

# Polehampton C of E Schools ~ 17th October 2025

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

This week, we were delighted to welcome Cllr Stephen Conway to the Polehampton schools to see first-hand the amazing work happening here. We invited Cllr Conway in, to gain a deeper understanding of our schools, enabling him to speak with confidence to the local community. He seemed to particularly enjoy hearing about the 'squash (not pumpkin!) soup' being written about by our children in Blue class!

We have also started our open mornings this week and, as always, your children showed everyone what makes our schools such special places.

One of the most lovely displays has gone up this week, inspired by Nelson Mandela's courageous advocacy. Please visit our Instagram and Facebook pages to see photos; please note, we are no longer using X.

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## Infant Dates - Autumn 1

Parents' evenings  
22nd and 23rd Oct  
Inset Day  
Fri 24th Oct  
Half term  
INSET Day  
Mon 3rd Nov  
Individual Photos  
Thurs 6th 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, 13:50

## Junior Dates - Autumn 1

Parents' evenings  
22nd and 23rd Oct  
Inset Day  
Fri 24th Oct  
Half term  
INSET Day  
Mon 3rd Nov  
Year 3 Tea & Songs  
Fri 7th, 14:15 (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 November) is an INSET day; school is not open to the children.
2. This coming Thursday's lunch will be fish and chips.
3. As of Monday, 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.

We are looking to recruit 0.8 FTE SENCO (Maternity Cover) from Spring 2026, as well as an Early Years TA. We are now also looking for lunchtime controllers,



especially 'Bank staff' for adhoc cover.

## 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 weekend

Mrs Castell and Mrs Medcalf

Co-Heads of School



This week we have continued our work on Black History month. We have heard about the life of Aretha Franklin, among others, and listened to 'Respect' - a lovely song for the children to 'bop' along to in the hall! We explored the idea of people lighting the path of others through their art; in this case, music. It's lovely having the children coming to find us; sharing their own learning from books such as 'Black and British' by David Olusoga and 'Stevie Wonder' (Little People, Big Dreams).