

Polehampton C of E Schools ~ 8th May 2026

"Let your light shine" Matthew 5:16

As our Year 6 children head into SATs next week, we want them to know just how proud we already are of them. While we know these tests are important, they are only one small part of what makes our children so special. Academic measures serve an important purpose as they help to celebrate progress, identify next steps and support a smooth transition into secondary school but they can never measure everything that truly matters about a child. Next week is a chance for the children to show some of what they have learned and we know they'll do their very best. The rest of the junior school will have a slightly adapted timetable to ensure these run smoothly.

This week, Year 4 visited the beautiful Hindu temple in Neasden. As part of our vision for personal development at Polehampton, it is important that children develop a strong understanding of different faiths. This visit offered a meaningful opportunity to do so. The children, as always, made us so proud - particularly as there were substantial moments of stillness and quiet which they managed beautifully.

Finally, we have renewed our infant school challenge to encourage regular use of Numbots. We celebrate this in Friday worship with certificates and in the moments it makes a difference learning. We recognise that screen time is a contentious issue but we believe Numbots plays an important role in helping children secure foundations in number. As always, moderation is key, and we would value your support in balancing this within your own screen time guidelines.

Infant Dates - Summer

Walk to School Week

W/B Mon 18th May

Census

Thurs 21st May

Half Term

25 - 29th May

Junior Dates - Summer

SATS

W/B Mon 11th May

PTA 1K your way

Thurs 14th May

Walk to school week

W/B Mon 18th May

Swimming Starts

Wed 20th May

Census Day

Thurs 21st May

WASMA Worship

Fri 22nd May, 14:30

Half Term

W/B 25th May

Some children have reported finding fake money in Wyford, which may have been deliberately left or planted. Please remind children not to pick it up and not to engage with anyone about it unless they are with a trusted adult.

Reminders:

- Junior 1K Your Way Sponsorship
- Children should not be wearing Smart Watches in class, especially if these have access to messages/calls.
- As the weather gets warmer, please can we remind about our uniform policy. Although it is not explicitly stated, tight, brief-style shorts are not suitable for school; instead, we ask that children wear longer-length, looser-fitting shorts.



Swimming donations are incredibly low at the juniors school - if you are able to do so, please go onto Arbor to do this. Please also note that swim hats will be handed out next week.

We have been exploring:

How we feel when we've been dishonest.

We talked about how uncomfortable feelings are still feelings we need to acknowledge and discuss. We will be looking at naming the emotions associated with this over the coming weeks - as well as the emotions we get from being honest!



We hope everyone has a lovely weekend.

Mrs Castell and Mrs Medcalf