

# Polehampton C of E Schools ~ 10th October 2025

*"Let your light shine" Matthew 5:16*

October is Black History Month. We see this as a special time for our children to learn about the rich, diverse and powerful stories of Black people. Every day, until half term, children are hearing stories of the creativity, resilience, leadership and joy, that have shaped our world. We aim to honour the Black voices, and histories, that have sometimes been overlooked.

Our aim is for Black History Month to broaden the children's perspectives and understanding; resulting in a deeper respect, and love, of diversity.

We are having a special focus on Nelson Mandela, as an inspiration for Courageous Advocacy, this year. Each year group are spending a little extra time learning about him alongside their other activities.

Please do speak to your children about the activities they are doing this month. We see this as an incredibly important part of their learning!

## Infant Dates - Autumn 1

Parents' evenings  
22nd and 23rd Oct  
Inset Day  
Fri 24th Oct  
Half Term

## Junior Dates - Autumn 1

Individual photos  
Wed 15th Oct  
Parents' evenings  
22nd and 23rd Oct  
Inset Day  
Fri 24th Oct

What a wonderful week for Harvest assemblies. The grey skies, falling leaves and slight chill made for a very autumnal atmosphere! We had a fantastic array of performances from Year 1 through to Year 6 and, more importantly, a phenomenal amount of donations. Thank you to Woodley Foodbank for coming to the Juniors to tell us about the amazing work they do, and high demand for it.

Please do contact them if you are need of support yourself, or do contact Mrs Lloyd if you need access to similar support.



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.

Parents Evening bookings are live on Arbor, please do book these to ensure you get the opportunity to hear about your child in school. If appointments are not booked, teachers will make contact with individuals to arrange a time.

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

Please help us spread the word about our upcoming open mornings by sharing our adverts on your social media accounts. If you come across any of our posts, we'd really appreciate you sharing them too!

With falling birth rates, there are now more spaces available in local schools, and catchment areas are less restrictive than before. It's important that families know this, so we can welcome more children to our school community.

Thank you for your support!



Finally, a huge thank you for the gifts from our Amazon Wishlist, the staff have been absolutely delighted when these arrive. We are truly grateful.

We hope you have a lovely weekend

Mrs Castell and Mrs Medcalf

Co-Heads of School



This week saw The Keys Academy Trust Annual Service; held at St Andrews in Sonning. This was a beautiful event, attended by our Value Leaders and children who came together to create a TKAT choir. Polehampton felt very unique by bringing along two tiny but mighty Year 2 Value Leaders; as well as our big-ones!

They all did us so proud, telling the congregation how, "All Are Welcome" at Polehampton.