school - it will be taught 5 times every week.

Children will learn statutory words and be taught a wide range of spelling rules using the Sound & Syllables method.

Parent workshops will go into this in more detail on **Tuesday 15th September @ 17:00**

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Upper School Homework



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Upper School Homework

All homework will be set and due in on a Monday:

<u>Reading</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>Spelling</u>
- Reading comprehension 1. Read the text 2. Answer the questions	- Consolidate previous topic 1. Answer and solve questions one the lines in your book 2. Times tables / TTRS	- 10 focus words of the week 1. Use the Spelling Menu or Sounds & Syllables model

We will mark all homework in class on Monday afternoon.

A homework club will be run by Miss Freemantle and Mr Gunner every Friday lunch

Mobile Phones

If your child wishes to bring a mobile phone to school, they must have a valid reason, such as walking alone and you will need to apply to the school for permission for them to bring a phone in.

All children's phones must be switched off at the school gate and handed to their class teacher at the door of the classroom. Staff will keep phones until the end of the day in their cupboards when they will be returned to your child. Pupils may not turn on their phones until they have left the school premises, this includes being off on the playground and during after school clubs and events.

Failure to do so may result in confiscation of the phone and could lead to restrictions on bringing phones to school in the future. Any phones that are confiscated will be kept in the school office and will need to be collected by a parent.

AGE RESTRICTIONS ON MAIN UK SOCIAL MEDIA SITES



Facebook **13+**



Instagram **13+**



Snapchat **13+**



TikTok **13+**



YouTube **13+**



WhatsApp **16+**

Pencil Cases

Each child will be provided with a pencil case full of the correct stationery



*Please do not
bring fidgets to
school.*

*Your teacher will
provide focus
items for children
who need them.*

Key Information

Classroom doors open at 8:45 - *please note any children in school before 08:35 will be asked to go to Breakfast Club*

Breakfast Club & Portway Plus

Clubs - will be with you in due course

Portway Press & Portway Update (alternative Wednesdays)

Paying online (Arbor)

Bags, lockers and water bottles



Year 5 remain in
the hall

Year 6 to Falcon
Class

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Meet the Year 6 Team



Mr Ashley Gunner
Year 6 Leader

Falcon Class

Miss Sophie Mills
Teaching Assistant

Miss Karen Thomson
HLTA



Mr Elliott Crocker
Class teacher

Badger Class

Mrs Julie Dinkele
Teaching Assistant

Mrs Sarah Adams
HLTA



Magpie Class

Miss Bethany Hooper
Class teacher

Mrs Emma Wernham
Teaching Assistant

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Curriculum

History: The Mayans, Victorians (local study/railway)

Geography: South America, Volcanes: North America, Earthquakes and Mountains: Nepal

Science: Fossils, time and classification, classification and evolution, controlling electrical circuits and sound

French - En classe (in class), Les habitats (habitats), Au salon de the (in the tea room), Chez moi (at my house), a l'école (at school), le weekend (the weekend, including telling the time)

We also have regular PSHE, RE, Design Technology, Music, Art and PE lessons, covering a wide range of subjects in line with the National Curriculum - follow our half termly leaflets for more information

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Key Dates and Trips

Weds 30th Sept 2026

Avon Tyrrell Parent Meeting

Mon 19 Oct 2026

School Photo Day

Weds 11 & Thurs 17 Nov 2026

Autumn Parent Consultations

Mon 23 - Fri 27 Nov 2026

Avon Tyrrell

Thurs 11 Feb 2027

Parents SATs Information Meeting

Tues 9 & Weds 17 Mar 2027

Spring Parent Consultations

Mon 10 - Thurs 13 May 2027

SATs Week

Weds 19 May 2027

Sports Day

Mon 12 - Thurs 15 July 2027

Year 6 Show Week

Mon 19 July 2027

End of Year Reward Day



Portway Junior School

Welcome to Year 6 - Our learning for Autumn 1

English

Writing

Our first learning journey will use 'Holes' by Louis Sachar as our text driver to inspire the children's writing, teaching the children how to describe, persuade and inform their reader. We will achieve this first, through exploring the characters and setting, followed by writing a setting description, diary, letter and information text.

Reading

The children will be developing their reading skills of vocabulary understanding, inference, prediction, retrieval and summarising through their text driver: 'Holes' by Louis Sachar



Move information on our new reading initiative can be found on our 'Start the year' meeting slides on our website

Home Learning

In Year 6, homework is an important way to prepare for secondary school. Your child will receive weekly reading, maths and spelling homework

All to be completed in homework books

We also expect your child to read at least 4x a week and recorded these in your child's reading journal

Foundation Subjects

Science - Fossils, time and classification

PSHE - Being me in my world

PE - Hockey and Orienteering

French - En Classe

Geography - South America Study and comparison to Andover

Computing - Sharing, settings & passwords and Communication and Collaboration

RE - Ceremony - What is the best way for a Sikh to show commitment to God?

Music - Dynamics, pitch and texture

Art - Exploring artists Beatriz Milhazes and Frieda Kahlo

PE days - Our PE days will be Monday and Thursday. Please come into school in PE on these days.

Forest School - There will continue to be no Forest School in the Spring 1 half term. We apologise in advance.

Assessment

In Year 6, regular assessment is an essential part of tailoring learning to each child.

Therefore, we will have assessment weeks throughout the year.

These will be predominantly in the penultimate week of each half term.

Key Dates

Please see the Portway Press for all key dates

Uniform



Please ensure all belongings are labelled.

No jewellery to be worn in school.

Small stud earrings only.

Maths

Times tables - children should be confident with their times tables as well as the related division facts. If you believe your child needs to consolidate these, please encourage them to use TTRS daily.

What we are learning this half term:

- Place value
- Addition
- Subtraction
- Multiplication
- Division

We will also be supplementing our maths teaching with Arithmetic lessons each week.



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