

Parent Consultations We are looking forward to welcoming everyone this afternoon and tomorrow to our parent consultation appointments. Please come via the school office where there will be staff available to direct you if you are unsure of where to go. If you have not made an appointment and wish to, please contact the school office as they will be happy to help you.



Playground equipment We're excited to announce that our new adventure trail was installed over the holiday and is ready for daytime use! It's already been a hit with the children in the first few days back. To ensure everyone's safety, we kindly ask for your support in making sure that children do not use the playground trails or gym equipment at the junior school during drop-off and pick-up times. These areas need to be supervised by school staff, so please remind your children that they should only use them during school hours. Thank you for your cooperation!

CCTV update our CCTV system has been upgraded to enhance security around our school. New cameras have been strategically placed to monitor common areas, entrances, and the playground, ensuring a comprehensive view of the school grounds and helping to deter unauthorized visitors. We want to reassure you that the privacy of our students, staff, and parents remains a top priority. Access to the footage is strictly controlled. We believe these improvements will significantly strengthen the safety of our school environment. For more details, please visit our website and check the 'Key Information' tab for our CCTV policy and privacy notice.

Whatsapp As technology becomes increasingly integrated into our children's lives, it's important to address the challenges associated with messaging apps like WhatsApp. While these platforms facilitate communication, they can also expose children to risks such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content, and privacy concerns. Please remember that the minimum age to use WhatsApp is 13. As parents, it's our responsibility to monitor and guide our children's usage of these apps. We understand that the decision to allow app usage is ultimately yours, but these age restrictions are designed to protect our children.



We've noticed a concerning trend with Year 6 pupils using WhatsApp inappropriately, which can sometimes lead to bullying and inappropriate use of phones. Therefore we are reconsidering our rules around children in all year groups bringing phones to school and will be writing to you in the near future to make our expectations of pupils clear.

We strongly encourage you to have open conversations about online safety, set clear boundaries, and regularly check in on your child's phone and app usage. By supervising children's technology use, we can help them develop healthy habits, protect them from potential dangers and teach them to be kind. For additional guidance, the NSPCC offers a helpful article for parents and carers, which you can find here: [Is WhatsApp safe for my child?](#)

While we will do our utmost to ensure online safety at school, we truly rely on parents to monitor their child's use of phones, computers, tablets, and online platforms at home. Together, we can safeguard our children in the digital world. Thank you for your commitment to keeping our children safe.

Miss Windross

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World Book Day - 6th March

We'd like to celebrate World Book Day by inviting everyone to dress as a favourite character from a favourite book. This could be a full costume or could be an accessory or two to represent the character.

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PTFA Pancakes & Plea

Our PTFA have organised a celebration of pancake day on 4th March and will be selling pancakes outside the junior school dining hall from 3pm.

Pancakes with a single topping are £1 each.



The PTFA would really appreciate donations of any plastic storage boxes with lids. Please drop off to the junior reception if you can help. Thank you!

Key Dates

Wed 26 Feb	Parent Consultations
Thurs 27 Feb	Parent Consultations
Fri 28 Feb	Inset day school closed for training
Mon 7 - Mon 21 April	Easter holidays (pupils return to school Tues 22 April)
Mon 12-Thurs 15 May	SATS Week for Year 6
Week of 26 May	Summer half term holiday
Mon 2 June	Inset day school closed for training (pupils return to school Tues 3rd June)
Tue 22 July	Last day of term for the summer holidays

2025 - 2026 Inset dates
 Wednesday 3 September
 Friday 24 October
 Monday 3 November
 Friday 27 February
 Friday 26 June

Safety and parking around school.

With nearly 700 students arriving at our school each day, traffic can be quite challenging. While we've been fortunate not to have had any serious accidents, we want to ensure it stays that way. It's important for everyone to be vigilant and cautious around the school, especially since young children can suddenly appear.

Please remember to keep your speed to a minimum in the vicinity of the school. On Ashfield Road, do not stop or park in the turning circle at any time, as this can obstruct traffic. Additionally, on Upper Drove, we kindly ask that you refrain from parking in the bus area or using the staff car park as a turning space. When buses are not present, this area serves as an important passing space to keep traffic moving during busy times. Parents/Carers are not permitted to use the carpark as a pick up or drop off point.

Also, please avoid parking in areas marked with yellow cones or on double yellow lines, and be respectful of our neighbors by not blocking driveways.

If possible, consider walking to school. If walking isn't feasible, think about parking a short distance away and walking the last part of the journey. By working together, we can help prevent accidents and ensure everyone's safety.



Thank you for your cooperation!

FOOTBALL UPDATES

Over the last few weeks there have been a number of competitive football matches between schools in the town. We currently have four football teams who play: Portway Rangers, Portway Albion, Portway Wanderers and Portway Rovers.

Portway Rangers recently played two matches, against Vigo and St John's Primary and won 3-1 at Vigo and 3-2 at St John's. The team played very well together, showing excellent sportsmanship as well as great football skills.

Rangers Squad: Joseph, Jake, Archie, Deven, Harry, Mason, Mac, Rafael, Alistair and Sam.

Portway Albion met Portway Rovers in a home game recently and fought well but the match ended in a goalless draw. The children demonstrated superb commitment and great teamwork to earn a point apiece.

Rovers Squad: Rory, Joshua, Oliver, Noah, Alex, Blake, Jacob, Luca, Freddie and Thomas

Albion Squad: Joseph, Tiain, George, Jasmine, Jacob, Oscar, Dominic, Klay and Mason.



PORTWAY POP IN

24 Feb	Just Pop-In	For any questions, queries or just a cuppa!
3 Mar	Battling Bedtimes?	Support and advice around bedtime routines and the importance of sleep.
10 Mar	Just Pop-In	For any questions, queries or just a cuppa!
17 Mar	Just Pop-In	For any questions, queries or just a cuppa!
24 Mar	Coffee & Craft - Mother's Day	Take some time for you and make a little something for a special Mum
31 Mar	Coffee & Craft – Easter Special	Pick up some ideas for the Easter holidays and stay to try easy to make Easter themed craft

Open to all Parents & Carers. There's no obligation to take part if you'd rather just stop in for a drink. Toddlers welcome too.

Positivity

Resilience

Integrity

Dedication

Encouragement



TUCK SHOP

PRICES



FRUIT POUCH - £1

CRISPS - 50P

CHOC CHIP CAKE 50P

MINI CHEDDARS 50P

BORDER BISCUITS £1

KITKAT 50P

HARIBO 50P

PARTY RINGS 50P

CUPCAKES £1

FRUIT SHOOT £1

CANS £1

