



PORTWAY
JUNIOR SCHOOL

A guide for parents with children joining our school

Who's who?



What other people say about our school

Portway Junior has been a joy for our daughter - she has flourished in such a creative and supportive environment.
Parent Survey

The school has established very high expectations that were highly consistent across year groups.

Primary Behaviour Service,
Hampshire County Council

Pupils enjoy attending school and feel safe and enjoy learning.

Local Authority

As a new family to the school, we've been made to feel very welcome and our child's confidence is growing with the excellent teaching and support they're getting.

Parent Survey 2024

The school is very welcoming, both our children are very happy here

Parent Survey

The Headteacher & Deputy Headteacher are ambitious for all pupils and the impact of their work can be seen in improved standards... the Portway Code is evident from entering the school, the words 'ready', 'respectful' and 'safe' can be seen and heard across the school.

Local Authority

All our teachers are lovely.
Pupil

This is a safe and ready to learn school.
Pupil

Children at the heart of all we focus on.

Strong partnerships between pupils, staff, parents and governors.

Aim to make our pupils' school days happy, positive and successful.
Prepared well for secondary school.



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Class Photographs – Monday 10th June Soon we will be having our annual class photographs. Copies of last year photographs can be seen on the board outside of the main hall. Obviously we'd like to have all pupils present for this day and looking as smart as possible in their uniforms.

Sports Afternoon Thank you for attending our sports afternoon just before the half term break. Despite the damp weather, it was lovely to see so many of you there. We are pleased that the tea, cakes and ice lollies were so popular - we managed to raise just over £116 to go towards our playground fund. Thank you! The children had a great time throughout the day - there were some competitive races as well as some classroom based activities about sport in the morning and the carousel showing our range of sporting skills in the afternoon. Points were earned and collected in all activities for sporting achievement but also for teamwork, encouragement of others and demonstrating our school PRIDE values. In our last Celebration Assembly of the half term, we congratulated all children and teams for their achievements and also celebrated Lightning House as the overall winner.

Year 6 Graduation The Year 6 graduation will take place at The Lights on Tuesday 16th July. Ceremonies for Rabbit and Mapple classes will be at 11:30am and for Falcon and Badger classes at 1:30pm. For the morning ceremony, children will return to school for the remainder of the day. For pupils graduating in the afternoon, the ceremony should finish around 3:30pm and you will be able to collect your son/daughter from The Lights. (We will bring back to school any child that cannot be collected - and hold on to any siblings left at school.) Other family members are welcome to join us in the foyer of The Lights after the main presentations for photos, etc. A letter with further details will come out later this week.

Year Group Leaflets These were emailed to all families at the end of last half for this year. Each term these give you information about what your child is well as key information regarding any year group events and Forest School / F copy on your email, then please see the relevant year group page on our v select the 'Pupil' tab.

PTA Rainbow Raffle Please see information later in the Press about how you can us with this. Thank you.

Year 4 Hooke Court Residential - January 2025
Our visit to Hooke Court is all booked and we are looking forward to an be reminded of the key information, or want to know more, please see You can also click the link below.

[Y4 trip to Hooke Court January 2025](#)

Year 6 Avon Tyrrell Residential - November 2024
We are really looking forward to our week at Avon Tyrrell in the Autumn please see the Year 6 page on our website or click the link below.

[Year 6 Residential at Avon Tyrrell](#)

If you have any questions about either of these trips, or if you are worried Contact the Admin Office, Miss Windross or Mrs Sacree all r

Key Dates

5, 6 & 7 June	River trips for Year 5 classes (see Y5 leaflet for ap
Mon 10 June	Class photos
Thurs 20 June	Year 3 Egypt day
Saturday 6 July	PTA Summer Fair
Thurs 18 July	Open Afternoon
Tues 23 July	School closes for the summer holiday - 1:15pm finish

Positivity Resilience Integrity Dedication



PLAYERS

English

Our lessons this term will link into our History learning about Ancient Egypt.
Writing
We'll be writing adventure narratives, inspired by the book 'Mars & The Ride of the Sphinx' by Joe Todd-Stanton and then exploring a world of mysteries in 'Pharaoh's Fate' by C. Gaudier and S. Vernet.
Reading
In our reading lessons we will read the chapter book 'I was there... Tutankhamun's Tomb' by Sue Field and develop comprehension skills. We'll also further explore the differing features of fiction and information texts.

Key Dates

26.6.24 - V3 Egypt day
More details to follow.

Please see the Portway Press for all other key dates.



Maths

Times tables - By the end of Y4 children are expected to know their times tables up to 12x12. Children should continue to work on their individual times table target, but practicing all of their tables will help them be ready for Y4!
In lessons this half term we will be focusing on:
- Shapes
- Statistics
- Time



Foundation Subjects

History - Ancient Egypt
Science - Rocks and Soils
PSHE - Changing Me
French - les glaces (ice-cream)
Computing - Programming - conversation
RE - Judaism - Exploring the question what is the best way for a Jew to lead a good life?
Music - Ancient Worlds music unit
Design Technology - Food and nutrition

PE days - children should wear PE kit & trainers to school on PE days.
Tuesday - Tennis
Thursday - Striking games

Forest School - Children to come to school in old, protective clothes with long sleeves and trousers.
Fox - 8th June & 26th June
Owl - 12th June & 3rd July
Bot - 19th June & 10th July

Portway Junior School



ABOUT OUR SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION JOIN US PUPILS PARENTS NEWS & EVENTS

Contact Us

Keeping Children Safe Online

Keeping our children safe online is one of the most important things we can do as parents and carers. There is lots of information out there but the following links from the UK Safer Internet Centre are particularly helpful. Please click and use them to talk with your children.

- [How to talk about difficult topics](#)
- [Practical tips for starting a conversation about life online](#)
- [My child has said something worrying, what do I do?](#)
- [What do I do if something goes wrong?](#)
- [How to make a report](#)
- [Getting your child involved in online safety](#)
- [Find out more about specific issues](#)

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility

Playleaders: Our Year 5 & 6 Playleaders have been doing a great job out on the playground and are easily visible to all of us in their yellow caps.
Their job for each lunchtime is to run a selection of playground games and to involve as many pupils as possible.
Our Playleaders also look out for anyone who might be on their own and encourage them to join in with an organised game or help them to find the friend they are looking for.
As this year draws to a close, we'll be looking for more Playleaders from the current Year 4 to take on this role next year.
Thank you to Mrs Brewer for training and supporting our Playleaders so well and for helping this team to be successful.



OLYMPIC SUMMER SIZZLER
Saturday 6th July
12pm to 3pm

CRAFTS LIVE MUSIC
BBQ RAFFLE GAMES
TOMBOLA INFLATABLES ICE CREAMS
PETTING ZOO BARROW
... AND MORE OF BOOZE

All proceeds go to Portway Infant & Junior Schools.
Card Payment preferred

MAD MELODIES
POP & ROCK CHORUS
GET READY TO POP AND ROCK AT PORTWAY SCHOOL'S ELECTRICITY
VOLUNTARY SINGERS
FOR REHEARSAL & PRACTICE
3.30 TO 4.30 PM

UNLEASH YOUR INNER ROCKSTAR AND SING YOUR HEART OUT WITH
LET'S HAVE MUSIC TOGETHER!
SIGN UP NOW!!
<https://madmelodies.co.uk/the-chords/schools-chords/>

Positivity Resilience Integrity Dedication Encouragement



Portway Junior School Welcome to Year 3 - Our learning for Summer 2



Home Learning
Read 4 times a week to on audit and practice times tables 4 times a week.
Diaries must be signed each week by an adult at home. They are checked in school every Friday.
Optional project homework & spelling tasks are available on Google Classroom.



Year 3 - Pupil Information

Welcome to Year 3! We are thrilled to share with you some of the exciting activities and events we have planned for the year ahead. On this page, you can browse through articles that highlight our activities. Additionally, we have included a presentation that we shared during our Start the Year meetings in September. It provides valuable information about the subjects and topics we will cover throughout the year, as well as exciting visitors and trips we have planned. We hope you enjoy exploring all that Year 3 has to offer!

Please click the links below for our Start the Year meeting presentation as well as the year group leaflet for the half term.

Year 3 Start the Year Presentation

Download

Year 3 Leaflet - Autumn 1

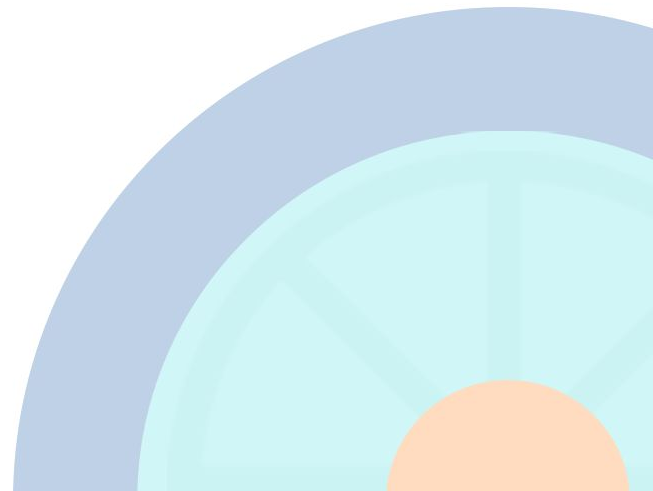
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Moving Up: Supporting Transition

Important things to know

- Feeling unsure about change is normal
- You know your children best
- There is no 'one-size-fits-all' approach



Some things to think about...

- Be guided by your child
- Be aware of how you feel
- Be positive
- Be available
- Be mindful of changes in behaviour



How can I help?



Talk



Listen



Familiarisation



Friendships



Empathy



**Help children
identify solutions**



**Remind them of
experiences they've
overcome before**

Post-transition

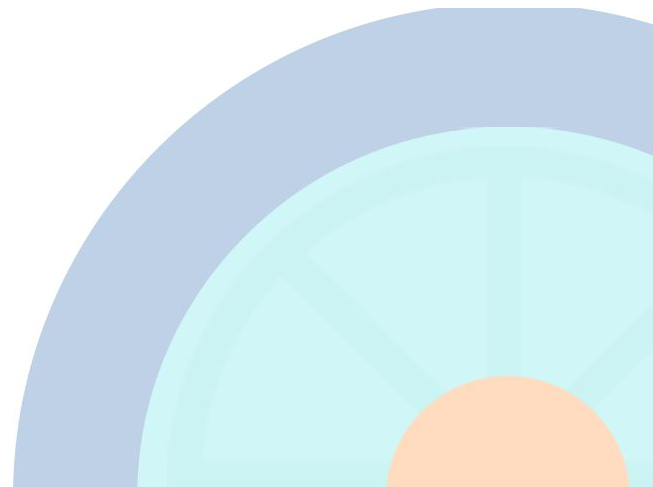
- There might be a honeymoon period
- There could be wobbles
- Keep talking to school
- Be prepared





Some suggestions

- Avoid telling your children to ‘be brave’
- Raise concerns early with class teachers
- Be excited for them and with them
- Provide opportunities to discuss questions they have - write them down and pass them on
- Remind children that their old teachers will still be there for them - why not plan to visit them one day after school at the end of the first week?



Class Names:

Year 3



Life at Portway

Values: **P**ositivity **R**esilience **I**ntegrity **D**edication **E**ncouragement

We work hard and take PRIDE in all we do



THE PORTWAY CODE



READY



RESPECTFUL



SAFE

POSITIVITY RESILIENCE INTEGRITY DEDICATION ENCOURAGEMENT



REWARDS



Housepoints



Phonecall Home



Positive Postcard

POSITIVITY RESILIENCE INTEGRITY DEDICATION ENCOURAGEMENT



SANCTIONS



1st

Reminder



2nd

2nd Reminder



Last Chance



Reparation

POSITIVITY RESILIENCE INTEGRITY DEDICATION ENCOURAGEMENT



**PUT THIS
on YOUR
CALENDAR!**

Step Up Day - 2nd July.
A morning in the new Y3 Class

Start the Year Meeting

Meet the team

Life in Year 3

Topics / Trips / Visitors

Supporting learning at home

Monday 9th September 5:00pm - 5:30pm

Cuppa & Chat

- Meet the teacher
- Chat about how children have settled in
- Ask any questions

Parents should drop children off and then come to the hall - 8:45 - 9:15am

Thursday 12th September



Uniform

Please ensure that everything is labelled with your child's name, including shoes & lunchboxes.



Uniform suppliers:

www.stitch-a-logo.co.uk

or www.happyfish.co.uk



Girls School Uniform	
<i>Winter Uniform</i>	<i>Summer Uniform</i>
Black or grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers	Blue and white summer dress (optional)
Pale blue polo shirt	
School sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece	
Black shoes & dark or white socks/tights	Black shoes & dark or white socks
Boys School Uniform	
<i>Winter Uniform</i>	<i>Summer Uniform</i>
Black or grey trousers	Black or grey short trousers (optional)
Pale blue polo shirt	Pale blue polo shirt
School sweatshirt or fleece	School sweatshirt or fleece
Black shoes & dark socks	Black shoes & dark socks
PE Uniform (PE days will be shared in week 1)	
Pale blue round necked T-shirt	Royal blue or black PE shorts A blue / black tracksuit should be worn in winter
Trainers or black plimsolls	

School Life



Arrangements for Wednesday 4th September:

- Please bring your child to the hall for 8:45 am. The Year 3 teachers will meet their classes here.
- Parents can wait outside for a member of staff to take you round the school to show you routes & where to collect from.

Normal routines:

- School day begins at 8:45am with registration at 8:50. School day finishes at 3:20pm
- At the end of the day pupils are collected from the classroom door.
- Can meet elsewhere - let the teacher know. Make sure your child knows where!

Healthy lifestyle:

- We strongly encourage a healthy lifestyle and children are encouraged to bring healthy lunches and snacks to school. (crisps, chocolate & sweets are not allowed)
- Children are encouraged to drink plenty of water - they are allowed to have a plastic bottle of water with them in the classroom.



Year 3 Curriculum

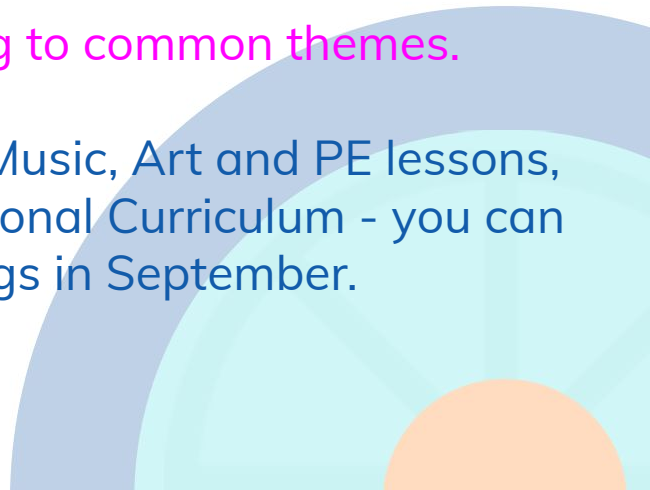
History: Ancient Egypt & Stone Age to Iron Age

Geography: Local Area, UK, Europe, Nepal

Science: Light, Skeletons, Solids, liquids & gases, Magnets, Plants, Rocks & Soils

French - introducing key vocabulary and applying to common themes.

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 - you can find out more at the start of the year meetings in September.



▶▶• Times Tables

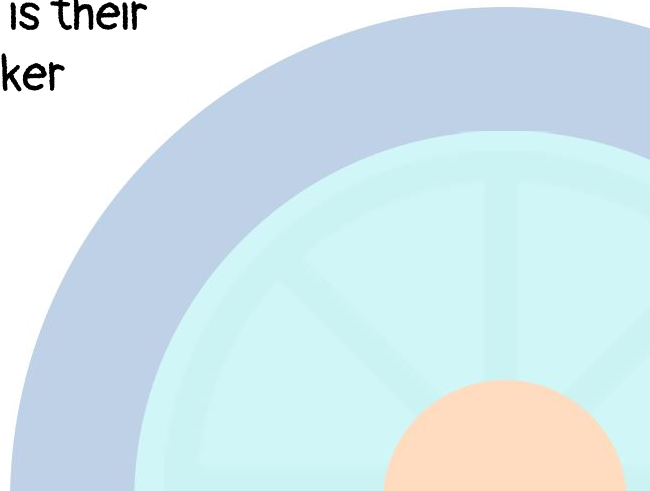
At Portway, we want to really engage the children so that they enjoy and are excited to learn their tables. It is so beneficial to the children's maths if they are confident with finding multiplication and division number facts.



Children are able to practice using web games such as Times Table Rockstar and on Education City. Your child's login is their email address and their passwords will be found on a sticker inside their diary.

Maths Homework

We ask that children practise their times tables at home at least 4 times a week.





Reading

Every child will bring home a levelled reading book. We use Big Cats and Project X reading schemes.

If your child is in the earlier stages of learning to read, using phonics, then they will receive phonics support in school and will bring home a Read, Write, Inc book. These children will receive priority reading support.

There is a daily opportunity to change books and we encourage children to develop their independence in doing this. Children will regularly have the opportunity to go to our school libraries.

Reading Homework

We ask that children read to you for at least 10 minutes, 4 times a week.



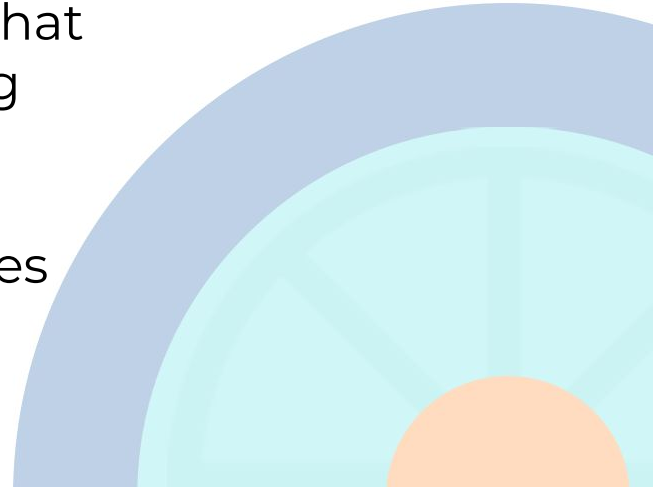
▶▶ Spelling at Portway



There will be **no weekly spelling test**. Your child will not bring a list of words home. Instead, low stakes assessment is embedded within regular lessons.

You can support your child with spelling at home by talking about spelling rules, finding words that match spelling patterns and playing spelling games.

There will be a weekly update on Google Classroom to let you know which spelling rules have been covered that week.



Homework

There is an additional optional half termly homework menu.

Year 3 Summer Term 1 Homework Menu

This half term, your challenge is to choose at least three activities to complete. You are welcome to upload pictures of your work to Google Classroom, or bring it into school to share with the class. House Points will be awarded for completed tasks!

ing about plants. Draw scientific vocabulary and a part of the plant.

[Plants - BBC Bitesize](#)

ing at how artists are create a piece of sculpture outside & take a photo.

comparing where we live. How many other

European countries can you name? Find games to play here: [KS2 Geography - BBC Bitesize](#)

We will be learning how to **tell the time** in Maths. Practice this skill at home on analogue and digital clocks! Pick a day and write a list of the things you do and at what times. [Time - KS2 Maths - BBC Bitesize](#)

In **PSHE**, we are talking about 'Relationships'. Draw and write about someone in your life who makes you feel special.

Create a **book review** of a book you have enjoyed reading recently.

We are learning about **fractions of amounts** in maths. Log onto [Education City](#) using the details in the front of your diary. Go to Homework and complete the fractions pathway.

Our **French** unit is about clothes. Teach our new vocabulary to your family!

Draw a **comic strip** of an event that happens in The Secret Garden. Add dialogue.

In **Computing**, we are learning about branching databases. You can use the website to create these at home: [j2data \(j2e.com\)](#)

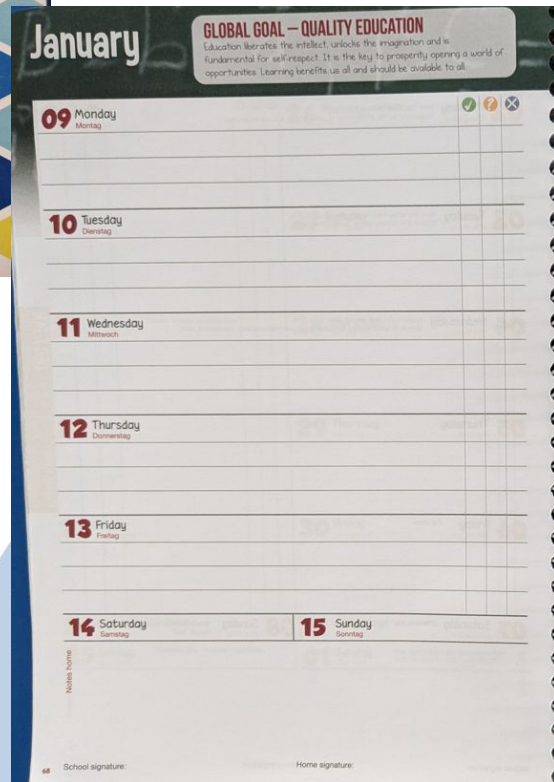
In **RE** we are learning about the Jewish Harvest festival of Shavuot. List 5 ways Jewish people celebrate this event.



Home / School diaries:

Our home/school diaries are really important:

- A good communication between home and school - it should be brought in every day
- Passwords
- Notes or reminders from home - medical appointments etc can be written in for the teacher to see
- Keep a record of reading & times table practice completed at home. We check diaries every Friday and celebrate when children have read & practised times tables 4 times a week.
- The list of words pupils need to know how to spell in Years 3&4 and Years 5&6
- Lots of other useful information - general knowledge facts, maps & grammar definitions.



Other information:



The Admin Team are here to help!

- If you have any worries concerning your child, please email or phone the office. It is helpful to explain the difficulty to the reception staff. You can trust them and they will be able to help you.
- If your child is ill, please leave a message on the school's answerphone to inform us of your child's absence and what is wrong with them.

It is a legal requirement to follow this absence message up with a signed and dated note on your child's return to school, please email this to the school office.

- We have a clear attendance policy and this can be seen on our website. In line with Hampshire County Council policy, term-time holidays will only be approved in exceptional circumstances. Absence request forms are available from the office.

• **If your contact details have changed since you applied, please let us know**

Other information:



The Admin Team are here to help!

- The registration forms have been sent via a link to a Googleform. Please can we ask that this information is completed by **Friday 5th July** to give the office time to get the details on the system.
- If your child needs to attend a medical appointment, please inform the class teacher and the office. We will require a copy of the appointment letter/text/email. Please arrive 5 minutes before you need to collect your child to give the office staff time to get them from their classroom.
- The admin staff are happy to administer medicines to your child if necessary. Please bring medicine to the school office, in its original packaging, so that you can complete the necessary form. We are happy to email you a form to complete at home if this is easier. Please do not send medicine in with your child. Medicine can only be collected by an adult.
- **Breakfast Club** - available before school 8:00 - 8:45am. £2 per day. From September children will need to be booked on. Runs in the school dining room.
- **Portway Plus+** is our after school club, which runs every day during term time until 5.30. It is currently £11 per session. You will need to complete a separate registration form and agreements. Sessions are booked and prepaid online via Scopay (same system that Portway Infants use). We are able to accept childcare vouchers, you just need to let us know which voucher provider you use.

Music Lessons - £70 per term, payable in advance, Guitar and woodwind available. Waiting list for piano





Lunchtime



School dinners - £2.80 per day. £14 per week.

- Payment to be made online to Dolce via the School Grid - Details to follow
- You can see the menu and order your meals via the school grid in advance.
- We will double check the children have ordered in class every morning
- Parents can order/amend their option online upto 8:45am every morning
- Packed lunches: please ensure these are healthy and balanced meals. Sweets, chocolate and fizzy drinks are not allowed.
- If you already claim free school meals, then this information will be transferred over from your child's infant school. If you are not sure whether you are eligible, please talk to one of us, or check online at

[Online FSM Application](#)





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