

potter street academy news

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a busy and rewarding spring term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. It makes a real difference to the children and to our whole school community.

I am incredibly proud of how hard all of the children worked during assessment fortnight. They approached the week with determination and resilience, and their efforts have truly reflected their commitment to their learning. All reports have now been completed and will be shared with parents and carers after the half-term break.

Thank you to those of you who have already taken the time to complete our parent survey. We greatly value your feedback—every response is read carefully, and we will act on suggestions wherever we can. If you have not yet had the opportunity to complete the survey, we would very much encourage you to do so.

Finally, I would like to wish a joyful Easter to all those who celebrate, and to extend warm wishes to those marking the end of Eid. I hope that everyone enjoys a restful and well-deserved break.

We look forward to welcoming the children back for the summer term.

Neil Gladwin

House Points

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



Dragon 1673



Griffin 1682



Lion 1317



Unicorn 1454

Congratulations **Griffin House** for winning the House trophy with the most house points during all of Spring term.

Well done to **Dragon House** for winning the School Values trophy for the Spring term.

Well done to **Griffin House** for achieving the best attendance for the Spring term.

Crucial Crew

Year 6 recently took part in an exciting and informative trip to Crucial Crew, where they learned a range of important life skills to help keep themselves safe and healthy. During the visit, pupils explored fire safety. They also took part in sessions about healthy relationships, where they discussed respect, kindness, and how to build positive friendships.

In addition, the children learned about drug safety, gaining an understanding of how to make safe and responsible choices.

The day was both engaging and educational, and the children represented the school brilliantly with their enthusiasm and excellent behaviour.

Sports Update

This term has been a fantastic and busy one for Physical Education, with many pupils representing the school with pride and enthusiasm.

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in a Quad Kids event, competing in the howler throw, long-distance run, standing long jump and sprint. They showed great determination, teamwork and resilience throughout, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts.

A group of Year 6 pupils also competed in a challenging cross country event, demonstrating excellent perseverance and attitude. A special well done to Chloe, who achieved an outstanding 5th place out of 100 runners – a brilliant achievement!

It was also a pleasure to take our Year 2 pupils to an indoor athletics event for the first time. Despite the fast-paced environment, they showed fantastic enthusiasm, behaviour and teamwork, representing the school superbly.

We finished the term with a tag rugby event for Year 5 and 6 pupils. The team played with great skill and sportsmanship, working brilliantly together. They also had the exciting opportunity to see the Rugby World Cup trophy won by the England women's national rugby union team, which was a memorable highlight.

We are extremely proud of all the children who took part this term – their effort, attitude and teamwork have been outstanding.



World Book Day

We had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day across the school! The children came dressed as their favourite book characters, bringing a wonderful splash of creativity and colour to the day. There were some brilliant costumes, from classic storybook heroes to modern favourites. To make the day even more special, teachers swapped classes to share stories with different groups, and children also had the chance to visit other year groups to enjoy reading together. It was a lovely way to celebrate our love of books and stories and to share that joy across the whole school community.



PEARL

A very special thank you goes to Greenbrook (<https://www.greenbrook.co.uk>) for their generous donation of pallets to support our PEARL project. Their generosity is truly appreciated.

Time to Say Goodbye

After nearly three wonderful years in our Reception class, it is time to say a fond farewell to Ms Webb, who will be leaving us on 27th March.

During her time at our school, Ms Webb has been a caring, dedicated, and much-loved member of the team. She has supported our youngest children as they settled into school life, helping them grow in confidence, independence and curiosity every single day. She will be greatly missed by pupils and staff.

We thank Ms Webb for all of her hard work and commitment to our school, we wish her every happiness and success in her next chapter.

Attendance Celebration – Spring Term

A huge well done to all of the children who achieved 100% attendance this Spring Term — what an absolutely fantastic achievement! Coming to school every single day with enthusiasm, positivity, and a readiness to learn is something truly special, and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of you.

This term, we were also delighted to introduce a new attendance celebration for pupils who achieved 97% attendance or above, which is our whole-school target

We know that sometimes illness and unavoidable circumstances arise, and of course children's health and wellbeing will always come first. We would never want anyone to feel worried about being unwell, nor to miss out unfairly when genuine absence cannot be helped. Our aim is simply to celebrate the fantastic effort so many pupils make to be in school as often as they can.

Thank you to our families for your ongoing support.

Well done to all of our attendance stars this term!

Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who supported our fantastic Red Nose Day on Friday 20th March!

The children looked wonderful in their non-uniform outfits and bright red clothing, helping us raise money for this very worthwhile cause. We are incredibly grateful for your generosity and support.

A special highlight of the week was our joke competition. We received so many funny entries that it was very difficult for teachers to choose just one winner from each class! The winning jokes were shared during Friday's assembly and brought lots of laughter to the whole school. Thank you again for your continued support in helping us make events like this so successful.

Stars of the Term

Our stars of the term enjoyed their trip to Harlow Bowl on 26th March 2026.

EYFS James, Aliye, Bareera, Ariana
Year 1 Talia, Lara, Maryam, Phoenix
Year 2 Aleena, Rayan, Ruby-Rose, Cataleya
Year 3 Hallie, Jenson, Orela, Hoorain
Year 4 Lexi, Jasmine, Oakley, Hunter
Year 5 Teddy, Lilly, Riley-Rae, Paige
Year 6 Nuray, Ollie, Leo, Saara

Spelling Bee

We are incredibly proud of our children who took part in the recent Cross-Trust Spelling Bee at Passmores. Competing against other schools, they showcased fantastic spelling skills, determination, and confidence throughout the event.



A huge **well done** to all participants for their hard work and enthusiasm! A special congratulations to **Jamie (Year 5)** for winning his year group round—an amazing achievement!

Everyone represented our school brilliantly, and we couldn't be prouder. Well done, everyone!

Mother's Day Pop-Up Shop

A huge thank you to our amazing PTA and to Mrs Beesley for organising our Mother's Day Pop-Up Shop. The event was a great success, and the children absolutely loved choosing thoughtful little gifts. We truly appreciate all the time, planning, and care that went into making the shop run so smoothly.

Thank you once again to everyone involved for helping to create such a lovely experience for the children — your hard work and support make a real difference.

Road Closure Notice

From 30th March, Thames Water will be carrying out emergency works on the road outside the school. As a result, the park end entrance onto the road will be closed for approximately 4 weeks.

Lions on the Loose

We are proud to be supporting St Clare Hospice through their *Lions on the Loose* initiative. As part of our fundraising, children have been invited to design a Superhero character inspired by one of our core values: Respect, Resilience, Relationships, and Responsibility.

Winners will be announced after half term, and those children will have the exciting opportunity to help bring their designs to life!

To further support this wonderful cause, we are inviting children to add their handprint to our lion. A donation of £1 per handprint will help create a lasting piece of artwork, which will be displayed around Harlow before returning to Potter Street for many years to come.

Please send in £1 after half term if you would like your child's handprint included. Any child who has already donated or entered the competition will automatically be part of this special display.

Thank you for your continued support!

A Big Thank You to Our Rock Steady Children

We would like to say a huge well done and thank you to our Rock Steady children for their fantastic performance to the whole school and to their parents. Your confidence, teamwork, and musical talent truly shone through and you made us all incredibly proud.

It was wonderful to see your hard work pay off in such an energetic and enjoyable show. Thank you for sharing your music with us.



Support the cause here:

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Dates for the Diary

13 April	Children return to school
13 April	Y4/5 swimming commences
30 April	Y1 class assembly
7 May	Y6 height and weight checks
11 May	KS2 SATs week
18 May	PCLC sports tournament
21 May	EYFS class assembly
22 May	Non uniform day
25 May – 29 May	Half term
1 June	Children return to school
5 June	Y3 History off the page workshop
15 June – 18 June	Y6 residential trip to Danbury
17 June	Y2 trip to theatre
24 June	Music festival concert
25 June	Y6 at new secondary schools
30 June	Y5 at Passmores all day
30 June	Y1 to Leeds Castle
2 July	Y6 to Southend
3 July	Sports Day
6 July	Y5 at Passmores all day
6 July	PCLC sports tournament
7 July	Y6 leavers assembly – 4:00pm
8 July	Rock Steady parent concert
9 July	EYFS road safety talk
9 July	Y5 road safety talk and walk
10 July	Class parties
13 July	New classes start
	Y6 at Passmores
15 July	Reward afternoon – winning house
16 July	Reward afternoon
17 July	Non uniform day
	Last Day, finish at 1:30pm (No after school club)

Interested in training to become a Primary School Teacher?

Apply now for a place on one of our 2026/2027 Primary Initial Teacher Training courses.

Take a look at the courses we offer on [DfE FIND](#). Some fee-funded places available.

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- QTS – Postgraduate Fee-paying course codes: M834, T364 (SEND)
- QTS & PGCE – Postgraduate Fee-paying course codes: F071, T120 (SEND)

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