

potter street academy news

Dear Parents/Carers

As we move through November, it's beginning to feel a little bit like Christmas around school. The joyful sound of our EYFS and Year 1 children rehearsing is drifting through the corridors, and it's impossible not to smile as they practise with such enthusiasm. We are all very much looking forward to welcoming you to their performances on the **10th and 11th of December**.

Our Year 2 and Year 3 classes are also busily preparing, and there is a real buzz of excitement as they get ready to perform at the **Baptist Church for the very first time on 10th December**. This is a wonderful opportunity for them, and I know they cannot wait to share their hard work with you in such a special setting.

Please keep your ears and eyes open for the many Christmas activities taking place throughout December, including Elfridges and the Christmas Bazaar! There is so much happening across the school, and we hope you will be able to join in the festive fun.

As always, thank you for your continued support during this busy and celebratory time of year. We look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming events.

School Photos

The children had their individual and sibling photographs taken on 12th November. The photography company no longer supply proofs and now use Photo Tickets. Photo Tickets have been handed to the parent / child by the class teacher, you can scan the QR code from these to view and order the photos. If you have not received your proof, please inform the school office.

Primary School Places for Sept 2026

You can apply for Reception school place at an Essex primary school between 10th November 2025 and 15th January 2026.

You must submit an application by the national closing date of 15th January 2026. Applications received after this date are considered late and will reduce your chance of being offered a place at your preferred schools.

It is the parents / carers responsibility to apply for a school place at the correct times. Essex County Council no longer send letters to inform you to apply for your child's school place.

PE Kit Needed in School

Please ensure all children have their full PE kit in school.

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.

If anyone has spare PE kit they would like to donate, please could you drop it in to your child's teacher.

House Points

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



Dragon 897



Griffin 853



Lion 785



Unicorn 726

School Attendance

Good attendance is one of the simplest ways to support your child's learning. When children are in school regularly, they build stronger friendships, feel more confident, and make steady progress across all subjects.

Our expectations

- Please make sure your child arrives **on time every day** — the school day starts promptly, and even a few minutes late can disrupt their learning.

If your child is unwell

- Please contact the school office **before the start of the day** to let us know.
- If your child has a minor illness (such as a cold or mild tummy ache), they are usually well enough to attend. If you're unsure, you're welcome to call for advice.

Medical appointments

- Wherever possible, please schedule routine appointments **outside school hours**.
- If this isn't possible, please provide the appointment confirmation so we can mark the absence correctly.

Why attendance matters

Missing just one day a week adds up to more than **six full weeks** of lost learning across a school year. Every day really does make a difference.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child make the most of their time in school.

Children in Need

Children in Need kicked off with a burst of energy on the 14th November as the whole school joined in a lively workout led by Joe Wicks. The excitement grew even more when Pudsey made a surprise appearance, cheering the children on and adding an extra dash of fun to the session! It was a fantastic way to start the day and set the tone for our

fundraising efforts. We raised £131.50 for Children in Need, thank you for your kind donations.



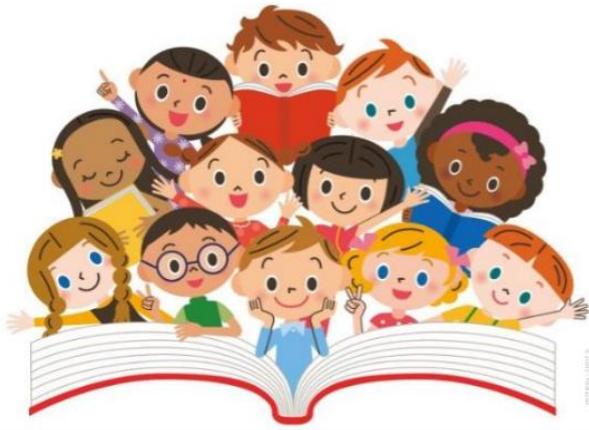
Kurling Tournament Success!

A huge well done to all the children who took part in the recent Kurling tournament. They showed incredible determination, teamwork, and resilience throughout the day. Every match was played with real effort and enthusiasm, and it was wonderful to see the children supporting one another and giving their very best from start to finish. We are extremely proud of how hard they worked and the positive attitude they brought to the competition.

A special congratulations to our Year 5 team, who earned a fantastic second place and were awarded medals for their achievement. What a brilliant result!

Well done to everyone involved, you represented our school beautifully!





Thursday 10.30am to 11.30am

Starts on Thursday 6 November 2025

Come and join us for

Arts and Crafts

following story and rhyme time

Harlow Central Library, Town Centre, CM20 1HA

Free activities for children and their families

All children must be accompanied by a suitable adult.



For more information find us on Facebook

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HARLOW

Netball Champions Again! PCLC trophy stays with us!

Our fantastic school netball team has done it again, PCLC Tournament Champions for the second year running! With skill, teamwork, and determination, the team kept hold of the coveted trophy.

We started strong with an exciting win against Purford Green, showing sharp passes, lightning-quick footwork, and unstoppable shooting. Our second game with The Downs was a tense battle of strategy and speed, ending in a hard-fought draw. Everything came down to the final match against Pear Tree Mead, where the team's energy, accuracy, and defensive brilliance secured a thrilling victory.

Every child played with heart, spirit, and excellent sportsmanship. Congratulations to the team on another amazing tournament!

Christmas Post Box

Our School Christmas Post Box is out and ready for children to put Christmas Cards to their friends and school staff into; the Post Box is located by the KS2 school hall.

Please remind your child to clearly write the name of the person and class on each card. This will help our festive elves deliver the cards to the right classes efficiently!



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Dates for the Diary

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3 rd Dec	Y3 trip to Cambridge Science Museum Rock Steady parent concert
5 th Dec	Non uniform day - donations for the Christmas bazaar
9 th Dec	Whole school panto at Passmores – Snow White
10 th Dec	EYFS/Y1 performance at 1:30pm Y2/3 carols at 4pm
11 th Dec	EYFS/Y1 performance at 9:30am
12 th Dec	Y2 to Colchester Zoo
12 th Dec	Christmas bazaar, 3.15pm
16 th Dec	Reward trip
16 th Dec	Elfridges (PTA pop up shop)
17 th Dec	Christmas jumper day Christmas dinner day
18 th Dec	Christmas class parties
19 th Dec	Non uniform day Finish at 1:30pm – no after school club
6 th Jan	Children return to school

