

# Polehampton C of E Schools ~ 23rd October 2025

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

It's been a wonderful start to the new academic year, filled with learning, reflection, and community spirit. Our new Blue Class children have settled in beautifully, bringing lots of enthusiasm and smiles to our Polehampton family. This half term, we've celebrated our Harvest Festival; an informative and special time to show gratitude and make a difference to the local community. Applications for Polehampton Courageous Advocacy are now open at the junior school, with children suggesting creative ways our school can make a real difference in the wider world. Please watch this space for the outcomes of these wonderful ideas.

Finally, it's been lovely to welcome families to our Open Mornings for Prospective Parents and to host Cllr Stephen Conway. We love showcasing our schools! Everyone has played a huge part in refreshing the environments and making them look their best for the new year.

## Infant Dates - Autumn 1

Inset Day  
Fri 24th Oct  
Half term  
INSET Day  
Mon 3rd Nov  
Children in Need  
Friday 14th Nov  
Norden Farm Show  
Thurs 4th Dec  
Blue Christmas Show  
Tues 9th Dec, 9:15  
Year 1 & 2 Nativity  
Wed 10th Dec, 9.10  
Year 1 & 2  
Thurs 11th Dec, 9.10  
Christmas Lunch & Jumpers  
Wed 17th  
Church  
Thurs 18th  
End of Term  
Fri 19th, 13:40

## Junior Dates - Autumn 1

Inset Day  
Fri 24th Oct  
Half term  
INSET Day  
Mon 3rd Nov  
Year 3 Tea & Songs  
Fri 7th, 2:15 (Y3 Parents Invited)  
Children in Need  
Friday 14th Nov  
Year 6 Bikeability  
W/B 24th Nov  
Panto  
Wed 3rd Dec  
Y4 Christmas Play  
Wed 10th Dec, 18:30  
Y5/6 Carol Concert  
Tues 16th, 18:30  
Christmas Lunch & Jumpers  
Wed 17th  
Church  
Thurs 18th  
End of Term  
Fri 19th, 13:50

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

1. The Monday after half term (3rd) is an INSET day; school is not open to the children.
2. All parents will need to book their child's lunch on Arbor. Please log on and select 'quick actions' > 'meals' > 'Autumn Term' > and select your child's choice. You can book day by day, for a week or up until Christmas.
3. **If you have any safeguarding concerns over the half term break please email us on [safeguarding@polehampton.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@polehampton.org.uk), after you have contacted Wokingham Children's Services on 0118 9088 002 or 01344 351 999 (for out of hours).**

Mrs Porter has said a HUGE thank you for the thesauruses from the Amazon wishlist!

We are looking to recruit 0.8 FTE SENCO (Maternity Cover) from Spring 2026.



Please spread the word to friends, family and the local community.

## 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!

We hope you have a lovely half term - we look forward to seeing you on

**Tuesday 4th November.**

Mrs Castell and Mrs Medcalf



Throughout October, the children have learned about an inspirational Black figure each day. Everyone has taken part in activities celebrating Nelson Mandela's courage and reflecting on our own gratitude for all he, and others, have done. We've linked this to our Windows, Mirrors and Doors approach; recognising how we see ourselves and others in the world, and encouraged everyone to let their light shine through understanding, courage and respect.