



HEADLINES

- Mon 3rd Nov– INSET day– no school for pupils
- **Weds 5th Nov– Individual/sibling photos– FULL UNIFORM NEEDED, if your child has PE, please bring kit in bag with them.**
- Sat 8th Nov– Fireworks Night at PJS! We cannot wait to see you! Many extra surprises planned!
- Tues 11th– Remembrance Day– 2 minute silence and assembly
- (Poppies available to children via donation at breaktimes)
- **Menu 1 first week back after half term**

INSET DAYS 2025-26

3rd November, 13th February,
1st June

Letters sent out this fortnight:

- *Proposal for a Resourced Provision*
- *Firework VIP Competition*

Dear parent, carers

I can not quite believe that we have reached half term already, and I have to say it has been a delight! The children have settled so well and they are fully into their learning. It was lovely to see so many of you come to our first Open door/Open Book learning sharing opportunity, I enjoyed listening to the children and seeing how proud they were to show you all their learning. I know for many adults, you were not allowed to leave until your child had shown you every single book!! We will continue to build in these opportunities every half term, and I will aim to give you the dates ahead of time, so that you can adjust diaries and work around your commitments. We have formal reports and parents evening next term so this will be the next point for a more detailed update. Please remember that teachers are always happy to meet with you and unpick learning should you want to prior to these set dates.

I want to thank you all for supporting the RSPCA local fundraising Day, the children's rule breaking and cake sale has raised over £400 to help the charity, and the support shown for Harvest Festival food collection is just as impressive. We will be transporting the food gathered to Ringwood Food Bank over the half term and I know they will be thrilled to see how much we have collected to support our local families. Thank you for your continued support, in what are increasingly challenging times for families.

We have welcomed back our Year 6's and the staff team from Osmington, somehow we managed to pick the wet few days, but from all accounts the children were fantastic at getting stuck in and were a credit to themselves and the school. I want to thank the staff who attend the trip and particularly Mrs Cason, who heads up this residential both before hand with all of the paperwork and also for leading the team in Osmington. I hope the half term will give staff and children the well deserved rest that they need.

In case you have not realised, we are approaching Poulner Fireworks! **Early Bird £3 tickets end tonight, so make sure you QR code and secure your tickets!** We are dedicated to keeping prices inside fair and reasonable and will be having a Happy Half hour at last years prices for bar sales and free Guy building for the children.

Finally, I want to wish Mrs Homewood all the very best. She has been an important part of Poulner Junior School for the last 27 years, and the dedication and difference she has made to so many children cannot be underestimated. As a colleague and parent I have seen the hard work that she has put in and the passion she brings to the role. Over the last few years, she has taken the step into leadership and become our SENDCo and also the Infant school SENDCo. She will be moving to her new role, just across the playground as Assistant Headteacher and I know that she will continue to have children's best interests and her passion for education at the heart of her work.

Jo Randall

Heart Learning Awards

Congratulations to the following children:

Year 3:- Eira & Zac.S

Year 4:- Amelia & Tristan

Year 5:- Nik, Jay & Rhys

Year 6:- Alisha W & Poppy M



Thank you– Autism (ASC) Resource base news

As you are aware the school and LA has sent out information regarding the integration for an ASC Resource Base at the school.

As an already inclusive school, I feel so strongly that local schools should do their utmost to provide high quality education for local children. Our standards and expectations will not drop, the base will add richness, expertise and a stronger sense of belonging for children and the support shown by parents and the local community has been important. I thank parents/carers for coming forwards with their first hand experience and support and for sharing the understanding that neurodiversity is a positive and rich element of society. This next step for the school will be positive for all of our children.

Meet Miss Morris -Poulner's new SENDCo

Hello! My name is Miss Morris, I am starting after half term at the school as SENCo, I am very excited about joining the Poulner community.

A little bit about myself; I recently relocated to the area. I have been working in education for 13 years. I have worked as a class teacher, SENDCo, Inclusion Lead and Assistant Head.

My last role was working as an Education Consultant for Inclusion in Warwickshire. However, I very much missed being a consistent part of a school community, building connections with pupils and families and witnessing first-hand the personal progress made by the students across their education.

I was very much drawn to the inclusive ethos at Poulner Junior school and I am very excited to be joining the team!

I look forward to working with your child **and meeting with some of you in person**. I will be setting time aside specifically after half term to meet with parents/carers whose child already has access to support through the an EHCP. A google form will be coming out to all of you, so please do fill this in and then I can look to arrange a suitable time to either meet with you or to share wider information that some of you might find useful. Individual meetings will allow me to find out more about your child direct from you and understand the support that you need from me, so we can work effectively together. Have a super half term and I look forwards to being part of PJS.

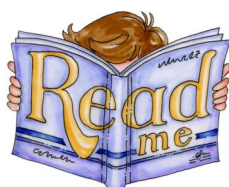


Don't forget the school meal deal offer! Sign your child up for hot school dinners all week for just £12! Normal cost for each meal is £3, so really we are giving you a day free each week!

This week's top readers...

Best Class: TBC

Number of reads: TBC



No Outsiders focus...

This week we have been recognising the importance of **representation** celebrating the people chosen for Strictly Come Dancing.

