

July 2023

NEWSLETTER

potter street academy news

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of another academic year and what a year it was! A huge thank you and well done to Y6 who performed exceptionally well in their end of Key Stage Two SATs. I am pleased to inform you that these results are the highest that Potter Street has ever received. This demonstrates the hard work and commitment of all the year six team and all the adults who worked with the children prior to Y6.

I wish to thank all staff for their hard work and commitment to all your children and you for continuing to work in partnership with us to ensure the best possible outcomes for our delightful children. On behalf of everyone at Potter Street, I wish you all an enjoyable summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 5th September.

Kath Holland
Associate Headteacher

Raring 2 Go! Bishops Stortford

Please see attached summer magazine which has lots of ideas for the summer holidays – it covers events and activities throughout July and August.

[Click here to view the magazine](#)

Stars of the Term

A big well done to our Stars of the Term:-



Hallie, Olivia, Jenson, Archie, Millie, Lexi, Keira, Abel, Paige, Erney, Anaryah, Ollie B, Callie, Roby Khadija, Molly, Dorcas and Dominic.

Congratulations to these children who received the highest number of house points in their class this term. The children took part in fun activities at Passmores Academy and had a visit from the ice-cream man!!



School Meal Costs

Just a reminder that the cost of a school meal when we return in September will be £2.40.

PE Kit Needed in School

Please ensure all children have their full PE kit in school when they return after the summer break. This is shorts, house top and plimsolls / trainers.

All lessons will take place outside even if it is cold. Only heavy rain will prevent classes going out so please make sure your child has a black or grey tracksuit as part of their PE kit.

Winning Houses

Well done to Unicorn and Dragon House who are the overall winning houses. They celebrated their win with a water fight!!

Winning houses for: -

Sports Day	KS1	Unicorn
	KS2	Lion

Well done to Lion House for being the overall winners of Sports Day!

Attendance Values	Griffin & Lion Dragon
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House Points

Children are busy earning house points by showing how well they keep the school values – responsibility, respect, resilience and relationships.



Dragon 3719



Griffin 3274



Lion 3435



Unicorn 3719

100% Attendance Academic Year 2022/23

Well done to those children that achieved 100% attendance for the academic year. All the children were entered into a prize draw for a £30.00 Amazon voucher – well done Amber for winning!!!

Junior Challenge

All year the children have enjoyed being in their houses for Junior Challenge answering a variety of questions based on the curriculum and continuous provision. This year the house who has won the most Junior Challenges and who broke the tie on our final Junior Challenge Day was Griffin House! Well done to the house captains who led their houses all year!

Maths Day

The children had a brilliant day celebrating Maths Day. The children enjoyed doing problem solving activities in their classes and using their thinking hats!



Can You Apply for Free School Meals?

If your child is in Year R – Year 2 from September, they will continue to be entitled to universal free school meals meaning the Government pays for your child to have a school dinner every day. Children in Year 3 – Year 6 must apply for free school's meals. We are aware that many people's circumstances have changed over the last few months. If you think you may now be entitled to claim free school meals (because you are receiving universal credit) the office is able to conduct a quick online check for you before you apply. Please call Mrs Gant who will help to see if you are entitled. Even if you do not want your child to have a school dinner, the school receives additional funding for every eligible child.

Uniform

As we begin to prepare for the summer, just a few reminders about school uniform

- All children should be in school uniform with **black shoes**
- Children's PE top needs to be the house colour of the house they are in
- Children must have a change of footwear for PE
- Jewellery is not allowed in school, earrings should only be studs and children must be able to take them out themselves
- All our uniform can be purchased from Create Identitee

Jackie Jackson Award

At the end of each academic year, one year 6 pupil is awarded the Jackie Jackson Award. The person chosen by the Year 6 team will have met high standards for behaviour, attendance and progress since their time at Potter Street Academy. It is with great pleasure to announce Mikayla has received this award.

Harlow Summer Holiday Clubs – Free Support for Vulnerable Families

An email has been sent to all parents with promotional flyers from SportsCool for FREE holiday provision in Harlow for families on Free School Meals.

Y5 Sleepover

Year 5 had an amazing time at their recent sleepover. They watched a film, ate pizza, toasted marshmallows, played board games, ate snacks and spent time with their friends.



Harlow Primary Schools' Music Festival

On Tuesday 27th June, 260 children from 11 Harlow Primary schools gathered at the Town Park Bandstand for the annual Harlow Primary Schools' Music Festival.

Well done to everyone in the choir for a fabulous concert, you sounded amazing and did us all proud!



PTA

Thank you to our PTA who purchased our leaver's hoodies for our Year 6 children. Also, a huge thank you for organising a brilliant disco for children. We would love to recruit additional members for September, if you are interested in joining, please let the school office know or email pta@potterstreetacademy.com

Time to say Goodbye

We were very pleased that we were able to say goodbye to children in Year 6 with a fantastic leaver's assembly. We wish them every success and happiness for the future. This year we are saying goodbye to Mrs Ami Leland and Miss Stoneman who are joining Purford Green, Mrs Barnes Martin who is joining The Downs Primary and Mrs Julie Ward and Miss Susan Holdstock who are leaving us to join another school. A huge thank you to them all for their hard work and dedication. We wish them every success in their new roles.

Goodbye and good luck to Year 6

Dates for the Diary

1 st September	Inset Day
4 th September	Inset Day
5 th September	Children Return to School

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