

**Welcome to the summer term** With the longer days and warmer weather, we look forward to this final part of the school year. It will be a busy time filled with events, celebrations of the children's efforts, and opportunities for them to create more school memories. We are excited to share this term with you as your children complete the year.

**Easter egg hunt** Thank you to everyone who came to our Easter Egg hunt on the last day of the spring term. We hope you enjoyed the eggs-perience! A big thank you too to the School Councillors and Mr Crocker for having the vision and energy to put the event together for us. We raised nearly £300.



**Year 6 SATS** As you know, we are approaching the Year 6 national test week, which starts this year on Monday 12 May. To help children prepare for the tests each day, it is important that they have eaten. We are offering everyone in Year 6 the chance to come into school early on each day of the SATs week to be served breakfast. There will be a choice of a bacon or sausage in a bap, cereal or toast and a drink. There is no charge for this. We would expect children who are coming to arrive between 8:15am and 8:30am in the main hall. The opportunity to chat with friends helps to ease the children's nerves, is a good preparation for the day ahead and has proved very popular in the past. Please sign up at the link here: [Year 6 SATS Breakfast](#)

**Sports Afternoon** We are hoping to enjoy an afternoon of sport on the field on Wednesday 20 May and are hoping that, with the earlier date, we will avoid the stifling heat that often comes later in the summer term.



**Mobile phones** Please remember that if your child needs to bring a mobile phone to school because they walk to / from school alone, then the signed agreement slip must be submitted to school so the expectations for correct use of these are clear and kept well. You can find a copy of this agreement in the '[Letters to Parents](#)' part of our website.

**Staffing update** We have welcomed a number of staff, new and current, to different roles in school this term. Mrs Cavill and Mrs Oliver-Hawkins teach Finch Class, Mrs Holden joins us in Hare Class with Mrs Saunders and Mr Gunner is teaching in Magpie. Mr Pearmain teaches in The Hive and we also welcome Mrs Williams to the Year 6 team. With these changes, we continue to strengthen our team at Portway.

In other exciting news, Miss Simons begins her secondment to her new school this term and will be with us for afternoons before she takes up her new Headship full time from 2 June.

*Miss Windross*



## Considering our Children's Digital World

While our junior school children are too young for some of the media sparking current conversations, particularly around the

Netflix programme 'Adolescence', we know many parents are thinking about the right time for their children to have smartphones and engage with social media.

Recently, we became aware of an interesting initiative called "The Parent Pact" (you can find more information at [Sign the Hampshire Parent Pact](#)). This movement aims to encourage parents to consider delaying the introduction of smartphones to their children, offering a sense of community and shared decision-making.

The website for the Hampshire Parent Pact indicates that our county currently ranks 4th in terms of participation, with 5466 pledges from parents across 450 schools. Locally, within the Andover area, Farleigh School has seen 74 pledges, while Vigo School has the highest number among state schools with 11. This suggests that, while the initiative is gaining traction, it may still be relatively new to many families in our immediate community.

Please note that the exact number of Hampshire parents who have signed the pact isn't visible until you register your own commitment. Ultimately, the decisions around technology for your children are deeply personal and rest with each family. However, we wanted to share this initiative as a potentially helpful resource for parents as you navigate these important choices.



## Key Dates

Mon 12-Thurs 15 May	SATS Week for Year 6
Tues 20 May	Sports Afternoon - parents invited
Week of 26 May	Summer half term holiday
Mon 2 June	Inset day school closed for training (pupils return to school Tues 3rd June)
Tue 22 July	Last day of term for the summer holidays

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

Please remember that key information relating to your child's year group, in terms of their current learning and/or key dates can be found on our website [www.portwayjunior.co.uk](http://www.portwayjunior.co.uk) and clicking on the 'Pupils' tab.

## Girls' School Uniform

### Winter Uniform

Black or grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers

Pale blue polo shirt

School sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece

Black shoes & dark or white socks/tights

### Summer Uniform

Blue and white summer dress (optional)

Black shoes & dark or white socks

## Boys' School Uniform

### Winter Uniform

Black or grey trousers

Pale blue polo shirt

School sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece

Black shoes & dark socks

### Summer Uniform

Black or grey short trousers (optional)

Pale blue polo shirt

School sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece

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

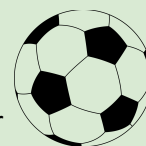
**Jewellery** please remember that jewellery is not part of appropriate school uniform. Any earrings worn in school must be studs only and must be able to be removed (or covered with tape) for PE lessons. Necklaces, bracelets and other jewellery are not allowed.

**Come & join the team!** We need a cleaner to help us keep our school in tip top condition.

Full details can be found in our advert: [Cleaner to join Portway Junior](#)

Closing date is 21.4.25

## Football News Update



On the last Friday before the Easter holidays, our Rangers and Rovers football teams took part on finals afternoon. The other teams involved were Balksbury A and St John The Baptist Primary. The boys played extremely well in their matches and demonstrated our school PRIDE values throughout.

In the Portway Rangers Semi-Final, we played a tough opponent in Balksbury A. They were a good, physical side and it was an even match. In the second half, Sam scored the only goal of the game as we progressed to the final 1-0.

In the Portway Rovers Semi-Final, we played an equally tough opponent in St John The Baptist Primary. They were a skilful team and it was a close encounter. Despite having the better of the first half in particular, the other team won 2-0 and so our last match was to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> place final.

In the final between Portway Rangers and St John the Baptist it was an incredibly fast-paced and action-packed game. Both sides had chances to take the lead. Rafael scored from the penalty spot in the second half with Joseph later on expertly saving a penalty at the other end. Our Rangers team held out to win 1-0 and successfully retained the cup!

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> place final between Portway Rovers and Balksbury A it was another thrilling contest. Balksbury A enjoyed slightly more of the play and ran out 2-0 winners, although our Rovers team fought hard and ran our opponents close all the way through the game.

**The results were:**

**SF 1:** Portway Rangers 1-0 Balksbury A

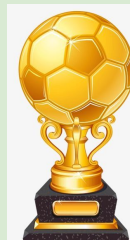
**SF 2:** Portway Rovers 0-2 SJB

**3<sup>rd</sup> place final:** Portway Rovers 0-2 Balksbury A

**Final:** Portway Rangers 1-0 SJB

**Portway Rangers squad:** Joseph, Jake, Mason, Deven, Archie, Rafael, Harry, Alistair, Mac and Sam

**Portway Rovers squad:** Rory, Noah, Oliver, Jacob, Blake, Joshua, Freddie, Thomas, Luca and Alex



**Positivity**

**Resilience**

**Integrity**

**Dedication**

**Encouragement**



# Parent Pop In

Infant School Community Room

8:45 - 10:00 am



Date	What's On?	Comments
21 Apr	BANK HOLIDAY	
28 Apr	Just Pop-In	For any questions, queries or just a cuppa!
5 May	BANK HOLIDAY	
12 May	Mental Health Awareness Week : Community	Celebrating the power and importance of community when it comes to mental health
19 May	Just Pop-In	For any questions, queries or just a cuppa!
<b>HALF TERM</b>		
2 Jun	INSET DAY	
9 Jun	Coffee & Craft – Father's Day	Take some time out and make a little something for a special person
16 Jun	Just Pop-In	For any questions, queries or just a cuppa!
23 Jun	Just Pop-In	For any questions, queries or just a cuppa!
30 Jun	PTFA : Summer Sizzler Prep	Lend a helping hand in preparing for the main event of the year
7 Jul	Emotional Health & Transitions	Supporting children with wobbles and managing change
14 Jul	Surviving Summer	Tips on how to manage the summer holidays and ideas on where to go.
21 Jul	Just Pop-In	For any questions, queries or just a cuppa!