



Poulner

Infant School and Nursery

Newsletter September 2026

Message from the Headteacher

What a wonderful start we have had to the new school year! It has been lovely to welcome all of our children and families back to Poulner Infant School and Nursery, and to extend an especially warm welcome to all of the new families joining our school community.



The children have settled brilliantly into their new classes and are already working hard to learn their new classroom routines and expectations. We have been so proud of the way they have embraced the start of the year with enthusiasm, confidence and plenty of smiles.

A very special well done to our new Foundation Stage children, who are taking their first exciting steps on their school journey. Starting school is a big milestone, and they have made a fantastic start.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to our Foundation Stage families for accommodating our home visits. Our staff have really valued the opportunity to meet the children and their families in their own homes. These visits are such a valuable way of beginning to build those important relationships between home and school and helping us to get to know each child as an individual.

The children have been really enjoying our new library and several visitors have commented on how the school feels calm with our new choice of paint colours. Pop in and see if you haven't already.



We are really looking forward to the year ahead and to working together with you to make it a happy, successful and exciting one for all of our children.

Reading Certificates

We are continuing with our Reading Certificates this year and we ask if everyone can read with their child at home three times a week. When classes reach a combined total of 3 reads a week the classes are awarded with a certificate, 60 reads Bronze award, 90 reads for silver award and 120 for Gold.

Look out for the results in future newsletters

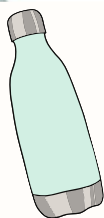


New Website

We are in the final stages of getting ready to launch our new school website.

This will be a great source of information including calendar dates, curriculum news, school policies and helpful links.

Please look out for the upcoming launch



Name Tags and Water Bottles



Help us keep track of your little one's gear! 🎒

To prevent mix-ups and keep the lost property bin empty, please clearly label all of your child's belongings with their name before bringing them to school. This includes water bottles, lunch boxes, jumpers, hats, and shoes. Thank you for helping us keep things organized! ✏️

We also ask that they bring a named water bottle to school each day. This should be filled with fresh water only each morning.

Parent Helpers and Readers



Could you be a School Volunteer? We need your help!

At Poulner Infant School & Nursery, we want to give our children the most vibrant, exciting start to their school life. To help us do that, we are looking for a team of wonderful parent, grandparent, or carer volunteers to join us this term.

We are specifically looking for helpers in two key areas:

Listening to Readers 📖

Hearing stories and practicing phonics out loud is the single biggest boost to an infant's reading confidence. Even just an hour a week to sit with a few children makes an incredible difference.

Enrichment Activities 🎨

Do you have a skill or hobby you could share, or simply a pair of spare hands? We love running extra cooking, gardening, art, sewing, or STEM activities, but we need extra grown-ups to make these small-group sessions safe and successful.

How does it work?

You don't need any teaching experience—just enthusiasm, patience, and a smile! Whether you can offer one hour a week or a whole afternoon, we would love to have you. You will always be working under the guidance of our class teachers.

Forest School Clothing

Each half term, you will be informed by email if your child has been selected to take part in Forest Schools Enrichment Group.

Please make sure they bring a full change of clothing each week. This should be weather appropriate, such as a waterproof coat, wellies, hats and gloves.

They will be outside in all weathers.



No Dogs

There is a strict NO DOGS policy for the whole school site. Please do not bring any dogs on to the school site (even carrying them).

If you have a service dog, that is needed to aid you, please contact the school first before bringing onto the site.

If you do walk your dog to school, please tie them up securely away from the main entrance to allow parents and children to enter and exit safely.

Thank You.



Playground Rules

As we settle into the school year, we want to ensure our school grounds remain a safe and welcoming environment for everyone during drop-off and collection times. Please take a moment to review the following important playground safety rules with your children:

- **Playground Equipment:** The outdoor play equipment is strictly not to be used at the beginning or end of the school day. Supervision is only provided during school hours, so please ensure children stay off the equipment during drop-off and pickup.
- **Scooters and Bikes:** For the safety of pedestrians, scooters and bicycles must not be ridden across the school playground at any time. Please ensure children dismount and push them safely while on school grounds.
- **Forest School Area:** The Forest School area is completely out of bounds before and after school. This area is reserved strictly for timetabled lesson times under staff supervision.
- **Football:** If children would like to play football at the beginning or end of the school day, please can we ask them to use the far end of the playground to avoid as many injuries or clashes as possible.
- **Leaving the Site:** Once you have collected your child, we kindly ask that you leave the site promptly. This helps us manage the flow of traffic, keep the gates secure, and ensures the safety of all families.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and support in keeping our school community safe.

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 30th September – 2.00pm
Foundation Stage – Meet the Teacher and Phonics Session

Monday 5th October
Individual School Photographs

Tuesday 6th October
Flu Immunisations for Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 children

Wednesday 21st October
Harvest Festival (Children Only) 9.00am

Thursday 22nd October
Children Break up for October Half Term 3.15pm

Friday 23rd October
INSET DAY – School Closed to all Children

Monday 2nd November
All Children return to school – 8.45am

Warning – Safeguarding Message



The Amazing Digital Circus, which is currently available on streaming platforms including Netflix. At first glance, the programme may appear to be aimed at young children due to its colourful animation, cartoon-style characters and playful title. However, the content is intended for an older audience and includes themes and scenes that many parents may find unsuitable for primary-aged children. The show carries a 12 rating on Netflix and includes content warnings for violence, language and drug misuse. Some episodes contain scenes that could be upsetting for younger viewers, including depictions of injury, threatening situations and other disturbing imagery presented in an animated format. Please be aware that this series is 12+ and not suitable for younger viewers.

Enjoy
FREE*
Entry to the Castle!

Join us on
Saturday 19th September
10am to 5.30pm

Watch reenactment military displays from The Fort Cumberland Guard, join in with children's arts & craft activities, and explore a family trail!

*Ferry charges apply

HURST CASTLE



Learn Shizenryu Karate The Ancient Skill of Martial Arts

Poulner School Evening Club
Teaching in Poulner for over 24 years



Adults and Children welcome
(we normally suggest 6yr old and above)

Train with your children
it's fun for families to learn together

Confidence, discipline, fitness, flexibility, co-ordination, self defence,
leadership, focus, mindset, respect.

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THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2026**

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07748 142169

We train Thursdays 6.30-7.30 pm
Poulner Junior School Sports Hall



Classes during term time only
Thursday 6.30-7.30 pm
Contact: Ruggero Calo - 07748 142 169
ruggeroacalo@gmail.com
www.shizenryukarate.com

CHILDREN'S ART CLASSES

MINI ART

This class is a great opportunity for young artists to be creative, get messy and have fun! For 5 - 8 yr olds

Mondays 4pm - 5pm

Classes run from 7 Sept to 7 Dec

(no class October 26 half term)

£5.50 drop-in

Words to Pictures

Design your own book cover:
Illustration Workshop

Monday 26th October

5-7 yrs 10am-11.15am

8-12 yrs 11:30am-12.45pm

£8.50



Forest Arts Centre, Old Milton Road, New Milton,
BH25 6DS,
01425 619983

www.forest-arts.co.uk

October Half Term



Halloween Cyanotype Printing

Wednesday 28 October,

2pm - 4.30pm

£18

Ages 9 - 12



Monster Making Crafty Fun Half Day

Thursday 29 October, 10am - 1pm

£20

Ages 5 - 11



Halloween Disco!

Join us for arts & crafts, dance, face painting and fancy dress fun!

Saturday 31 October,

2pm - 4pm

£7 child (adults free)



BACK TO POOL

LYMINGTON HEALTH & LEISURE APPELMORE HEALTH & LEISURE
TOTTON HEALTH & LEISURE RINGWOOD HEALTH & LEISURE
NEW MILTON HEALTH & LEISURE

Summer is over, but the fun does not have to stop.

As the new school year begins, our Swim Academy is the perfect place for children to continue learning, growing and building confidence outside the classroom.

Every lesson is part of an exciting adventure, helping swimmers develop essential life skills, achieve new goals, make friends and stay active throughout the term.

Whether they are diving in for their first lesson or progressing to the next stage of their swimming journey, our supportive teachers help every child learn and flourish.

Fill in each numbered blank with your own funny answers before you read the story. You can use real answers, silly answers, or a mix of both. Check all the blanks are filled in, read the story and find out what hilarious adventures unfold on your first day back at swim Academy.

After the school holidays, (1) could not wait to get back to Swim Academy.

"I definitely have not forgotten how to swim" I said after spending the holidays (2).

As soon as the lesson started, I realised I had lost my goggles. I checked my bag, the poolside, and even behind (3).

Then my friend (4) pointed at my head.

My goggles had been there the whole time.

A few minutes later, Coach asked us to swim (5) lengths. I was concentrating so hard that I accidentally splashed myself in the face.

By the end of the lesson, I was ready to eat a giant plate of (6).

My teacher said I had swum brilliantly and looked as fast as a (7) in the water.

WORD BANK

1. Your Name:

2. Holiday Activity:

3. Thing to Look Behind:

4. Friend's Name:

5. Number:

6. Food:

7. Animal:

DID YOU KNOW?

The first swimming pool was built in ancient Egypt, and people were diving pictures of a pharaoh of over 4000 years ago in ancient Egypt.



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TODAY



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