

Polehampton C of E Schools ~ 3rd October 2025

"Let your light shine" Matthew 5:16

Harvest Festival is about giving thanks for what we have and sharing with others, especially those in need. In the same way, 'letting your light shine' is about using your gifts, kindness, and generosity to make a positive difference in the world. Parents are invited to the following Polehampton Harvest Events:

Wed 8th: Year 2, 14:50

Thursday 9th: Year 1, 14:50

Friday 10th: Year 3/4, 9:10 - 9:35 (approx.)

Friday 10th: Year 5/6, 9:45 - 10:20 (approx.)

Donations for Woodley foodbank are welcome in school from Monday; there will be a box in the hall at the juniors and one in reception for the infants.

Infant Dates - Autumn 1

Harvest assembly

Year 2 – Wednesday 8th Oct, 2.50pm
Year 1 – Thursday 9th Oct, 2.50pm
(Parents invited to assembly)

Census day
Thursday 2nd October

Parents' evenings
22nd and 23rd Oct

Inset Day
Fri 24th Oct

Half Term

Junior Dates - Autumn 1

Harvest Donations
W/B 6th Oct

Harvest Assembly
Fri 10th Oct, 9:10am (Y3/4 Parents)
Fri 10th Oct, 9:45am (Y5/6 Parents)

Individual photos
Wed 15th Oct

Parents' evenings
22nd and 23rd Oct

Inset Day
Fri 24th Oct

Half Term

It is no secret that schools are having ongoing challenges with budgets, with that in mind please can we remind you of our Amazon wish. There is no pressure to purchase anything from these, but they are there if you want to and can.



We are looking to recruit 0.8 FTE SENCO (Maternity Cover) from Spring 2026, as well as an Early Years Teaching Assistant. Please spread the word to friends, family and the local community.

Bookings for Parents Evenings will go live next week (on Arbor); details of this will be sent via email.



Thank you for your support with the cake sales that have already taken place - these are such lovely events which raise much needed funds for our classrooms.

RECEPTION OPEN MORNINGS

ACADEMIC YEAR 26/27

(9:15am)

Tuesday 14th October 2025

Wednesday 22nd October 2025

Thursday 13th November 2025

Friday 28th November 2025

Friday 5th December 2025

Friday 9th January 2026

YEAR 3 OPEN MORNINGS

ACADEMIC YEAR 26/27

(9:15am)

Friday 17th October 2025

Thursday 23rd October 2025

Wednesday 19th November 2025

Monday 12th January 2026

We currently have spaces in Reception, Year 1 & Year 3



We have been continuing to explore gratitude using windows, mirrors and doors. This approach helps the children to see gratitude not just as a feeling, but as something that shapes how we look at the world, ourselves, and the future. Throughout October, we will be celebrating Black History Month: 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride'.

We hope everyone has a lovely weekend.

Mrs Castell and Mrs Medcalfe
Co-Heads of School

CHANGES TO BE AWARE OF

Landing in your inboxes this week and next, will be information about ordering school lunches and school trips. The highlights of these are as follow:

- After half term, parents will need to pre-order their child's lunches.
- School trips have be reviewed, planned, and costed for the whole academic year in advance. This will help parents prepare ahead of time and ensure that trips can cover their full cost through contributions.

Please familiarise yourself with these changes by reading the emails in full. Thank you.