

Christmas Carol Services Many thanks to everyone who came along to the Y5 & 6 Carol Service today during and a special thank you to Miss Freemantle for working so hard to get us all organised and to the children for doing a super job. We're looking forward to our Y3 & 4 service tomorrow morning. Having so many parents, grandparents and friends join us made it a very special time during this last very busy week of term.



Festive Outfit Day – Thursday 19th December Tomorrow everyone is invited to dress in their best 'Festive Outfit'! It could be a Christmas fancy dress or a Christmas jumper or just something with a Christmas feel. No uniform (and no football kits!) tomorrow. Our Christmas lunch is also tomorrow and the festive outfits will be a welcome Christmassy addition.



PTFA & Christmas baubles The PTFA Christmas Raffle and Tombola is on 19 December at 3:30 in the junior school hall. The raffle will be called at 4pm in the hall and all funds raised will go to pupils in both schools. Raffle ticket sales will close at 11:45 on Thursday 19 December and can be purchased from reception or at the link <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QQW4DH8Q> We are very grateful to our new PTFA committee for their hard work in organising and running this event.



Last day This is Friday 20th December and we finish at 1:15pm. Children don't need to wear uniform on Friday as then it can be washed and put away for the first day back, which is Monday 6th January. On Friday, the external gates will be open from 12:50pm and our gates leading round to the playground will be opened after 1pm so that we can clear playground after lunchtime play. Children can be collected from classrooms as usual from 1:15. If you are meeting your child elsewhere on site, please make sure they know where this is and to return to the school office if they cannot find you.

Goodbyes At the end of term we say goodbye to Mrs Donnelly who is off to explore a new career away from teaching. Miss Cowan is leaving us to go on a new adventure and Miss Facey has a new job in London. I am sure you will join us in thanking each of them for their contributions to our school and wish them the very best for all that the future holds for them. Mrs Hall-Cooper, who already teaches in Year 5, and Mrs Finlay-Black, who many of you will know, will be teaching Finch Class moving forward.

Thank you for your continued support of the school and of your child's education. Thank you to our school staff who work tirelessly to ensure that your children make good progress, feel safe and grow as people. We wish everyone a peaceful and relaxing holiday.



*From everyone at Portway Junior School - Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.*



Miss Windross

Portway Plus After School Care

This finishes Thursday 19th December and resumes on the first day of the spring term. Please remember that places must be booked in advance via Arbor.

YEAR GROUP LEAFLETS - SPRING TERM

Our Year Group Leaflets sharing the key information and new Spring Term learning are available on our website at: <https://www.portwayjunior.co.uk/> and then select the appropriate year group. These give all the dates and key info needed for the new term. Please have a look at them.

Key Dates

Mon 6 Jan
Wed 8 Jan
Thur 9 Jan 3:30pm
Wed 29 - Fri 31 Jan
Thur 30 Jan 3:30pm
Thur 13 Feb
Mon 17 - Fri 21 Feb
Mon 7 - Mon 21 April

Spring term starts for all pupils
Swimming lessons start for Year 5
PTFA committee meeting - junior hall
Hooke Court residential for Y4 pupils
Info eve for Y5 parents for Avon Tyrrell '25
Info eve for Y6 parents for end of KS2 tests
Spring half term holiday
Easter holidays (return to school Tues 22 April)

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Messages can be left on the answerphone outside of these times (or at any time during the day)

INSET Days still to come:
Friday 28 February
Monday 2 June