



**Summer Sizzler** Our Parent Teacher Friends Association is a cornerstone of our school community, proving some great family-friendly events and vital fundraising. We're currently seeing fantastic commitment from Kirsty and Sue-Ellen but they are in urgent need of some volunteers to help support at events, most notably the upcoming Summer Sizzler. 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 Kirsty and Sue-Ellen on either 07784595888 or email [secretary@portway-ptfa.co.uk](mailto:secretary@portway-ptfa.co.uk)

**FareShare Food** We're thrilled to share another fantastic initiative from our PTFA! We were disappointed when our FareShare food donations ended but have some great news that the surplus food collection 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 it also helps tackle the important issue of food waste. Food available - fruit, vegetables, bread and pastry 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 Weldon who are both off to progress their careers at new schools Mr Kirby is staying in Andover whilst Miss Weldon is moving to teach in a school closer to home. Whilst 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 Morgan, Miss Hooper and Miss Janes. We will also be joined by Miss Gee as a class teacher too next year and will look forward to introducing her to you a bit later this term. We are very pleased to continue to strengthen our Portway team.

*Miss Windross*

## 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 final teacher training 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 love creating a classroom environment where everyone feels valued, confident and curious. I'm particularly looking forward to teaching History, PSHE and Maths - subjects I 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 family's dog, Freddie! I also love discovering new places, flowers, and reading detective novels. I'm really looking forward to getting involved in school life beyond the classroom too, whether it's helping with clubs, joining in on trips, or cheering at sports day! I feel very lucky to be starting my teaching career at Portway and I'm really looking forward to the year ahead. **Miss Morgan.**

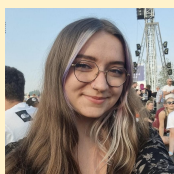


## Hello Portway children and parents,

*My name is Miss Hooper and I'm really excited to be joining Portway Junior School in September! This will be my second year as a teacher, and I've loved every moment so far. I've previously taught 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 training as a teacher 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 (a lot!), running, crochet, and playing Dungeons & Dragons – I love a bit of storytelling 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 Hooper**



## Hello everyone at Portway.

My name is Miss Janes 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, as well as encouraging children to thrive throughout wider school life. My favourite subjects to teach include Maths, Computing and PE! Outside of teaching, I love going for walks and exploring new places. I also enjoy being creative through drawing, painting and other artsy projects!

I can't wait to get started at Portway Junior School in September and I'm looking forward to meeting and getting to know you all soon!

**Miss Janes.**



## Key Dates

Fri 27 June	PTFA Summer Sizzler - 3:30 - 7:00 pm
Wed 9 & Thurs 10 July	Y6 End of Year Show to parents
Thurs 10 July	Y5 Taster Day at Harrow Way
Tue 15th July	Y6 Graduation at The Lights
Thurs 17 July	Open Afternoon - 3:00-4:30pm
Thurs 17 July	Reports go home to parents
Fri 18 July	Y6 end of primary school event
Tue 22 July	Last day of term for the summer holidays (1.15pm finish)

## 2025 - 2026 Inset dates

Wednesday 3 September  
Friday 24 October  
Monday 3 November  
Friday 27 February  
Friday 26 June

## Terrific Teeth in Years 3 and 4

On Wednesday 4th June, two visitors came in to do a teeth workshop for everyone in Year 3 and then everyone in Year 4. They told us to count to 120 or sing 'happy birthday' twice so that we brush our teeth for two minutes. They also told us that we should split our mouth into four sections and they said to brush each section for 30 seconds. They told us to brush the tops and both sides of our teeth. The visitors told us that if we do not brush our teeth enough all the enamel will fade away and your teeth will rot. Then they told us how many teaspoons of sugar are in our drinks. Ribena had 6 teaspoons, Fanta had 4, Coca Cola had 10 and milkshakes had 11! At the end of the workshop we had a fun quiz to end the assembly. We were all given a sticker and they gave us a little pack which had a toothbrush and toothpaste to take home.

*Luna and Eleanor in Bat Class.*



## Year 3 at Marvellous Marwell!



On Tuesday we travelled by coach to Marwell - we were very excited! We saw loads of interesting things along the way. We saw lots of trees and houses, cars and much more. When we arrived, we got out of the coach and got into our classes. As we walked into Marwell it began to rain! We stood and chatted as two other schools 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 pool! A penguin swam up to us and poked its head out and then back into the water and swam away. (It felt like the penguin was saying 'hello' and 'goodbye'; it was funny! After, we went underground and looked through the glass. It felt like one penguin kissed the glass, but it didn't!



After the penguins, we saw some red river hogs and then the flamingos. After this, we saw the giraffes but their house did not smell very nice! One of the giraffes had a darts in it but we didn't find out what that was for. After that, it was lunchtime for a while - yum, food!



In the afternoon, I can't remember the order. But I remember a curious snow leopard that some of Y3 were afraid of. We also saw the meerkats and some cute okapis that had HUGE eyes! We also saw 100% of the red pandas. I felt surprised to see a real life panda. Did you know that they existed in England?

Finally we left Marwell and on the coach home we saw McDonald's - everyone cheered! Then we arrived back at school, it had been a good day!

*Rupert on behalf of Y3.*



## Fabulous Football



Last Wednesday, a group of Year 3 and 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" (Cici, 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:** Cici, Harry, Archie, Nathan, Oliver, Jack, Logan, Madison, Neerav, Jacob, Benjamin, Toby, Jahnick, Jordi, George M, Tara, George L, William, Oakley, Matthew, Ryan, Aaric, Ruby, 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:

[Y4 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 Windross or Mrs Clarke all in complete confidence.



# PORTWAY'S SUMMER SIZZLER

Friday 27th June 2025

3:30pm – 7pm

## Early Bird offer!

## Buy 10 Tokens get 2 FREE!

1 Token = 50p

Offer ends 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Tokens can be purchased through Scopay  
for the Infants and Arbor for the Juniors

PRE ORDERED TICKETS WILL BE SENT HOME WITH YOUR CHILD

TOKENS ARE FOR ALL INFLATABLES AND GAMES ONLY!

Cash and card is accept for food and drinks stall only on the day of the event