Polehampton CE Schools and Nursery

"Let your light shine" Matthew 5:16"

Thursday 22nd October 2026

The end of our first half term is here already. Where does the time go!

This half term marks **a** very special moment in Polehampton's history, as our first-ever Nursery children have completed their very first half term with us. We are so proud of how well the children have settled and become part of the Polehampton family.

If you have some time during half term, there is information below about the Scarecrow Trail. Do look out for a special Nursery entry! And while you are out and about, see if you can spot a Peacock butterfly too!

A belated but heartfelt thank you for all your generous Harvest donations. These have now been collected by Woodley Foodbank.

I hope you all have a lovely and restful half term, and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 2nd November.

Mrs Medcalf

Juniors Year 6 will be selling poppies during the last 15 minutes of lunch after half term.

Dates:

Infants:

23rd October INSET

2nd November Children return to school

Juniors:

23rd October INSET

1st November deadline to order individual photos

2nd November Children return to school

Year 6 parents

A reminder that applications for secondary school places need to be made by 31st October 2026.

Infant open mornings

- Friday 13 November 2026
- **Wednesday 2 December 2026 (revised date)**
- Monday 07 December 2026
- Monday 11 January 2027

Junior open mornings

- Wednesday 04 November 2026
- Tuesday 24 November 2026

Juniors Have you ordered your school individual photograph yet? A reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is Sunday 1st November. You can order through the Tempest website using your unique link that was emailed to you, or if you have received paper order forms visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest at customerservice@htempest.co.uk.

Twyford Scarecrow Trail!

Looking for something fun to do this half term? Pick up a trail map from Ola Coffee Co or Grapevine Estate Agents for just £3 and enjoy discovering the wonderful wildlife-themed scarecrows around Twyford! The trail runs daily from 9am–5pm, Monday 26th–Saturday 31st October. All profits are shared between the Polehampton and Colleton PTAs, so you'll be supporting our schools too.

Christmas Cards

Your child's Christmas card order form should have come home this week! These personalised cards and gifts feature your child's own design and are perfect for sending to friends and family. All profits go to the PTA, so thank you for supporting us! If you have any queries or have lost your order form please contact the PTA via your class rep. Order deadline is 4th November.

Changes to phone number

A reminder that our phone number has changed! 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.