



PORTWAY
JUNIOR SCHOOL

A guide for parents with children joining our school

Who's who?



What other people say about our school

The school's curriculum is aspirational & well designed... Pupils learn how to keep safe online & in their community... the school enhances pupils' cultural awareness through academic learning & wider opportunities.

Ofsted 2024

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

Pupils achieve well, as the school continues to raise expectations of what pupils know and understand. Pupils take pride in their learning... they appreciate the opportunities the school provides for learning beyond the classroom.

Ofsted 2024

All our teachers are lovely.
Pupil

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

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 = school days happy, positive & successful.
Prepared well for secondary school.

Summer Sizzle Our Parent Teacher Friends Association is a connection of our school community, joining some great family-friendly events and vital fundraising. We're currently seeking fantastic connections from Kim and Sue Ellen but they are in urgent need of some volunteers to help support all events, most notably the upcoming Summer Sizzle. Even a small amount of your time - helping to set up / pack down / running a stall for half hour or so - would make a significant difference. Your support directly enables the PTFA to continue its invaluable work. If you can help, please reach out to Kim and Sue Ellen on either 07754 664848 or email secretary@portwayptfa.co.uk.

FoodShare Food We're thrilled to share another fantastic initiative from our PTFA! We were disappointed when our FoodShare food donations ended but have some great news that the surplus food collector is returning! We'll be working with our PTFA and ACE on Bridge Street to distribute surplus food to families in Andover. This is a brilliant way to support our community during the cost of living crisis, and also helps tackle the important issue of food waste. Local vegetables, fruit, vegetables, bread and pasta items will be outside the junior school office on a Tuesday for families to take what they need.

Staffing Update At the end of this summer term we will be saying goodbye and good luck to Mr Kirby and to Miss Wheldon who are both off to progress their careers at new schools. Mr Kirby is staying in Andover whilst Miss Wheldon is moving to teach in a school closer to home. What we are sad to see them go, we know that they will do a good job teaching in other schools and we wish them both all the best.

We will be welcoming a number of new staff to our team and there are some introductions below from Miss Hosper and Miss Jones. We will also be joined by Miss Gee as a class teacher too next year and will be introducing her to you a bit later this term. We are very pleased to continue to strengthen our Portway team.

Hello children and parents of Portway Junior School!

My name is Miss Morgan and I am thrilled to be joining the Portway community in September. Having completed my first teaching placement here during the Spring term, I already feel at home and can't wait to return. Everyone has been so welcoming, and I'm excited to continue learning and growing with such a supportive team. I'm especially passionate about making learning engaging and meaningful, and I'm excited to be a classroom environment where every child is valued, confident and curious. I'm particularly looking forward to teaching History, PSHE and Maths, believe can really inspire children to ask big questions and develop important life skills. Outside of school, I enjoy getting outdoors for walks and runs, especially with my tennis dog, Freddie! I also love chess, puzzles, and reading detective novels. It's really looking forward to getting involved in school life beyond the classroom. It's helping with clubs, joining in sports, or cheering at sports day! I feel very lucky to be starting my teaching journey and I'm really looking forward to the year ahead. Miss Morgan.

Hello Portway children and parents,

My name is Miss Hosper and I'm really excited to be joining Portway in September. I have recently finished my degree in Primary Education, and this will be my second year as a teacher, and I've loved every moment so far. I've previously worked in Year 4 and Year 5 in Portsmouth, and I'm looking forward to bringing my energy, creativity, and love of learning to Portway. Before moving on to teaching through an apprenticeship, I studied English Literature at university so it's no surprise that my favourite subjects to teach are reading and writing! I'm especially passionate about helping children grow as confident, thoughtful writers and enthusiastic readers.

Outside of school, I enjoy reading to help, running, cricket, and playing Dungeons & Dragons - I have a lot of stories and imagination. I can't wait to meet you all and be part of the Portway community. Here's to a brilliant year ahead! Best wishes, Miss Hosper.

Hello everyone at Portway,

My name is Miss Jones and I'm very excited to be joining Portway in September. I have recently finished my degree in Primary Education, and I'm really looking forward to starting my first year of teaching.

I'm passionate about inspiring children to be enthusiastic learners throughout all lessons, encouraging children to learn through real-world scenarios and to learn through Maths, English, and other subjects. I love going for walks and places. I also enjoy being creative through drawing, other art projects. I can't wait to get started at Portway Junior School and I'm looking forward to meeting and getting to know all the children. Miss Jones.

Terrific Teeth in Years 3 and 4

On Wednesday 4th June, 2025, visitors came in to do a teeth workshop for Year 3 and then everyone in Year 4. They told us about 120 or so long happy teeth so that we brush our teeth for two minutes. They also told us that we at our mouth into four sections and they said to brush each section for 30 seconds told us to brush the top and both sides of our teeth. The visitors told us that if the enamel well looks away and your teeth will rot. Then they told us how many Rinsers had 6 waterpots. Fanta had 4. Coca Cola had 10 and milkshake had 1. It was a fun and to end the assembly. We were all given a sticker and they gave us a 10p coin to take home. Lure and

Year 3 at Marvellous Mar

On Tuesday we travelled by coach to Marwell - we were very nice things along the way. We saw lots of trees and bushes, cars and much more; coach and got into our classes. As we walked into Marwell it began to rain! Y3 coaches also got signed in and then we walked into Marwell. We saw the penguins and someone's blue Portway hat fell off and into the penguin sweat up to us and got it back out and then back into the water and saw penguins were eating 'bills' and 'goodies'; it was funny! After, we went under through the glass, it felt like one penguin looked the glass, but it didn't! After the penguins, we saw some red river logs and then the flamingos. After their house did not smell very nice! One of the giraffes had a start in it but v for After that, it was lunchtime for a while - yum, food!

In the afternoon, I can't remember the order, but I remember a 13 was afraid of. We also saw the most beautiful views and saw a sheep seen 100% of the red pandas. I felt surprised to see a real life penguin in England! Finally we left Marwell and on the coach home we saw McDonalds arrived back at school, it had been a good day!



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



English

Throughout this seven-week term, we'll delve into a variety of books that connect to our History focus on Ancient Egypt, including *Mary & The Battle of the Sphinx* by Joe Test-Stanton, *Pharaoh's Fate* by C. Gaudier, and *S. Vermet*, and *I Was There: Tutankhamun's Tomb* by Sue Reed. In writing, we'll craft adventure narratives, explore mysteries, and consolidate our learning by creating a non-chronological report which will include a diary, letter and set of instructions - a fun and engaging way to apply both our writing skills and historical knowledge. Meanwhile, in reading, we'll further develop comprehension skills while examining the features of fiction and informational texts.

Home Learning

A weekly Maths and English homework will be set on a Thursday - children will have a week to complete this. A homework club will be offered Friday lunch times to those who struggle to do this at home.

Children still need to read 4 times a week to an adult and practice times tables 4 times a week. Diaries must be signed each week by an adult at home and will be checked in school.

Foundation Subjects

History - Ancient Egypt
Science - Rocks and Soils
PSHE - Changing Me
French - Reading head
Computing - Programming
Conversation - RE - Judaism
Exploring the question - what is the best way for a Jew to lead a good life?
Music - Jazz
Design Technology - Packaging

PE days - children should wear PE kit & trainers to school on PE days. Please note the date changes.
Monday - Tennis
Wednesday - Striking games

Forest School - Fridays Children to come to school in old, protective clothes with long sleeves and trousers.
Owl - 6th June & 27th June
Bat - 13th June & 4th July
Fox - 20th June & 11th July

Key Dates

02.06.25 INSET Day
03.06.25 Marwell Zoo trip
09.06.25 Class Photos
10.06.25 Y3 Egyptian day- more news to follow
01.07.25 Swap Up Day
14.07.25 Year 3s go home
22.07.25 Summer holidays start (B15 finish)

Please see the Portway Press for all other key dates.



Fabulous Football

Last Wednesday, a group of Year 3 & 4 children played at a football festival on the Charlton football pitches. There were 14 teams in total. We played 6 group matches and then a knockout cup match. Our Year 4 team came 2nd and received a runners up trophy. Our Year 3 team came 6th and our mixed Year 3/4 team finished 8th. Everyone received a participation medal. "It was fun and we won most of the games" (Dick, Year 3). "I liked it because we got to play a lot of games and I am happy that we did well" (Archie, Year 4). "I enjoyed it because we did really well in most of the games and we worked together as a team" (Harry, Year 4).
Football Squad: Dick, Harry, Archie, Nathan, Oliver, Jack, Logan, Madison, Nwanwa, Jacob, Benjamin, Toby, Jarrod, Jack, George M, Iana, George L, William, Oakley, Matthew, Ryan, Aasi, Maddy, Jack, Leonardo-George, Joshua, and Thomas.

Year 4 Stubbington Residential - January 2026 (Current Year 3)

Our visit to Stubbington Study Centre is all booked and we are looking forward to a great 3 days. If you need to be reminded of the key information, or want to know more, please see the Year 3 page on our website. You can also click the link below:

[YA Residential trip to Stubbington Study Centre](#)

Year 6 Avon Tyrrell Residential - November 2025 (Current Year 5)

We are really looking forward to our week at Avon Tyrrell in the Autumn term. For all the key information, please see the Year 5 page on our website or click the link below.

[Y6 Residential trip to Avon Tyrrell](#)

If you have any questions about either of these trips, or if you are worried about paying, please talk to us. Contact the Admin Office, Miss Windroos or Mrs Clarke at all complete confidence.

Positivity Resilience Integrity Dedication Encouragement

- Fri 27 June
- Wed 3 & Thurs 10 July
- Thurs 19 July
- Tue 18th July
- Thurs 17 July
- Thurs 17 July
- Fri 18 July
- Tue 22 July

Key Dates
PTFA Summer Sizzle - 3.30 - 7.30 pm
Y6 End of Year Show to parents
Y6 Father Day at Harrow Way
Y6 Discussion at The Green
Afternoon - 2.00 - 4.30 pm
Reports go home to parents
Y6 end of primary school event
Last day of term for the summer holidays (1.0pm finish)

2025 - 2026 Inset
Wednesday 3 Sep
Friday 24 Oct
Monday 3 Nov
Friday 27 Feb
Friday 20 Apr



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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.

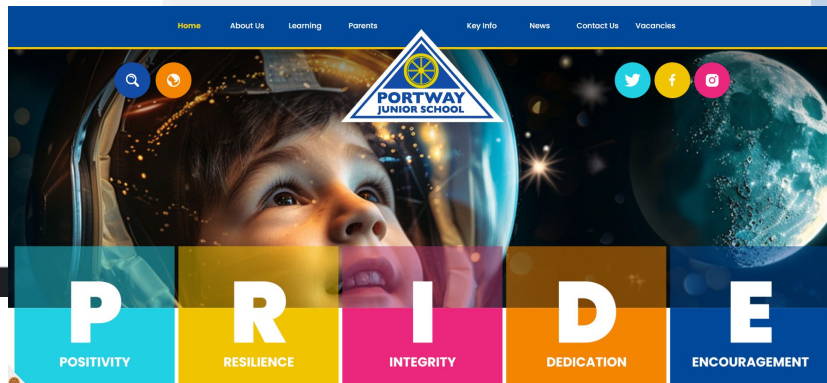
[Year 3 Start the Year Presentation](#)

[Download](#)

[Year 3 Leaflet - Autumn 1](#)

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Our new website launches soon & will look like this.





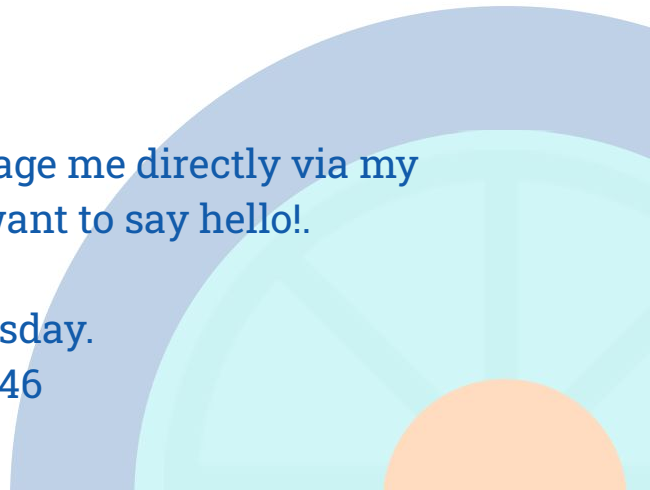
Hello my name is Clare Clarke

I am your Child and Family Support Worker here at Portway Junior School.



Please contact me either through the school office, or message me directly via my mobile. If you would like any help or support or just want to say hello!.

I am in school from 8am Monday to Thursday.
My direct mobile number is 07732306946





Moving from Infant School to Junior School.

The transition from Infant to Junior School can be both exciting and challenging

Helping your child (and you!) feel more prepared and less anxious

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

If your child is feeling wobbly, you are not alone and there are things you can do to support them



►► Some suggestions



- **Keep the routine steady.** - Stick to familiar daily rhythms.
- **Talk little and often** - short, low pressure chats help build connection and confidence.
- **Visit the school** - Familiarity reduces anxiety.

Open afternoon - Thursday 17 July 3:00-4:00pm.
Pop in to say hello to new Y3 teachers!

- **Focus on one skill at a time** - Yeah! you remembered your reading journal today.
- **Validate feelings** - I understand, it's okay to feel like that.
- **Offer reassurance** - Gently and often.
- **Celebrate the end of infants-** Marking the end makes space for a new beginning.



Post-transition: what you may notice

- There may be a honeymoon period.
- Expect wobbles.
- Wanting to be more independent.
- Becoming socially and emotionally more aware.
- Friendships become more important.
You will see more fallouts!
This is a normal stage of development
- Negotiation and conflict resolution skills are developed through play.





Trust us, but ask us if you're not sure

Communication

You can contact us in a variety of ways

Teachers

If there is something bothering you
catch the Class Teacher at the class
door.

An appointment can be booked if a
longer chat is needed.

Office

Medication
Uniform
Lunches
Arbor

General questions

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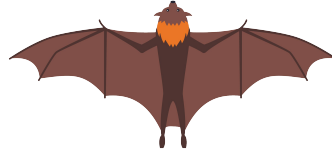
Contact Mrs Norton
k.norton@portway-jun.hants.sch.uk

Open honest conversations



▶▶ 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



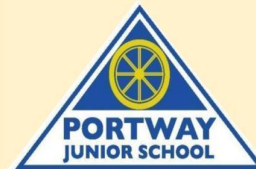
Ready
Respectful
Safe

The Portway Code Rewards



Portway Positive
Postcard
Phone call home
Housepoints

The Portway Code Sanctions



1. **Reminder**
2. **2nd reminder**
3. **Last chance**
4. **Time out**
5. **Reparation**

Our playground





**PUT THIS
on YOUR
CALENDAR!**

Step Up Day - 1st 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

Tuesday 9th September 5:00pm

Family Support Worker Cuppa & Chat

- Chat about how children have settled in
- Ask any questions

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

Thursday 11th 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, cardigan or fleece	School sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece
Black shoes & dark socks	Black shoes & dark socks
PE Uniform	
Pale blue round necked T-shirt	Royal blue PE shorts A tracksuit should be worn in winter - plain blue/black and for sport rather than fashion
Trainers or black plimsolls Long hair must be tied back	
Forest School clothing	
Long trousers and a long sleeved top Closed toes shoes and / or wellington boots or walking shoes Waterproof coat	
Jewellery please remember that jewellery is not part of appropriate school uniform. Any earrings worn in school must be studs only and must be able to be removed (or covered with tape) for PE lessons. Necklaces, bracelets and other jewellery are not allowed.	



School Life



Arrangements for Thursday 4th September:

- Please bring your child to their classroom for 8:45 am. The Year 3 staff will be waiting outside the classrooms.
- House Captains and members of staff will be around school directing.

Normal routines:

- School day begins at 8:45am with registration at 8:50 - Internal gates are locked at this time. 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: Map skills, UK, Europe, Compass skills



Science: Light, Skeletons, Solids, Liquids & Gases, Magnets, Plants, Rocks & Soils

French - Basic Conversation, Instruments, Colours, Activities and Ice Cream.

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.



Reading

- Every child will bring home a levelled reading book. We use Big Cat 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.



▶▶ Reading Journals



Date	Title / Page numbers	Comment / Sign
CONGRATULATIONS on achieving your bronze badge - 50 reads!		

The National Literacy Trust recently shared a worrying statistic: only 1 in 3 children say they enjoy reading in their free time. At Portway Junior School, we want to change that!

We believe reading should be fun, exciting, and something to be proud of. To help build a lifelong love of reading, we are launching **Portway Page Turners** – our brand new reading for pleasure initiative. How it works:

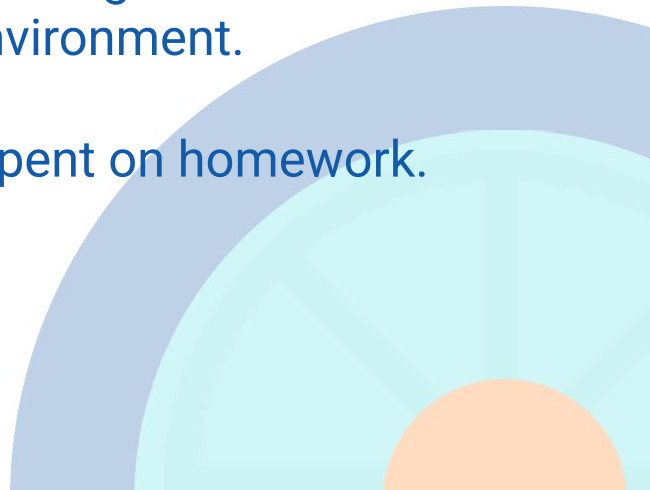
- Every year 3 child will receive a Reading Journal to track their reading sessions at home and in school.
- As children log their reading sessions, they will work towards earning special Portway Page Turner Badges.



Homework

Each week, children will receive reading and maths homework that reflects the learning they've covered in class. This allows them to consolidate their understanding and practise independently at home. Homework is set weekly and children will have a full week to complete it. To support this, a lunchtime homework club is available once a week with a flexible, drop-in approach. Children who do not complete their homework are encouraged to attend and use this time to catch up in a supportive environment.

It is recommended that around 20 minutes is spent on homework.



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. Your child's login will be their Portway Junior email address and their password will be found on a sticker inside their journal.

Maths Homework

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

Spelling at Portway

sounds & syllables
the sensible spelling system

- Universal programme
- Helps children to spell any word in the English Language.
- One approach that only needs to be learnt once



- Weekly spelling test.

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 or on the Website.

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

Other information:



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- 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.
- **Attending medical appointments** - 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.
- **Medicines** - Admin staff are happy to administer medicines to children if needed. Please bring medicine to the school office, in its original packaging and complete the necessary form. We are happy to email a form home to complete. Medicine must be brought to and collected from school by an adult.
- **Breakfast Club** - available Monday - Friday term time 8:00 - 8:45am in the school dining hall. £2 per day, Children will need to be booked on and sessions paid via Arbor. If your child is on school site unaccompanied before 8:40am, they must be in breakfast club. Children should not be unaccompanied on site before 8:35am.
- **Portway Plus+** After School Club. Monday - Friday term time 3:20 - 5.30 in the school dining room. Currently £11 per session. A separate registration form and agreement must be completed. Sessions are booked and prepaid online via Arbor. We accept childcare vouchers, you just need to let us know which voucher provider you use.
- **Music Lessons** - £80 per term, payable in advance, Guitar and woodwind available. Waiting list for piano.



Lunchtime

School dinners - £3.00 per day. £15 per week.

- Payment to be made online to Dolce via School Grid
- Advance viewing of menus and of booking meals
- We will double check the children have ordered in class every morning
- Parents can order/amend their option online upto 8:55 am 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](#)





Arbor Parent Portal



We use the Arbor Parent Portal. This helps you to:

- Keep your information up to date, including emergency contacts (there must be at least 2 contacts)
- Update your child's medical conditions / information
- Give consent for things such as photo and medicine permissions etc
- School trips - Give consent and make payments
- Breakfast Club and Portway Plus - Book and pay for sessions
- Book parent consultations
- Check your child attendance record

Autumn term - IT parent support sessions
offered by IT Manager





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