

# Polehampton C of E Schools ~ 9th January 2026

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



Happy New Year!

We hope everyone had a lovely Christmas period and enjoyed the brief flutter of snow this week. Snow on the first day back - what a joy for the children!

This week has seen a flight to Italy for our reception children, who are then going on to other countries to celebrate our heritage - we wish them safe travels and hope they send a post card! There have been DT and Science days in Year 4 and a Vets opening up in Year 1. A busy and exciting time in the Polehampton schools to start 2026.

The biggest reminder for this week is for our Year 2 parents to make sure their Year 3 applications are done by 15th January.

## Infant Dates - Spring 1

Census

15th Jan

Bag 2 School (PTA)

19th Jan

Year 2 PTA Bake Sale

Thurs 12th Feb

INSET Day

13th Feb

HALF TERM

16th Feb

## Junior Dates - Spring 1

Census

15th Jan

Book Fair

W/B 19th Jan

Y6 PTA Bake Sale

30th Jan

INSET Day

13th Feb

HALF TERM

16th Feb

Today in collective worship, our juniors reflected on the importance of treating others as they would like to be treated. This follows recent discussions about the value of respecting everyone's unique qualities. We've encouraged the children to speak with you this weekend about your own experiences, both positive and challenging, of living out this principle. We explored how our light can shine brightly when we show kindness but how it can be dimmed by the actions or attitudes of others. "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you" (Matthew 7:12), reminds us that every person deserves dignity and respect. At school, we are clear that any views or behaviours that undermine these principles have no place. Our goal is to help children understand that valuing and celebrating differences is essential for a safe and caring environment. We would very much appreciate your support with this as we navigate a time where this is prominent in the media.

### Focus on Feedback

This term, we will focus on topics that are relevant to the majority of parents, rather than individual circumstances or matters relating to after-school club provision. For feedback specifically about after-school club, please contact OSCteam@ or speak directly to your child's class teacher for questions relating to individuals (e.g. reading). This approach is based on feedback from parents who have asked us to make the document more accessible and useful for everyone. Thank you for your understanding as we work to ensure the information shared benefits the wider school community.

Thursday and Friday's menus will change next week due to Census Day! Please do encourage your child to take up on Thursday as this helps us financially.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Castell and Mrs Medcalf