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Welcome back - the summer term is here! I hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter break. It was nice to enjoy some lovely spring weather during the holiday and, now that the clocks have changed and our evenings are much lighter, it really does make a difference! Hopefully these April showers won't last for too long and we can look forward to some sunshine.

Parent Questionnaire Many thanks to everyone for completing our recent parent questionnaire - we had just over 250 returns, 62% of the school. We are really pleased with the overwhelming positive response, especially that 96% of parents would recommend our school. We will also be considering the issues raised and sharing information about these. We have printed the main figures below.

Year 6 SATS As you know, we are approaching the Year 6 national test week, which starts this year on Monday 13th 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: [2024 Year 6 SATS Breakfast](#).

Year 4 Hooke Court Residential - January 2025 (Current Year 3) Our visit to Hooke Court is all booked and we are looking forward to another great 3 days. On Thursday 18th April at 3:30pm, there will be a meeting for all Year 3 parents to find out more about the trip so do please come along. Please indicate on the Google form link if you will be attending - [Hooke Court Meeting](#).

Sports Afternoon We are hoping to enjoy an afternoon of sport on the field on Wednesday 22 May (afternoon) and are hoping that, with the earlier date, we will avoid the stifling heat that often comes later in the summer term.

New staff This term we have welcomed Miss Carter to the Portway Team. Miss Carter joins us as the new teacher of Hare Class and we are looking forward to getting to know her well and to working with her. For parents of pupils in Hare Class, there is a coffee morning on Friday 19th April for you to pop in and say hello over a cuppa. Please do join Miss Carter if you can; we'll be in the school hall 8:45-9:30.

Miss Windross

Survey Questions		% of strongly agree & agree			
1	My child is happy at this school	96%	8	If I have raised a concern with the school, it has been dealt with. <i>Please leave blank if you have no experience or knowledge of this.</i>	93%
2	My child feels safe at this school	96%	9	My child does well at this school.	96%
3	The school has high expectations for my child	94%	10	The school lets me know how well my child is doing	96%
4	This school makes sure the pupils are well behaved	93%	11	My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed. <i>Please leave blank if you have no experience or knowledge of this.</i>	86%
5	The school deals with any cases of bullying effectively (Bullying includes persistent & targeted name-calling, cyber and racist bullying) <i>Please leave blank if you have no experience or knowledge of this.</i>	90%	12	There is a good range of subjects available at this school	98%
6	The school is a welcoming and pleasant place to visit	98%	13	The school supports my child's wider personal development	93%
7	The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	98%	14	My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.	93%
			15	I would recommend Portway Junior School to another parent (yes/no)	95%

Key Dates

Thurs 18 April	Hooke Court information evening for Y3 parents
Fri 19 April	PTA Fun Run
Mon 29 April	Bags to School Week collections at Infant School
Mon 6 May	Bank Holiday Monday
Mon-Thurs 13-16 May	Year 6 SATS Week
Wed 22 May	Sports Afternoon
27-31 May	Summer half term holiday
Mon 3 June	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
Thurs 18 July	Open Afternoon
Tues 23 July	School stops for the summer holiday - 1:15pm finish

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Office Hours: 8:30-4:30 (4:00 on Fridays)
Messages can be left on the answerphone outside of these times (or at any time during the day)

INSET Days for academic year 2024-2025:

Mon / Tues September 2nd and 3rd
Fri October 25th (replacing 4th Nov)
Fri February 28th
Mon June 2nd

Positivity

Resilience

Integrity

Dedication

Encouragement

Girls' School Uniform from September 2023

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 from September 2023

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 from September 2023

Pale blue round necked T-shirt
 Trainers or black plimsolls

Royal blue PE shorts
 A tracksuit should be worn in winter - plain blue/black and for sport rather than fashion

Our branded jumpers, cardigans and polo shirts are available for purchase from [Stitch-a-logo](#) or [Happy Fish](#) - click the links to order.

[Stitch-a-logo](#)

[Happy Fish](#)

Items such as dresses, plain trousers/shorts/school skirts and unbranded polo shirts can be purchased in shops such as Tesco, Asda and Sainsburys. Asda currently offer a 'sensory friendly' uniform option too.

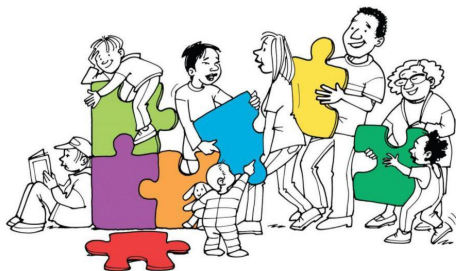
Uniform reminder: please remember that jewellery is not part of appropriate school uniform. Any earrings worn in school must be studs only and must be able to be removed (or covered with tape) for PE lessons. Necklaces, bracelets and other jewellery are not allowed.



The Nurturing Programme

FREE evening sessions starting soon

Battling bedtimes? Teatime tantrums? Sibling squabbles?
 Do you want less nagging and more cooperation at home?



A 10 week programme designed to help parents understand why children behave as they do, to recognise feelings behind behaviour and explore strategies for positive parenting and discipline.

Starts: Wednesday 01 May 2024

6.15pm – 8.15pm

Vigo Primary School, Andover

Spaces are limited so don't miss out!

For more information or to sign up, contact Gemma on 07842 039491 or email g.sacree@portway-inf.hants.sch.uk

Safeguarding

Our website has a page with lots of helpful information for parents about how to ensure children are safe online & when using a range of gaming consoles. There is also information about age ratings for Apps, as well as information from the NSPCC about talking to children about these issues. See more at this link: [Safeguarding](#)



Portway Parent Pop In



**Community Room
 Portway Infant School
 8.45 – 9.45**