

December 2024

NEWSLETTER

potter street academy news

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the close of the Autumn Term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful achievements and progress our students have made so far this school year. It has been a term filled with learning, growth, and excitement as our pupils have embraced new challenges both inside and outside of the classroom. We are incredibly proud of how our children have settled into their new classes, demonstrating resilience, creativity, and kindness in most things they do. From memorable trips and events, this term has been full of opportunities for them to develop and thrive. From a school perspective, we had the pleasure of showcasing ourselves to Ofsted. Some of the comments we received made me truly proud to be the Head of School here. This can only happen through the conduct of the children and the dedication of the staff that work here.

I would like to extend my thanks to our supportive parent community, for everything you do to make this school such a special place. Together, we continue to nurture a positive and encouraging environment for all our children. I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved break over the holidays, and I look forward to welcoming you back in the new year for another exciting term.

Wishing you all a restful and joyful holiday and New Year!

Christmas Performances

I am sure you will all agree the performances by the EYFS, Y1, Y2, and Y3 children were truly heartwarming! Such events are a wonderful way to celebrate the festive season and showcase the hard work and talents of both the children and staff. The support from families and the shared sense of community undoubtedly made it even more special.

Thank you for your co-operation in ensuring that photos taken during the performance are for private use only.

Christmas Dinner

A massive thank you to Mrs Gibson, Ms Livesey and Mrs Biro for providing the children and staff with a festive Christmas dinner.



Christmas Bazaar

We had a wonderful Christmas Bazaar full of festive fun, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

A huge thank you to the PTA and Mrs Beesley for organising this and to all the parents, carers and staff who volunteered and to everyone who came along and supported it, over £800.00 was raised!

A very special thank you to Santa who was the 'star of the show.'

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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	780
	Griffin	835
	Lion	905
	Unicorn	687

Congratulations Lion house for winning the House trophy with the most house points during all of Autumn term.

Attendance

Well done Lion House for achieving the best attendance for the Autumn term.



School Values

Well done to Dragon House for winning the School Values trophy for the Autumn Term.



Reward Trip

On Monday 16th December, the four children from each class with the highest house points enjoyed a morning at Kidzz Kingdom. The children had a wonderful time and represented the school beautifully.

EYFS	Isabella, Tahira, Charlie, Talia
Y1	Kazen, Kazel, Ruby-Rose, Hareem
Y2	Shavonne, Elias, Abigail, Kennedy
Y3	Millie, Esme, Emily, Lexi
Y4	Anjeza, Jacinth, Beau, Keira
Y5	Aubree, Leo, Nuray, Ollie
Y6	Ire, Callie, Vinny, Zara

Their termly total now returns to zero so everyone has a chance to win a place at the trip next term.

PE Kits

Please ensure all children have their PE kits with them when they return to school in January 2025. P.E. is an important part of the National Curriculum and, for hygiene reasons children should have a P.E. kit to change into. The children need a T-Shirt and shorts and a change of footwear i.e., plimsolls/CLEAN trainers. These should be in a named bag to be kept in school.

We ask that as part of the PE kit for the winter months all children have a tracksuit with them.

PE kit should include socks for girls if they come to school wearing tights.

Clubs

Extra - curricular clubs for children will start again in the middle of January. Mrs Gant will send out details of these at the beginning of the new term.

Pantomime 2024

A big thank you to the PTA for their generosity in funding the children's trip to see *Beauty & the Beast!* It sounds like the children had a magical time, fully immersing themselves in the storytelling and songs. Experiences like these create wonderful memories and bring so much joy—what a fantastic treat for everyone involved!

Cheerleading Festival

This year, the cheerleaders delivered an outstanding performance! Their incredible teamwork made me, Mrs. Bambridge, proud to be part of Potter Street School. They exemplified all our school values effortlessly, without any need for reminders.

We are eagerly looking forward to what they will bring next year!



Class Dojo

Class Dojo is a fantastic way for the school to communicate with our families and provides a great opportunity for families to interact with teachers, upload any home learning and complete additional tasks.

If you need any other 'school' information / guidance please continue to call the school office who will be happy to help, this includes child absence and any changes to the arrangements for collection of children.

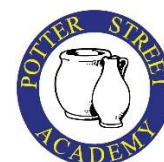
Please be mindful teachers do not have the opportunity to check dojo during the day as they are teaching and are therefore unable to respond or read any messages. Additionally, please do not expect a reply to any messages sent after 5:00pm or at the weekend.

Class Assemblies

All class assemblies start at 09:15am and will last approximately 20 minutes.

We do hope you will be able to join us to share in the children's celebration of their work.

EYFS	19 th June 2025
Y1	12 th June 2025
Y2	1 st May 2025
Y3	22 nd May 2025
Y4	5 th February 2025
Y5	5 th March 2025
Y6	13 th February 2025



Dates for the Diary

6 th Jan 2025	Inset Day
7 th Jan	Y1 phonics meeting for parents
8 th Jan	Y6 SATs meeting for parents
9 th Jan	Y4 MTC meeting for parents
15 th Jan	Open afternoon tours – EYFS 25
24 th Jan	Indoor athletics, Y3/4 PM
31 st Jan	Inset Day
4 th Feb	Y4 to Colchester Castle
5 th Feb	Y4 class assembly
7 th Feb	Indoor athletics, Y5 PM
11 th Feb	Parents afternoon
12 th Feb	Parents evening
13 th Feb	Y6 class assembly
14 th Feb	Indoor athletics, Y1/2 AM Non uniform day Last day of half term – normal finishing hours
17 th – 21 st Feb	Half term
24 th Feb	Children return to school
28 th Feb	Cross country, Y3/4 AM Cross country, Y5 PM



Parent Meetings

Y1 – Phonics Screening Parent Meeting

We invite all parents/carers of our Year 1 children to attend a meeting on Tuesday 7th January at 2:45pm this will take place during the books and biscuits session

The meeting will provide essential information about the statutory National Phonics Screening that your child will be participating in.

We hope you can join us to learn more about what the screening involves and how you can support your child.

Y4 – Multiplication Tables Check Parents Meeting

We invite all parents and carers to an informational meeting on 9th January at 3:10pm about the government-mandated multiplication check. This session will cover important details about the process and how to support your child.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Y6 – SATs Parent Meeting

We will be holding a KS2 SATs meeting on Wednesday 8th January at 3:10pm for Y6 parents and carers.

This is to provide you with important information regarding the format of SATs and how you can best support your child in the run up to the tests.

