



HEADLINES

- Tues 14th Oct- RSPCA Fundraising Day
- Thurs 16th & Fri 17th Oct– Child and parent/carer learning share 3.20-3.50pm
- Mon-Fri 13th-17th Oct– Harvest Festival Food Collection
- 19th-22nd Oct– Year 6 residential
- Fri 24th Oct– Interhouse Cross country afternoon and start of half term

INSET DAYS 2025-26

3rd November, 13th February,
1st June

Letters sent out this fortnight:

- *School Choir*
- *RSPCA Fundraiser*
- *Update to behaviour policy*
- *Abusive Website Content*

Dear parent, carers

This week we have welcomed three groups of visitors to the school, the first was Monday night with our Open evening for new starters 2026. This gave the school leadership team the opportunity to share with parents and children what our school is all about and to let them explore the school. Over the coming weeks we will have tours for parents to see the school in action. I want to thank the House Captains for supporting the event and sharing their knowledge of the school with perspective parents– they were excellent and I was very proud of them.

The second visitor was a representative from the RSPCA who spoke in assembly. This was to help the children to understand the role of the organisation and to explain how money raised was used. The School Council have selected the RSPCA as the first charity of the year to support, I hope you have all received the information about the day on Tuesday– cake sale, options to break rules and have some fun all for a great cause!

Over the last few weeks we have had further visitors from various faiths, they have been speaking with the children in their RE lessons and this real life discussion has been super. Thank you to Mrs Lamiaa Aboushoosha for visiting Y5 and Mr Adam Skirton and Mr Harry Watkins for visiting Y6. Mrs Lynda Ford-Horne will be visiting Y3 in November. This is an important part of our School vision for all children to be global citizens and to show respect and understanding of all faiths. Year 5 were recognised for their excellent listening and contributions.

Today we have welcomed a different sort of visitor– the Zoolab creatures joined Year 5 this morning! They got up close with creatures including a snake to understand the various native animals that live within the rainforest! This is such a fascinating morning.

Next week we will be launching our Harvest festival collection. This is a time of the year where we speak with children about the history of harvest within the UK. We focus on our value of thoughtfulness, contributing together to support local families through our food collection. Any support you can offer would be gratefully received. I would also mention that, as a school we are able to arrange food vouchers for our families. Please let us know if this would be useful to you.

Finally, I wanted to let you know of some staff changes. As you will be aware, Mrs Homewood is taking up her post as Assistant Headteacher at Poulner Infant school after half term, and I am pleased to say that we have made a successful recruitment and Ms Katie Morris will be joining us as our new SENCo, she will be in over the next few weeks as part of the handover. Next week we will be losing one of Teaching Assistants- Mrs Lammas, I thank her for her hard work and wish her well in her new ventures. We have also made some successful recruitments with Teaching Assistants and after half term we will be welcoming Mrs Anna Davis and Mrs Clare Ridout, I know that they will be a great addition!

Jo Randall

Heart Learning Awards

Congratulations to the following children:

Year 3:- Jensen, Morgan, Leo & Wilf

Year 4:- Eileena, Amber, Beatrix & Arthur E

Year 5:- Leighton, Hattie, Bronwen, Lukas, Archie W & Adam

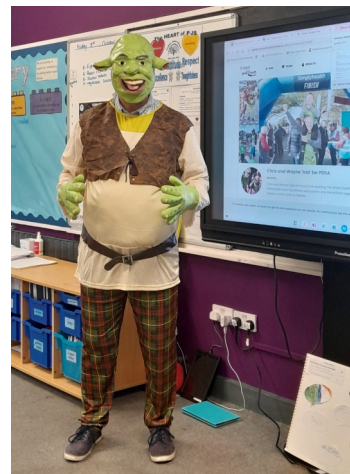
Year 6:- Coby, Jackson, Harry and Izzy



Go Mr Gavin!

Mr Gavin is running the **Great South Run on Sunday 19th October in Portsmouth.**

He will be running dressed as Shrek to raise money for Portsmouth Down Syndrome Association. Please see his fundraising page with the back story is <https://ajbellgreatsouthrun2025.enthuse.com/pf/chris-donkin-92b2f>



Friends of Poulner Junior School are excited to announce the 24th fireworks display, taking place on Saturday 8th November.

Big plans this year, they have been in talks with Pain Fireworks and have some fun stuff in store.

Tickets are now on sale with early bird tickets available until the end of October.

There will be a delicious BBQ, fully stocked bar, sweet stall and of course the huge BONFIRE.

Our resident DJ will be playing all the favourite tunes as well.

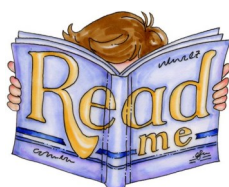
Get your tickets here: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/poulner-junior-school/poulner-junior-school-fireworks-display/e-jodpdr>

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: Curie

Number of reads: 125



No Outsiders focus...

This week we have been recognising the importance of Black History Month and discussing Protected Characteristics and discrimination.

