



# Polehampton CE Schools and Nursery

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Let your light shine” Matthew

5:16”

Friday 11 September 2026

Another busy week at Polehampton! Miss Ackerman and I have enjoyed visiting classes, watching the junior children problem-solve in maths and asking them questions about the texts they were reading. We have both been impressed with the effort the Year 1 and Year 2 children have put into their handwriting. Blue Class enjoyed their first Forest School session, and the hot chocolate was a big hit! The Nursery children have been enjoying their newly created outdoor space too!

This weekend a team of staff from the Junior school are walking 42km raising money for cancer research. They have been in training for many months and we wish them all the very best.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/polehampton-plodders>

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Medcalf

## **PPG / FSM changes**

Please note that, from 01 September, there have been a number of changes to the Free School Meals categorisation. Please see our website for more information, where we have posters and explanations, as well as a new form to apply.

If you think your child is eligible, please do apply; the school gets much-needed funding for the school to support pupils' learning.

[Polehampton C of E Infant & Junior School - Free School Meals & Pupil Premium Grant](#)

## **Ordering lunches: reminder**

Please remember to order your child's school lunches via Arbor, especially for pupils at the juniors.

## **Leave of absence**

We have updated our leave of absence forms. These new forms can be found on our website, so please only use these when you need to request leave of absence for your child.

[Polehampton C of E Infant & Junior School - Absence requests](#)

## **Polehampton PTA AGM**

Wednesday 30 September | 7.30pm | Infant School

All Polehampton parents and guardians are warmly invited to our AGM. Come along to find out more about the PTA and how you can get involved. We're looking for new committee members, including a Chair and Treasurer, no experience needed and full support provided. All are welcome!

## **Twyford Scarecrow Trail 2026**

26–31 October | WILDLIFE theme!

Our annual PTA Scarecrow Trail is back! We're looking for families, residents, businesses and community groups to get creative and help raise money for Polehampton Nursery, Infant & Junior Schools, and The Colleton Primary School. Don't live in Twyford? We can pair you with a local business to create a scarecrow for them!

Deadline: 5th October

Please sign up here:

<https://www.polehamptonpta.org/2025scarecrowtrail>

## **Infant open mornings**

- Tuesday 13 October 2026
- Thursday 22 October 2026
- Friday 13 November 2026
- Friday 27 November 2026
- Monday 07 December 2026
- Monday 11 January 2027

## **Junior open mornings**

- Friday 16 October 2026
- Wednesday 04 November 2026
- Tuesday 24 November 2026

## **Changes to phone number**

A reminder that our phone number is changing! In order to simplify communication systems for parents, over the summer we have arranged an amalgamation of our phone systems. From Monday 21 September, we will be **0118 934 0246 only**. This number will then give you the option of speaking to the infants/nursery school office, or the juniors school office. It will also make transferring calls between sites easier for staff and families. This is another exciting development in our school's infrastructure.