

Year 6 SATs Well done to all of our Year 6 pupils for being brilliant during their SAT tests last week. They worked really hard and gave it everything. We are all very proud of them all and they should be very proud of themselves.



Class Photographs – Monday 9th 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 need as many pupils here as possible and with full uniform on the 9th.



Portway PTFA Our huge thanks go to Kirsty and Sue-Ellen who have worked tirelessly on a number of fundraising activities this year and who have raised a significant amount of money for our schools since Christmas. They are well on track to delivering a super Summer Sizzler event on Friday 27 June but I know would appreciate more support from the parent community. At the autumn AGM, a number of parents said that if they knew the PTFA needed support, they'd be happy to help so, if you can, please drop Kirsty or Sue-Ellen a message at secretary@portway-ptfa.co.uk They would LOVE to hear from you and many hands make light work. The PTFA raise valuable funds for our school - we simply could not manage without them and appreciate all the support that they can be given to benefit our pupils. Thank you in advance of this.

Dress Down Day 23 May This Friday is a dress down day with the 'fine' for all pupils being wrapped sweets for our Summer Sizzler. Please bring contributions to the classroom where they will be gathered up.

Year 6 Graduation at The Lights Our Year 6 Graduation event this year is on Tuesday 15 July at 1:30pm. A letter with some information about this, as well as other Leavers' information has been emailed to Y6 parents today. This letter contains a lot of important information about events as we come to the end of junior school for Year 6 so please keep it somewhere safe. A copy will be placed on our website in the 'Letters to Parents' section but please let the Admin Team know if you have not received a copy.



Sports Afternoon Thank you for attending our sports afternoon yesterday, it was lovely to see so many of you there and it was glorious weather. 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 Celebration Assembly this week we will be congratulating all children and teams for their achievements and also celebrating the overall winner. A particular thank you must go to Mrs Brewer for organising the event, as well as to the staff for working hard and enabling it to be such an enjoyable and successful time.

Staffing Update It is with mixed feelings that we announce that Mr Ireland is retiring from teaching at the end of this academic year. Mr Ireland has dedicated an incredible 20 years to the teaching profession, all of which have been spent here at our school. Over the years he has made countless valuable contributions to school life, positively impacting the lives of many of our pupils past and present. Beyond the classroom, Mr Ireland has also played a significant role in the training and mentoring of numerous student teachers, all of whom have gone on to be successful teachers and leaders in education. We will certainly miss Mr Ireland and his commitment to our school community when he leaves us at the end of the summer term.



This week is Miss Simons' last week with us as she leaves to take up her well deserved position as Head Teacher at Wallop Primary School. Although Miss Simons has only been with us since September 2022, her impact on our school has been considerable. Her dedication, innovative ideas and unwavering support for both pupils and staff has left an indelible mark and we will miss her. We wish her all the very best in this exciting new chapter.

We are very pleased to announce that Mr Anderson, our new Deputy Headteacher starts his role with us after half term; he joins our school at an exciting time and I know that you will all make him feel very welcome. We have also been successful in appointing new teachers to our team and, in September, welcome Miss Morgan, Miss Janes and Miss Hooper. Later in the summer term, we will be introducing them to you all.

Miss Windross

Parents of current Year 3 pupils: don't forget our information meeting about next year's residential trip to Stubbington Activity Centre is this Thursday 3:30 and 5:00 in Magpie classroom - please come to the main reception for directions. We hope to see you there but, after the meeting, will also publish all information in the Year 3 section of our website.

Key Dates

Wed 21 May 5:30	SRE Information Evening
Fri 23 May	Dress Down for Summer Sizzler - the 'fine' is wrapped sweets
Week of 26 May	Summer half term holiday
Mon 2 June	Inset day school closed for training (pupils return to school Tues 3rd June)
Wed-Fri 4-6 June	Year 5 classes trip to the river (see year group leaflet for individual days)
Mon 9 June	Class photograph day
Thurs 17 July	Open Afternoon
Tue 22 July	Last day of term for the summer holidays

2025 - 2026 Inset dates
 Wednesday 3 September
 Friday 24 October
 Monday 3 November
 Friday 27 February
 Friday 26 June

Online Safety - Cyber Bullying

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



What is cyberbullying? Cyberbullying is a form of bullying that takes place online and can take many forms, such as sending malicious messages. Cyberbullying can happen at any time of the day, so often feels unrelenting. It can take place across many different platforms, such as on messaging apps like WhatsApp and Snapchat, on social media platforms such as Instagram and TikTok and via online games.

Here are some examples of what cyberbullying can look like online:

- Sending nasty or hurtful messages
- Sending / leaving unkind comments
- Sharing photographs of somebody else without their permission
- Excluding somebody on purpose
- Impersonating somebody with a fake account
- Telling/sharing lies
- Blackmailing
- Creating AI images of another person and using these to pretend to be that person



What should I do if my child is being bullied online? If your child is being bullied, then try to stay calm and let them know that it is not their fault. It is always useful to keep evidence of any online bullying and inform school so that they are aware. Show your child how to block and/or report any users/content and review their privacy settings to limit what others can see. You may also wish to review/set up any available parental controls.

Further information There is a vast amount of information available online about cyberbullying. The following links provide further information on types of online bullying, and who you can contact if you need any further advice or support:

- [Portway Junior School Safeguarding Resources for Parents/Carers](#)
- [Childnet Online Bullying](#)
- [Anti-Bullying Alliance](#)

Attendance Rules

There are updated rules for unauthorised absences, whether this is due to holiday, irregular attendance or otherwise. Don't get caught out!

I'm a single parent of one child and I want to go on holiday for 5 days or more.

Let the school know before you book anything and make sure you use the absence request form. A holiday **will not** be authorised. If your child misses at least 5 school days, you'll receive a penalty notice fine. This fine is per child, per parent.



1 parent & 1 child = £80 if paid within 21 days

Increases to £160 if paid between 21 and 28 days

1 parent & 2 children = £160 if paid within 21 days

Increases to £320 if paid between 21 and 28 days

For a family of 2 parents & 2 children

£80



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£320 if paid within 21 days
Increases to £640 if paid between 21 and 28 days

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What happens if school suspects children are actually on holiday?

Photos on Facebook? Foreign mobile dial tone? Home visit shows no-one is at home? Amazing sun tan? Children talking about your holiday?

Please don't be offended if we ask these questions or ask for evidence - we're required to do this to ensure a fair system!

What about subsequent attendance? Is it still the same penalty amount?

No! If you have a second holiday in a rolling 3-year period you will receive a higher fine of £160 per child per parent. If you have a third holiday in a rolling 3-year period there is an immediate referral for prosecution.

2nd TIME

2 parents and ...
1 child = £320
2 children = £640
3 children = £960

No discount for early payment!

3rd TIME

A penalty notice will **not** be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child
1 parent & 2 children = £5000
2 parents & 2 children = £10000

What about irregular attendance? Could I get a penalty notice?

Yes! If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks, and their absences are unauthorised, then the school is required to consider penalty notice / prosecution



So, half a day here and a day there could all add up to 10 sessions in 10 weeks. If unauthorised then it would be a penalty notice. Remember 1 day is 2 sessions (morning and afternoon)

What are typical reasons given that won't be authorised?

Examples of unauthorised absences

A family member's birthday
Shopping for uniforms
Inadequate clothing for school
Child being used as a carer
Problems with transport

Family holidays
Sickness of parent or sibling
Sibling's school closed
Refusing to attend but able to
Poor family organisation
No absence request completed.

Where attendance is irregular, or historically poor, sickness absences may be unauthorised unless medical confirmation by a GP surgery is given.



EVERY DAY COUNTS - ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

Ask Silver Scam Checker

Ask Silver is a tool that anyone with a smartphone can use to protect themselves from scams. To use the service, you will need to sign up and then you can simply upload a screenshot of anything you think could be a scam. Ask Silver will let you know whether they think it is safe or not. Find out more at the link here: [Ask Silver.](#)

What are PEGI Ratings?

The purpose of PEGI ratings is to provide clear information about the age suitability and content of video games to help consumers, especially parents, make informed purchasing decisions.

PEGI ratings: explained

3
www.pegi.info

Game is considered suitable for all ages. Comical violence.

7
www.pegi.info

May contain some frightening scenes. Violence is unrealistic and directed towards fantasy characters.

12
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Slightly more realistic violence. Mild language used by characters. Sexual posturing and innuendo feature.

16
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Violence towards human characters, including death. Sexual activity within game, but no visible nudity. Use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco by characters.

18
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Adult classification. Violence, death and destruction within game. Characters may glamourise drugs, alcohol and crime and use expletives throughout.

Positivity

Resilience

Integrity

Dedication

Encouragement

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SAFETY ON THE ROAD

Traffic-related incidents are a significant risk for young pedestrians and cyclists, so understanding road safety is crucial for children's wellbeing. While all road users share responsibility for keeping one another safe, this guide offers strategies for empowering young people to navigate the roads confidently and responsibly.

1 TAKE PRACTICE JOURNEYS

Making 'practice' journeys with children is a great way to help them stay safe, thereby modelling responsible behaviours and having road safety conversations as they prepare to travel independently. Add hazard perception activities like spotting electric vehicles – which may have a green number plate – and point out how quiet they are. Children learn by watching others; remind them that their peers might not always be the best role models.

2 BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

Visibility is lower during darker winter days, and drivers need to take extra care to look out for pedestrians. Wearing bright and reflective clothing can help make children more visible to drivers near roads. In poor daylight conditions, encourage children to wear light, bright or fluorescent clothing. When it's dark, wear reflective clothing or materials such as a reflective armband or jacket.

3 EYES UP

Encourage children to look up and keep their eyes on the road. Teach them to constantly watch for traffic and practise double-checking the road before crossing – looking right, left and then right again.

4 LIMIT DISTRACTIONS

Where possible, devices like phones should be kept away from children while out and about near roads. If they're carrying devices, these should be put away until they've reached their destination. Children must also avoid playing with toys or being distracted by friends. If a friend wants to show them something funny on their phone, there'll be time for that once they've safely arrived.

5 SLOW DOWN

Discuss the importance of waiting instead of crossing immediately. It can be tricky to judge the speed of traffic and spot obstacles that could cause a trip or a fall. For safety, children must stop and think before they get to the kerb and should always walk – not run – when crossing the road. They should avoid crossing until they're certain they have plenty of time. Even if traffic seems a long way off, it could still be approaching very quickly.

6 STOP BEFORE THE KERB

Teach children to stop before reaching the kerb – not right at the edge of it. Halting before they get to the kerb allows them to see if anything's coming, whereas getting too close to traffic is dangerous. If there's no pavement, children should stand back from the road's edge but ensure they can still see approaching traffic.

7 CROSS SAFELY

Children should always find a safe spot to cross the road, prioritising zebra crossings or pelican crossings, footbridges and subways. Find a place where they can see traffic coming from both directions. Avoid crossing near junctions, bends in the road, or obstacles that block their view, instead moving to somewhere they can see and be seen. Remind them to use their eyes and ears together when checking the road, as sometimes they can hear traffic before they can see it. Looking and listening while crossing helps them quickly spot traffic, including cyclists and motorcyclists driving between other vehicles.

8 PARKED VEHICLES

Crossing between parked vehicles is very dangerous. Teach children to use extra caution if crossing in this way, and, ideally, avoid it altogether. They should use the outside edge of a vehicle as if it were the kerb, waiting and checking for traffic before moving. They should ensure vehicles aren't about to move, by looking for drivers in the vehicles and listening for engines running – but remember that electric vehicles may move off silently. They should always make sure there is a gap between any parked vehicles on the other side, so they can reach the pavement.

9 REVERSING VEHICLES

Children must never cross behind a reversing vehicle – it's extremely dangerous. Remind them to look for white reversing lights and listen out for warning sounds. Can they hear the engine sound or a radio playing inside the vehicle?

10 WAIT FOR THE BUS TO LEAVE

When getting off a bus, children must wait for it to leave before crossing so they can have a clear view of the road in both directions. This also allows them to see and be seen by other road users. Crossing near large vehicles is particularly dangerous and should be avoided.

Meet Our Expert

THINK! is a year-round national campaign that aims to encourage safe road behaviours – whether we're driving, cycling, horse riding or walking – with the aim of reducing the number of people killed and injured on the UK's roads each year. Find out more at: <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>



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FATHER'S DAY TUCK SHOP

Friday 13th June

3pm – near the exit gates Upper
Drove side of the school

**Buy an Ice cream and get a Free
badge for your dad!
normal Tuck shop items also
available!**

