

# news

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## ATTENTION!

**Protecting one of Polegate's most iconic buildings and safeguarding the world's most high-profile pupils is no easy task- as we found out!**

We needed a little more practice at not smiling! I'm not sure we are cut out for this role. It is impossible not to smile when we see the children arriving at school.

So our celebratory week to mark the Queen's Jubilee started in true Polegate fashion by bringing the learning alive for the children. Our assembly started with a Quiz with no limits too, with the mystery prize to be crowned queen.

**Read more inside!**

# JUBILEE WEEK CELEBRATIONS

**Queen Eloise took to the throne and when asked what her hopes were for her nation (Polegate School) in her reign she responded with, 'For everyone to respect each other and there to be kindness always.'**

No rehearsal just a genuine response that reflects the behaviour and attitudes of pupils at Polegate school and just another example of why we always feel so proud!

It is so hard to believe this is going to be my penultimate newsletter. I am really looking forward to enjoying each and every day that I have left with the pupils and staff at Polegate School!



**Our dancers performed at the Community Centre over the jubilee weekend.**

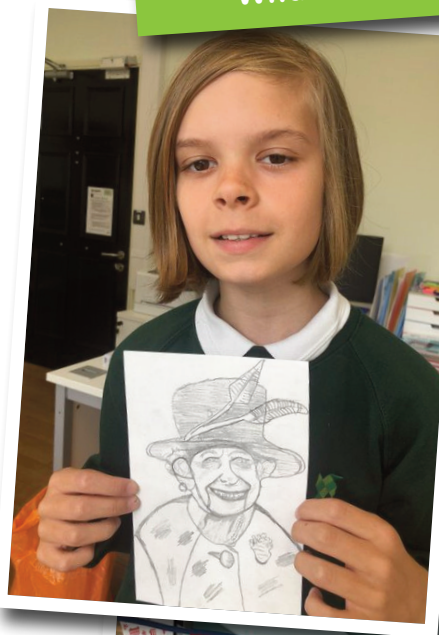
**Each year group was allocated a decade of the Queen's life. They were immersed in the culture of the decade through dance, world and national events, and popular culture... THEY LOVED IT!**

As always you came up trumps with the costumes and the children all embraced the opportunities they were given in the week.

Sadly, I was on a conference myself on the final day and missed the culmination of the week's work (ironic really as I was in a room full of Her Majesties Inspectorate!). However, I was able to see a video of the Time Tunnel gallery in the hall and watch the dance video which brought a huge smile to my face. This is not a week they will forget in a hurry and this is exactly what we wanted!

**Nursery joined in as well. The children were very excited to join in with our whole school's focus on the Queen's Jubilee.**

**What an incredible likeness Max!**







## Jubilee Week

In the final week of term we galloped through the decades to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It was such an exciting week, full of learning about the Queen's life and significant events that have happened throughout her reign.





# SWIFTS NEED YOUR HELP

Swifts begin to arrive from May in the UK after their long journey back from Africa, to spend the summer here raising their chicks. Swifts are known for their high pitched calls and speedy flying. They also spend most of their lives in the sky, where they feed, mate and even sleep.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Come and learn more about Swifts!! **Battle Library** is hosting a special 3 MONTH DISPLAY packed full of great information, facts and tactile exhibits, to:

- Celebrate the return of the Battle Swifts to breed.
- Raise awareness of the plight of our iconic summer visitors - now on the RED list for Conservation.
- Explain the ways we can help Save Our Swifts.
- Publicise the exciting addition of 12 bespoke Swift Brick Nests into our Clock Tower. Just the fourth library in the country to have such an installation!

Display and Children's Competition in collaboration with Hastings and Rother Swift Conservation Group.

Artist impression



## DISCOVER MORE ...

- Hastings & Rother Swift Conservation Group
- @HastingsSwifts
- [e-voice.org.uk/HastingsAndRotherSwifts](http://e-voice.org.uk/HastingsAndRotherSwifts)

## SWIFT MAPPER

You can help to identify key swift nesting sites by using **Swift Mapper** which you can use online or download on the App Store or Google Play.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

## DID YOU KNOW

Battle Library has a fun **Swift Competition** running for children during May, June and July, to win a copy of the educational and beautifully illustrated book, 'Screamer the Swift', signed by the author. Entry Forms and a special Post Box on display.

## SUPER FACT

Swift chicks do "press-ups" with their wings in the nest to prepare their muscles for a lifetime spent in the air.

[www.e-voice.org.uk/HastingsAndRotherSwifts](http://www.e-voice.org.uk/HastingsAndRotherSwifts)



# RECEPTION

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT!

Do you think they did? Absolutely not! Far too much curiosity, excitement and engagement to be silent!



Reception welcomed a range of emergency services at the end of last term. A huge thank you to the parents that visited to share their experiences as well as their colleagues. A few year 5s managed to find their way to the flashing blue lights as well- they didn't want to miss out!





# FIRE BRIGADE FUN

Reception also enjoyed a visit from the local fire brigade and this inspired the classes to create some amazing work.



## DIARY DATES

16th June

Year 2 trip to Blue Reef Aquarium Hastings

17th June

Year 4 Port Lympne Animal Reserve Trip

30th June

Year 3 Trip to London

30th June

Inclusion Quality Mark

4th July

Transition Week

11th July

Sports Week

12th July

Early Years Sports Morning

13th July

KS1 Sports Morning

14th July

KS2 Sports Morning

14th July

Swimming Gala 7pm  
Sovereign Centre

15th July

Year 6 Leavers Party

20th July

Reception trip to  
Hollywell Beach

20th -22nd July

Year 6 Hindleap  
Warren Trip



# ALL THINGS UNIFORM

**A reminder of our expectations regarding uniform. I thought it would be helpful to clarify this now as we are still at the start of the term and ahead of you considering buying any new items for next year.**

We expect a high standard of dress from our pupils and strongly encourage the wearing of School Uniform as this helps to foster a school identity. We believe that children should take a pride in their appearance as this encourages positive attitudes.

While our uniform allows for some individuality we do insist on a degree of uniformity. We are sensitive to gender issues and have minimal differences between boys' and girls' uniforms. Our basic uniform is as follows:

- short or long grey or black trousers (not leggings or sports/tracksuit bottoms)
- grey or black skirt or pinafore dress
- green gingham summer dress
- white polo shirt with school name
- green crew necked sweatshirt with school name
- green sweatshirt/cardigan with school name
- black jogging suit
- smart black shoes - no high heels (not trainers)
- Black school shoes
- plain white or grey socks
- green baseball cap with school logo
- green (winter) woolly hat with logo
- black showerproof fleece with school logo

The items marked with a symbol are available for purchase online at

Price&Buckland. All items of school clothing should be clearly marked with the child's name. When 30+ children are changing for P.E. clothing does sometimes get muddled up! Save the tears now by making sure that all of your child's clothing is easily identifiable for both the child and the teacher.

The baseball caps have been introduced to raise awareness about over exposure to the sun and to help identify our children on school trips to crowded places. We now expect all children to wear a green baseball cap when on a school trip. Plastic "jelly" shoes are not suitable for school use.

We do not approve of trainers as daily footwear. The school reserves the right to determine whether certain items of clothing are or are not appropriate for school use and whether or not they conform to our dress code. If a child is repeatedly abusing our uniform policy we may phone home and request the correct uniform to be brought to school immediately. We expect parents to support our decisions.

## Lost Property

Whilst we encourage pupils to keep items they are not wearing in their lockers we do find items around the school. If they are named, we return them to the child directly. We have just introduced a clothes rail which lives just outside the school hall. If your child loses something, then please feel free to look here.

## Uniform for next year

Price and Buckland close orders on the 1st August. Please get your orders in for next year by this date.

## ON YOUR MARKS!

**The competitive spirit is coming out in parents already. The longest reigning champion of the dads race is looking forward to defending his title!**

**"Not that I am competitive but will there be a sports day dads race title for me to defend this year? - 3 years today since I won it!"**

## RAISING FUNDS FOR A DEFIBRILLATOR

**It has been suggested by a number of parents that we have a defibrillator on the school site. The PFA are excited to support this and love the idea!**

Look out for an exciting raffle to raise funds for this as well as part of our Sports Week.

A defibrillator is a device that gives a high energy electric shock to the heart of someone who is in cardiac arrest. This high energy shock is called defibrillation, and it's an essential part in trying to save the life of someone who's in cardiac arrest.

Defibrillators are normally located in workplaces and public spaces like airports, shopping centres, community centres, and train stations. These defibrillators are known as public access defibrillators (PADs) as anyone can use them.

## LATEST ATTENDANCE FIGURES

RH = 95.4%	1S = 96.4%	3Y = 96.7%	5M = 96.8%
RM = 94.7%	2M = 95.9%	3AR = 96.3%	5T = 95.7%
RB = 94.3%	2Ma = 96.3%	4D = 96.7%	5W = 95.2%
1B = 95.5%	2R = 96.4%	4G = 96.1%	6J = 96.4%
1C = 96.3%	3L = 93.2%	4H = 96.2%	6V = 95.3%



# CHANGE OF INFORMATION RELATING TO YOUR CHILD

We just wanted to let you know that due to the new GDPR regulations we will not be sending out data collection sheets any more. We do still need to know if there are any changes to information relating to your child.

## Changes we need to know about are:

- Medical details (any new allergies, asthma etc)
- Change of address, telephone numbers or email address

## Keep us informed

It will be up to you to keep us informed and you can do this by emailing the school office at:

[office@polegate.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@polegate.e-sussex.sch.uk)

with any changes or by completing the form which you can find on the download section on our website

[www.polegateschool.uk](http://www.polegateschool.uk)

## Crisp packet recycling

Please take your empty crisp packets to the school office



## Diary Date

11th July  
**SPORTS  
WEEK**

## Archive



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We now have  
**1,310 followers!**



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## Feedback

We'd love to hear your feedback and any new ideas you have. Please send us your thoughts via the contact us page on the school website:

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