

Awards We are delighted to be able to share with you that recently we have been awarded the School Games Mark (at gold standard) and the Music Mark award. Our Sports Mark recognises our commitment to pupils' involvement in competitive sports across the school and further into our community. Our Music Mark award recognises our commitment to developing and providing music education as part of a broad and balanced curriculum, as well as our continuing strategy for providing musical opportunities for all pupils.



Both awards give us opportunities to engage with additional resources to continue to develop our provision and to access high quality training opportunities that will benefit our children. We are extremely proud of our achievements and pleased to be able to share them with you.

Hooke Court Today many of our Year 4 children, the Year 4 staff team, Miss Simons, Mrs Norton and a number of other staff left for a residential visit to Hooke Court. We know that everyone is going to have a marvellous time. We are hoping to be able to share some information and photos of the trip with you on our website so, please do have a look under the Year 4 tab or by clicking <https://www.portwayjunior.co.uk/hooke-court-2023> Our Year 4s who have stayed in school also have a good few days ahead of them and we're sure that they will have an update to share as well!

NSPCC We are pleased to be able to tell you that we are taking part in the NSPCC's 'Speak out Stay safe' programme this term. Accompanying the Portway Press is a detailed letter telling you what this includes and also sharing some resources and tips you may like to use at home.

The Safeguarding page on our website (www.portwayjunior.co.uk) also has information to support parents and this can be accessed via our website or by clicking the following link: [Portway Safeguarding Page](#).

Christmas Dates Our Christmas Carol services dates are now confirmed and are below. Both services will be held in the school hall and will finish in time for the end of the school day. Our space in the hall is very limited so we will be exploring ways in which we can manage this, whilst still giving everyone the opportunity to attend.

Christmas Lunch is on 14 December, if you could please pre-order by 1st December by clicking [HERE](#) Children may also come to school in a Christmas jumper or Christmas outfit if they wish. If you don't have a Christmas jumper, then cheery clothing or a Christmas hat or headband will do.

PTA Christmas Events Our brilliant PTA are organising a Christmas bauble competition for all pupils to join in with, as well as a Christmas Raffle. The bauble information is attached with the Press on email and the raffle information will be coming home at a later date.



Miss Windross

Open morning for Year 2 Parents – Friday 1 December at 9:00am We are holding our usual Open Morning for parents of Year 2 pupils to come and visit us. Obviously most of the parents come from Portway Infant School but it is open to any Year 2 parents. If you know of anyone who would like to come along then please ask them to get in touch via the office.

Parents can apply online from 1 November for a Year 3 place using the link www.hants.gov.uk/admissions. Closing date for applications is 15 January 2024.

Part - Time Receptionist Vacancy

We would like to appoint a receptionist to work as part of our friendly, welcoming and busy school office. Hours are 9:00am - 2:00pm and the closing date for applications is 1.12.23. If you'd like to visit and find out more, please give us a call.

Full details are on our website, see link here: [Receptionist Vacancy](#)

Invitation to Parents / Carers / Grandparents of Year 4

Year 4 would like to invite their parents and grandparents to join them on Friday 8th December at 3pm for a lantern parade in the hall as a finale of their DT project!

See you there!



Christmas Carol Services

Our Carol Services this year will take place on the following dates:



Year 3 & 4 - Tuesday 12 December
2:30pm

Year 5 & 6 - Wednesday 13 December
2:30pm

Both services will be held in the school hall and will begin at 2:30pm, finishing in time for the end of the school day. These services are our celebration of Christmas with whole school songs, carols for everyone to join in with and readings that tell the story of Christmas. We are hoping to be joined by Rev. Alex Randle Bissell to help us celebrate Christmas.

Christmas Raffle The PTA have organised a virtual raffle this year, information of which is attached to the email that brought you the Portway Press. Good Luck everyone.

Photographs The deadline for free delivery to school is **29th November 23**. Orders placed after this date will incur delivery charges.

Assemblies We have weekly assemblies where we explore topics that are important to us and also learn about other religious cultures and festivals throughout the year. Last week, to mark anti-bullying week, assemblies were themed on this topic so that we could raise awareness with everyone.

We would also like to inspire our pupils with assemblies held by experts. If you know of someone with an unusual and exciting job, please get in touch. Our pupils would love to hear from them and to be inspired for their futures.

Two Emergency Contacts in the Office As part of keeping our safeguarding arrangements up to date, we have to make sure we have two emergency contacts for each pupil on our system. We have been checking through them but please let us have a second contact if we currently do not have one. Many thanks

Brilliant Bikeability!



Bikeability was amazing! We learnt about road safety and how to keep ourselves safe on the road and to monitor the traffic while we're out and about. We learnt how to signal safely - how to take one hand off and turn with only one so our other hand became our signaller.

We also learnt how to keep our bikes in roadworthy condition so we learnt to how check brakes, tyres and the chain. If you hold the back brake and lift the bike, then this is a good way to check the back brake is working like the front one.



The best bit of Bikeability was being able to ride out on the road and being taught by professionals how to ride.

Thanks to our teachers for sorting out such a great set of lessons for us. We've all learned so much and everyone has really improved their confidence.

Maisie and Lucian

Money Experts in Year 3

You can earn money by doing chores and then you can save up so you can spend it on holiday or on something nice.

We learnt this from two visitors - Shelley and Lorraine - who work for the HSBC Bank.

The HSBC visitors told us that by saving our money, even if we only save a little bit each time, it builds up and we can gradually get to what we want to buy.

We did an activity where we had an imaginary £40 and a selection of toys and we had to stick to a budget to work out what we could buy.

We enjoyed this and it was a good activity because we learnt lots and it was fun education.



Supported by



Harry and Amara

NUTS AND NUT-BASED PRODUCTS Like virtually all schools, we have been nut-free for a while and we have several pupils with **very severe** allergies. It is vital that no nuts or products containing nuts are brought into school at all. This includes products like peanut butter and nutella in packed lunches. We really appreciate your support.

Key Dates

22nd - 24th Nov	Y4 Hooke Court residential trip
28th Nov	Parent Online Technology Workshop 3:30pm
Tue 12 Dec	Y3 & 4 Carol Service (2:30pm)
Wed 13 Dec	Y5 & 6 Carol Service (2:30pm)
Thur 14h	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 15th Dec	School finishes for Christmas holidays at 1:15pm
Tuesday 2nd Jan	School closed to pupils for staff training
Wed 3rd Jan	Spring term starts for all pupils

DATES TO REMEMBER

School & Office Hours

School Office: Monday - Thursday - 8:30 - 4:30
Friday - 8:30 - 4:00

Pupil arrival times: 8:00 Breakfast Club
8:45 - pupils arrive in class
3:20 - school finishes

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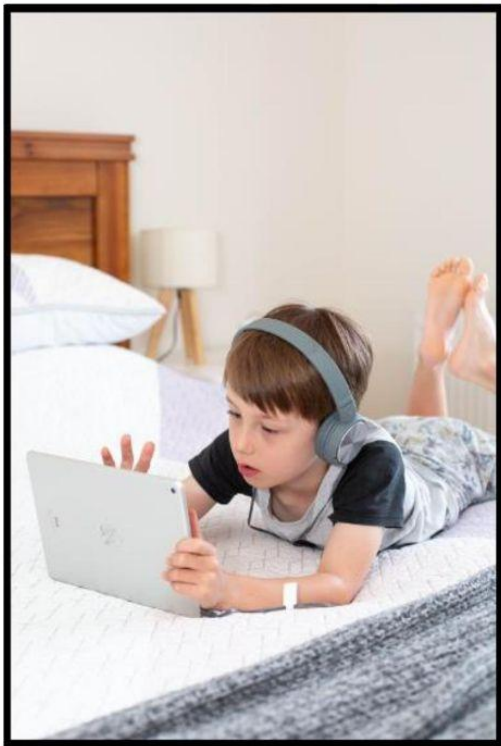
Encouragement



LorraineLee
Training

Laying Strong Foundations for Children to be Online

A workshop for parents and carers



This workshop looks at making sure online interaction is at the appropriate level for brain development. It covers helping children to regulate online behaviour, make positive choices and stay safe.

Setting relevant boundaries is also an essential part of ensuring children look after themselves and each other online.

Tuesday 28th Nov

3:30-4:30pm

**Portway Junior School (main hall)
Upper Drove, Andover SP10 3NA**

This is a FREE session

Please do your best to come along, as this is a very important topic for all families.

The session will be led by Lorraine Lee who is a Professional Parenting Practitioner, specialising in child development. She has over 21 years of experience and Lorraine works with schools all over Hampshire.

Please contact the school office if you have any questions
See you there!

There will be a childcare facility provided for any Portway children where other arrangements cannot be made. Please bring your child to the hall with you and further directions will be provided then.

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