



**PORTWAY
JUNIOR SCHOOL**

Start the Year Meeting

Year 5 and 6

2025/2026

 **POSITIVITY RESILIENCE INTEGRITY DEDICATION ENCOURAGEMENT**

Meet the Leaders



Year 5 Year Leader

Miss Charlotte
Freemantle



Year 6 Year Leader

Mr Ashley
Gunner



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Portway Code



THE PORTWAY CODE

READY

RESPECTFUL

SAFE

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Portway Values

Positivity

Resilience

Integrity

Dedication

Encouragement



Certificates are awarded to children in celebration assembly who demonstrate the Portway Values

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Portway Uniform



Portway jumper/fleece /
cardigan (or plain blue)

***No smart watches**

Grey trousers or skirt

***Stud earrings only**

Portway polo (or
plain light blue)

Black school shoes
(not trainers)



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Portway PE Uniform



Year 5 - Monday and Tuesday
Year 6 - Monday and Thursday

Portway PE t-shirt or light
blue t-shirt (not branded)

Hair tie for long hair
(and earring tape)

Black or white
trainers

Dark blue or black
shorts/tracksuit (not
branded)



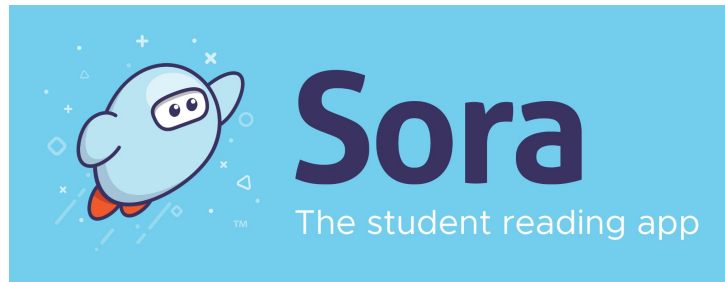
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Reading at Portway

SORA app

Search, add Portway Junior School and child's email address.

Lots of online books, audio books and magazines too!



Our home reading initiative

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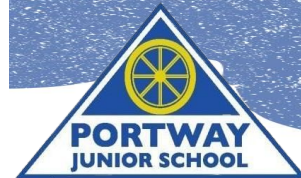
A stack of seven books with vibrant, watercolor-style covers in shades of yellow, green, blue, red, purple, and dark blue. The books are stacked horizontally, showing their spines and edges.

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Year 6

Each time you read, record the date, title of the book and the page numbers. An adult (parent or school staff) must sign each time you read.



Date	Title / page numbers	Comment / adult signature
04.09.25	Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone - pages 21-33	Read aloud to mum 
05.09.25	Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone - pages 33-45	Read independently 
05.09.25	Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone - pages 45-54	Read to Mr Gunner at school 

Today's date

Name of the book
you're reading and the
pages that you read

Short parent comment
and signature

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When you achieve a target number of reads, you will be presented with a badge in celebration assembly...



50 reads = bronze badge



100 reads = silver badge



200 reads = gold badge

READING
AMBASSADOR

300 reads = reading ambassador badge



Year 3



Year 5



Year 4



Year 6

Spelling at Portway

Our approach to spelling is using:

sounds & syllables
the sensible spelling system

We will dedicate time to the teaching of spelling in school - it will be taught 5 times every week.

Children will learn statutory words and be taught a wide range of spelling rules using the Sound & Syllables method.

Parent workshops will go into this in more detail on **Tuesday 15th September @ 17:00**

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Upper School Homework



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Upper School Homework

All homework will be set and due in on a Monday:

<u>Reading</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>Spelling</u>
- Reading comprehension 1. Read the text 2. Answer the questions	- Consolidate previous topic 1. Answer and solve questions one the lines in your book 2. Times tables / TTRS	- 10 focus words of the week 1. Use the Spelling Menu or Sounds & Syllables model

We will mark all homework in class on Monday afternoon.

A homework club will be run by Miss Freemantle and Mr Gunner every Friday lunch

Mobile Phones

If your child wishes to bring a mobile phone to school, they must have a valid reason, such as walking alone and you will need to apply to the school for permission for them to bring a phone in.

All children's phones must be switched off at the school gate and handed to their class teacher at the door of the classroom. Staff will keep phones until the end of the day in their cupboards when they will be returned to your child. Pupils may not turn on their phones until they have left the school premises, this includes being off on the playground and during after school clubs and events.

Failure to do so may result in confiscation of the phone and could lead to restrictions on bringing phones to school in the future. Any phones that are confiscated will be kept in the school office and will need to be collected by a parent.

AGE RESTRICTIONS ON MAIN UK SOCIAL MEDIA SITES



Facebook **13+**



Instagram **13+**



Snapchat **13+**



TikTok **13+**



YouTube **13+**



WhatsApp **16+**

Pencil Cases

Each child will be provided with a pencil case full of the correct stationery



*Please do not
bring fidgets to
school.*

*Your teacher will
provide focus
items for children
who need them.*

Key Information

Classroom doors open at 8:45 – *please note any children in school before 08:35 will be asked to go to Breakfast Club*

Breakfast Club & Portway Plus

Clubs – will be with you in due course

Portway Press & Portway Update (alternative Wednesdays)

Paying online (Arbor)

Bags, lockers and water bottles



Year 5 remain in
the hall

Year 6 to Falcon
Class

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Meet the Year 5 Team



Otter Class

**Miss Charlotte
Freemantle**
Year 5 Leader

Miss Maisie Storrier
Teaching Assistant

Mrs Kerry Cavil
Student Teacher



Finch Class

Miss Rachael Morgan
Class teacher

Mrs Alison Pay
Teaching Assistant

Mrs Mandy Lang
HLTA



Raven Class

Miss Lydia Gee
Class teacher

Mrs Rose Sanchez
Teaching Assistant

Miss Emma Colwell
Teaching Assistant

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Curriculum

History: The Saxon settlement, Raiders and Traders (Vikings),

Geography: Natural resources and Rivers

Science: How light behaves, Circulation, Space and Gravity, Forces that oppose motion, Making new substances

French - Je me presente, en famille, les planets, Quel temps fait-il?, Quelle est la date aujourd'hui?, Boucle d'or et les trois ours

We also have regular PSHE, RE, Design Technology, Music, Art and PE lessons, covering a wide range of subjects in line with the National Curriculum - just ask us if you'd like to know more!

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Portway Junior School

Welcome to Year 5 - Our learning for Autumn 1

English Writing

Our first learning journey will use 'The Watertower' by Gary Crew as our text driver to influence the children's writing, teaching them how to write setting descriptions, persuasive posters and diary entries. Our second Learning Journey will be focused on 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan where children will consolidate their learning on setting descriptions and create their own narrative of the story.

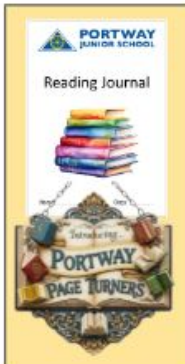
Reading

Children will be using VIPERS: vocabulary, infer, predict, explain, retrieve and summarise and apply these to non-fiction text on chocolate and trade and Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo.

Home Learning

In Year 5, your child will receive weekly reading, maths and spelling homework. All of these are to be completed in homework books.

We also expect your child to read at least 4x a week and recorded in your child's reading journal. More information on our new reading initiative will be coming out to parents soon.



Foundation Subjects

Science - How Light Becomes

PSHE - Being me in my world

PE - Hockey and Orienteering

French - Je me presente

Geography - Brazil - Chocolate and trade

Computing - Digital literacy - Sharing information

RE - Sacred teaching / stories interpreted by Judaism

Music - Composition notation - Ancient

Egypt Link

Art - Maria Merian study



Key Dates

Please see the Portway Press for all key dates

Uniform



Please ensure all belongings are labelled.

No jewellery to be worn in school.

Small stud earrings only.

Maths

Times tables - children should be confident with their times tables as well as the related division facts.

Arithmetic lessons will take place on a Friday morning once a week.

What we are learning this half term:

- Place value
- Roman Numerals
- Addition and Subtraction (written methods)

PE days - Children should come to school in their PE kit. If they have their ears pierced please take them out or provide ear tape.

Our PE days will be
Monday
Tuesday

Electronic Free School

Please ensure that your child does not wear a smartwatch in school. If they need a mobile phone, please fill out the electronic form.

Key Dates and Trips

Mon 14th and Tue 15th Sep 2026

Sounds and Syllables Parent Workshop

Tues 13th Oct 2026

Chocolate Workshop

Mon 19th Oct 2026

Individual School Photographs

Mon 2nd Nov 2026

Inset Day

Weds 11th Nov and Thurs 17th Nov 2026

Parent Consultations

Weds 6th Jan - 10th Feb 2026

Year 5 Swimming

Weds 14th Apr 2027

Harrow Way production

Weds 19 May 2027

Sports Day

Tues 9 & Weds 17 Mar 2027

Spring Parent Consultations

More key dates will be added in due course with events such as;

River Trip

Harrow Way taster day

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