

HEADLINES

- Fri 6th Feb- Movie Night 6-8pm
- Fri 13th INSET Day followed by Mon 16th-20th Feb— half term
- Thurs 5th March— World Book Day— get your costumes ready!!!
- Fri 6th March— 6-8pm Bingo Night— great family fun
- Tues 10th March— Online appointments for parents evening opens
- Thurs 12th March— Mothers day present sale

INSET DAYS 2025-26

13th February, 1st June

Letters sent out this fortnight:

- *Open Book Event*
- *Movie Night*
- *World Cancer Day*

Dear parent, carers

It was lovely to see so many parents come into school this week to share the Spring Open morning with us. The children really enjoy having their grown ups in with them and sharing learning together. Thank you to those who were able to attend and for their thoughts and views gathered in the initial feedback session at the start of the morning. I will go through the feedback and collate it and share with you the findings from these. Where there have been suggestions made, then I will absolutely look at these and see how we can adjust or improve systems and approaches further.

This week we held a day of local fundraising supporting families who have lost a parent from cancer. This is a cause close to our school community and it has been our pleasure to support the Ellis Edwards Foundation, who support local families who have been through such a tough time. Together through the Break the rules day and cake sale we raised £500 which is absolutely fantastic!

On another aspect of fundraising I want to share with you the amazing fundraising efforts of Wilf in Year 6. He has taken on the challenge of running 50 kilometres in February for Breakthrough T1D. This charity supports the research into type 1 diabetes, something that is really important to him. On the following page I have included his link, so if you are able to support him, then I know that would mean the world to him. Good luck Wilf! You can do this!

Last Saturday two teams of athletes from our Year 5 and 6 took part in the area finals. The children worked incredibly well and represented the school with such sportsmanship and determination. We were incredibly proud of them and thanks to Mr Gavin and parents for making it possible.

Next Friday we have school INSET day, so please start your half term early with your child. In school we will be in further developing our approach to teaching and learning, with both TAs and teachers.

Finally I wanted to share with you some exciting news. This week I received a letter from Bridget Phillipson, Secretary State to congratulate the school for the excellent outcomes for disadvantaged pupils. I have attached the letter for you all to read, I think I will even put it in a frame in reception! I want to recognise the hard work of the whole school team in achieving this recognition, I can't guarantee that we will get one every year, but we have certainly been building our systems, approaches and learning so that we support as many children as we can to be successful learners and be ready for secondary school. This aspect of school development has been led by Mrs Cason and her thorough and committed approach has been core to this success.

Here's to a drier weekend and wishing you a pleasant weekend.

Jo Randall

Heart Learning Awards

Congratulations to the following children:

Year 3:- Gracie, Billy

Year 4:- TBC

Year 5:- George M, Wren, Jesse, Leo P, Eliza, Luca A

Year 6:- Jack S, Lily W, Isla, Seraphina



Movie night tonight!

Please bring extra pennies for sweets and drinks



Go Wilf! Wilf's story...

I am fundraising for the Breakthrough T1D charity by running 50 kilometres in February. The charity help fund research to help cure, prevent and treat type one diabetes. Every day I live with the challenges of type one diabetes and I would like to give something back to the research that has made my life so much easier. Please support if you can!

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/wilf-sampson-3?
utm_medium=FR&utm_source=FB](https://www.justgiving.com/page/wilf-sampson-3?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=FB)



Please ensure that you are not using the school car park unless you have a school pass. Please contact the school office for new passes. Mr Lawrence will be doing random checks and these are to ensure that all parents and carers are following the expectations and safety requirements. If you are parking on the road then please park sensibly and be mindful of the neighbours and passing traffic.

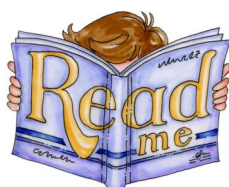


Don't forget the **school meal deal offer!** Sign your child up for hot school dinners all week for just £12! Normal cost for each meal is £3, so really we are giving you a day free each week!

This week's top readers...

Best Class: TBC

Number of reads: TBC



No Outsiders focus...

This week we have been recognising the importance of **the Jewish holocaust, a survivor who shared his story through music.**



A message from Bridget Phillipson



Dear Jo,

Congratulations to you and your team on the excellent outcomes the disadvantaged pupils at Poulner Junior School achieved at the end of the 2024/25 academic year. Your school's performance places it among the very best nationally, and this is a significant achievement.

This success reflects the dedication of your staff and the hard work of your pupils. It shows what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together. Thank you for everything you do to give children the best possible opportunities to succeed.

Your school's achievements demonstrate what is possible, and I hope you will continue to share your experience and best practice with others. Even the strongest schools can go further. We encourage you to lead the way as a system leader - sharing effective practice, championing networks, supporting collaboration, and helping raise standards across the sector.

Your sincerely,

Bridget

Please pass on my thanks and congratulations to your staff and pupils. I look forward to working with you as we strive together to raise standards for all.

Bridget Phillipson

Secretary of State for Education