

**School Games Award** Once again, we are thrilled to announce that we have been awarded a gold standard School Games award. This award recognises our commitment to pupils' involved in competitive sport across the school and within our wider community. Receiving a School Games award also allows us to continue to evaluate our school's PE provision and to continue to develop this further. We are extremely proud of our achievements and pleased to be able to share them with you.



**Meeting new class teachers** Yesterday we all had the opportunity to meet our new class teacher and to enjoy some activities together in our new classes. It was great to welcome our new Year 3s, new children into other classes and our new staff. It was a very positive morning. All children should have brought a slip home letting you know which class they will be in; please contact the office if you didn't receive one. We will be holding our usual Start the Year meetings and coffee mornings in September to give parents a chance to meet the new class teacher. The dates for these are overleaf.

**Summer Reading Challenge** The Summer Reading Challenge is live and is a great way to grow your love of books and keep reading skills sharp over the holiday. To complete the challenge, you need to read six books over the summer - story books, bedtime stories or audio books you listen to in the car all count towards your six-book challenge. If you're not sure where to start then check out the Summer Reading Challenge website. You can sign up online or at the Andover library. It's completely free and a great way to keep reading throughout the summer. We're hoping to have lots of success to celebrate at the start of the new school year.



**Staffing news** We are pleased to welcome Karen Facey to our team in September. Karen will be the new Family Support Worker at the junior school and will work closely with Mrs Sacree to support our families. You can read a little more about Miss Facey below.

**Dress Down Day** This Friday it is a dress down day to support our Summer Sizzler. Children in Year 3 should bring in wrapped sweets and pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 should bring in a bottle of something nice. Donations can be left in the junior hall first thing.

*Miss Windross*

Hello everyone, my name is Miss Facey, I will be joining Portway School in September as a Family Support Worker. I am excited to support families within Portway School to achieve their goals. With over 15 years of experience as a Social Worker, I will be pulling on that knowledge to provide the best possible outcomes for all.

In August 2023, I moved to Andover, so I'm still getting to know and explore the area. I enjoy sports and taking long walk with my beagle Ollie, who can be a little stubborn at times. During the weekends, I enjoy working in the garden and spending time with my grandchildren.

I am friendly and approachable, so please come and say hello. I am excited to meet you all in September and to make a start in building relationships. I hope you all have a great summer, see you all in September.



## PTA - Tokens for the Summer Sizzler

Want to miss the queue for tokens on Saturday?

Don't forget to purchase your PTA tokens from the infant school office each morning this week.

There will be no cash held on stalls so tokens will need to be bought. Buy yours now to miss the queue on Saturday!

## Can you help Year 6 please?

On Thursday 4th July, Ava H and a few others are running a bake sale from 3pm to 4pm. All the money will fund some of our exciting activities for our end of year festival. We would appreciate it if any adults and their children could bake us some cakes to sell. Even if it's just a few - we'd really appreciate your help. Anything you can bake for us should be brought to the school office on **Thursday 4 July** in the morning.

With your baking, we are hoping to have a cake sale on **July 4** - so please come along and buy too! All cakes will be sold from £0.50 - £1.00 cash only. We also will be hosting a Guess The Weight competition to win a cake and a Count The Cakes competition where you will guess how many cakes are on a poster. We would be extremely grateful if you would bake for us and come. Thank you for your support - Ava and Oliver



### Key Dates

Week ending 5 July	All school run clubs finish
Saturday 6 July	PTA Summer Fete
Tuesday 9 & Wednesday 10 July	Year 6 End of Year Show to parents 6:30pm
Thursday 11 July	Year 6 End of Year Show to parents 1:30pm
Tuesday 16 July	Year 6 Graduation - see letter for times of ceremonies
Thurs 18 July	Open Afternoon
Tues 23 July	School stops for the summer holiday - 1:15pm finish
Wednesday 4 September	School starts for all children

### INSET Days for academic year 2024-2025:

Mon / Tues September 2nd & 3rd  
 Fri October 25th  
 Fri February 28th  
 Mon June 2nd



# Dates for your diaries for September 2024

## Start the Year Meetings

Our Start the Year meetings are an opportunity for you to find out about what we'll be learning throughout year and to find out key dates for PE, Forest School and any trips or visitors.

Year 3 - Monday September 9th 5:00 - 5:45pm

Year 5 - Monday September 9th 5:45 - 6:30pm

Year 4 - Wednesday September 11th 5:00 - 5:45pm

Year 6 - Wednesday September 11th 5:45 - 6:30pm

## Coffee mornings:

Drop in for a quick and informal opportunity to meet the teacher. All times are 8:45 - 9:15am in the junior hall:

Year 3 & The Hive - 12th September

Year 4 - 13th September

Year 5 - 17th September

Year 6 - 18th September

**PORTWAY**

**OLYMPIC**  
**SUMMER SIZZLER**

**Saturday 6th July**  
**12pm to 3pm**

**BBQ**      **CRAFTS**      **LIVE MUSIC**  
**TOMBOLA**      **RAFFLE**      **GAMES**  
**PETTING ZOO**      **INFLATABLES**      **ICE CREAMS**  
**... AND MORE**      **BARROW OF BOOZE**

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