

news

October 2025



WHAT A BRILLIANT TERM

What a bustling and brilliant Term 1 it's been!

Our children have truly shone in their creative pursuits, and it's been heartening to witness so much enthusiasm and growth. From engaging projects to lively classroom discussions, we've had a successful term filled with activities to celebrate. It's

wonderful to see everyone so eager to learn and explore new ideas.

As we head into the half-term break, we encourage you all to take some time to relax and recharge. Thank you for your hard work and dedication - here's to more fun and learning in the upcoming term! Enjoy your break!

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YEAR 1 ART LESSONS

Year 1 have been enjoying Art lessons this term and have been working hard to complete learning in their sketchbooks.

We have been focusing on using lines, dots, swirls and dashes in the style of Van Gogh.

DEBATE

Our first whole school debate of the year:

"Does Christmas start too early?"

What do you think?



CALLING ALL CHEFS AT POLEGATE SCHOOL

Let's share a little taste of home!
We're inviting families to send in a favorite recipe from your kitchen something you love to make together, a special family dish, or even a simple snack that always brings smiles.
We'll put them all together to celebrate the wonderful flavors of our school community.
We can't wait to see (and maybe even try) your recipes!

Please email your much loved recipes to t.jones@polegate.e-sussex.sch.uk or hand it into the school office.

Thank you!



We are thrilled to announce a fantastic opportunity to showcase your culinary talents. We invite all parent-child duos to share a cherished recipe for our upcoming school cookbook. Imagine your dish featured alongside others, turning us into best-selling authors! So, dust off those aprons, whip out those mixing bowls, and get cooking! We can't wait to see what delicious creations you'll contribute.
Happy cooking!

LITTLE ASTRONAUTS

What an exciting start to Year 1!

Our little astronauts have kicked off their journey by visiting space, and the fun has been out of this world! Everyone got into the spirit by dressing up in fantastic costumes. To top it all off, we took a thrilling virtual journey to the moon, sparking imaginations and inspiring curiosity. Here's to more adventures ahead!



DIARY DATES

21st October - Parents Consultations

22nd October

Sports for Champions Athlete Visit

22nd October - Reading Tea Party

23rd October - PFA Disco

24th October - Nursery Photos

24th October - Last Day of term 1

27-31st October - Half-term Holiday

3rd November - Term 2 starts

3rd November

Year 3 Drawing with Ink Workshop

4th November

Year 5 Victorian Eastbourne Trip

6th November

Action Your Potential Workshop,
Part 1

6th November - New to
Reception Parents Meeting @9am

6th November

Parents Consultations

7th November - 4H Class Assembly

10th November - Flu Vaccinations

12th November - New to
Reception Parents Meeting @2pm

13th November - Action Your
Potential Workshop, Part 2

13th November - New to
Reception Parents Meeting @5pm

14th November - 2B Assembly

20th November - Action Your
Potential Workshop, Part 3

20th November

Year 3 Stone Age Day

21st November - 1M Class Assembly

21st November

Winter Extravaganza Event

28th November - INSET Day

3rd December

Rock Steady Christmas Concert
@9.30am, Wednesday Group

5th December - 5EK Class Assembly

8th December

Rock Steady Christmas Concert
@2.00pm, Monday Group

9th December - RJ Nativity Play

10th December - RKH Nativity Play

10th December

Year 6 Newhaven Fort Trip

11th December - RS Nativity Play

SPORTING SUCCESS!

A big thank you to all the parents who transported the children to and from Lancing. We truly couldn't do it without your support!

A special shout out to Chloe Dell for her fantastic help at both events, transporting the children and coaching the girls' team. You're all stars!



The U11 boy's team have recently visited the BHA Elite Performance Centre in Lancing, they played incredibly well, narrowly missing out on qualification for the Regional Finals after losing 3-0 to Saltdean in the semi finals. Congratulations on a fanatics trip, boys.

The U11 girls were in fine form also at the BHA Elite Performance Centre winning on penalties in a nail biting final. That incredible achievement meant they qualified for the Regional finals the following week. In between watching the Brighton Women's team training on adjacent pitches, the girls played five games in the area finals. The first two games both ended in a draw but confidence was building and by the third game, Polegate managed a good win against St Nicholas School. Unfortunately, the girls did not qualify for the National Competition but by reaching the Regional finals they have achieved something that's never happened before here at Polegate! Well done girls, we are so proud of you.



RECEPTION FUN

Reception continue to thoroughly enjoy their first term at school!

We have enjoyed using the balance bike in the playground, we know it's important to wear our helmet when we go on our bike!



In science we have been learning all about looking after our teeth, we even got to practice with some toothpaste for 2 minutes. I look like a real dentist!



We have been learning all about families and how they are all different. We got to share our family photos with our friends and share what we like to get up to with our loved ones!

A VISIT FROM THE OWLS

Recently, Reception have had a special visit from the owls!

The children sat and engaged beautifully. They have been fully immersed in our topic on owls using the story, Owl Babies as our focus. Can you ask your child to orally retell the story of the Owl Babies? They know it so well!

Well done, Reception.



MAKE AND TAKE FUN!



THE LEGO CLUB



We're excited to share that the Lego Club, run by the fantastic Mr Holter and Mrs Gudgeon, has been a smashing success!



Lots of fun and creative engagement keeps everyone busy and proud of their masterpieces. Mr Holter and Mrs Gudgeon are thoroughly enjoying every moment with our little builders!



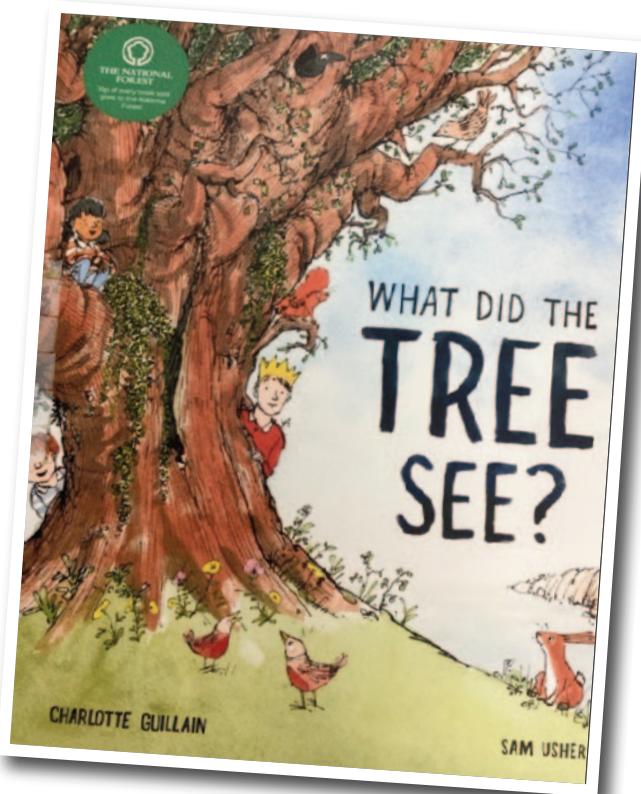
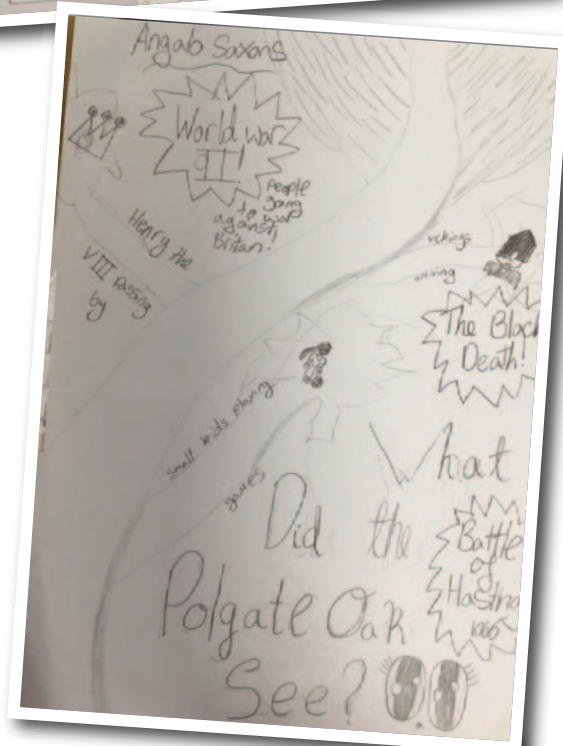
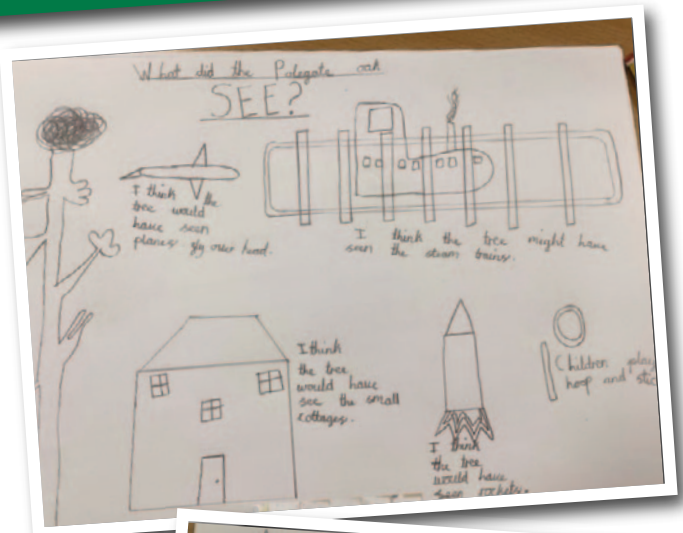
HISTORY CLUB

History Club term 1 have enjoyed creating timelines of our local area.

Felix Burke (a regular history club attendee) gave a speech about the Cuckoo Line and railways in our town.

The children researched the map and layout of Polegate School deciding if the parts were original building. They were excited to find out that the school was not originally on this site. We used our school library to research significant figures and celebrate Black History Month.

The children finished with a story, and they enjoyed deciding what our Polegate oak tree on the school field may have seen in its lifetime. I am so looking forward to running history club again next term to find out more exciting facts about our local area.



READING RAFFLE

Hey everyone! We're excited to share the latest happenings in our reading raffle!

Big shout-out to Ryan, who read an impressive seven times this week - well done, Ryan!

He's already bagged his prize, the fabulous "Investigators" by John Patrick Green. Remember, there are even more amazing book prizes up for grabs, including stories featuring Hercules, Julia Donaldson, Flat

Stanley, and Tom Gates. So, keep reading, keep enjoying those stories, and keep collecting your reading raffle tickets! Every book you dive into brings you closer to a fantastic reward. Happy reading, everyone!

Reading together is one of the simplest yet most powerful ways you can support your child's development.

Whether you're sharing a bedtime story with a toddler, listening to a 7-year-old tackle new words, or discussing a teenager's latest book obsession, these moments build literacy skills, emotional resilience, and a lifelong love of learning.



WHY READING WITH YOUR CHILD MATTERS

The evidence is clear: children who read regularly at home perform better academically and develop stronger emotional resilience.

WHAT THE DATA SAYS/KEY FACTS ABOUT CHILDREN'S READING IN THE UK:

- Children who read daily are three times more likely to have high wellbeing than children who rarely read, according to the National Literacy Trust's 2024 research
- Only 34% of children aged 8-18 read daily in their free time, the lowest level since 2005

- The average child who reads for pleasure performs better in reading tests by the equivalent of 8 months of schooling, according to the Education Endowment Foundation
- 82% of disadvantaged children don't own a book of their own

Reading together helps children develop vocabulary, concentration, empathy, and imagination. It also creates a safe space for conversations about feelings, experiences, and the world around them.

YOUR SCHOOL PFA

We're excited to share some news from our school! If you're a parent, aunt, uncle, or grandparent, we warmly invite you to join our wonderful Parents and Friends Association (PFA).

This incredible group works tirelessly to raise funds for essential school resources, including our much-loved sensory garden and Clamber Stack, forest school and much more!

Whether you can help out a little or a lot, your support makes a genuine difference.

Also, don't forget to check out our school lottery – it's a fun way to contribute while having the chance to win some lovely prizes!

A huge thank you to our PFA for everything you do for our children.

The children are currently voting on new project ideas, and so far, suggestions include a pets area and a friendship bench. We'll keep you updated with all the exciting developments!

Thank you for being part of our school community!

Support Polegate Primary School when you play Your School Lottery - Your School Lottery

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🌐 pta-events.co.uk/polegateschoolpfa
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Keeping in Touch


[Pta-events.co.uk/polegateschoolpfa](http://pta-events.co.uk/polegateschoolpfa)


School PFA 2025-2026
WhatsApp group


Polegate Reception Starters
2025-2026
WhatsApp group





PFA DATES 2025-2026

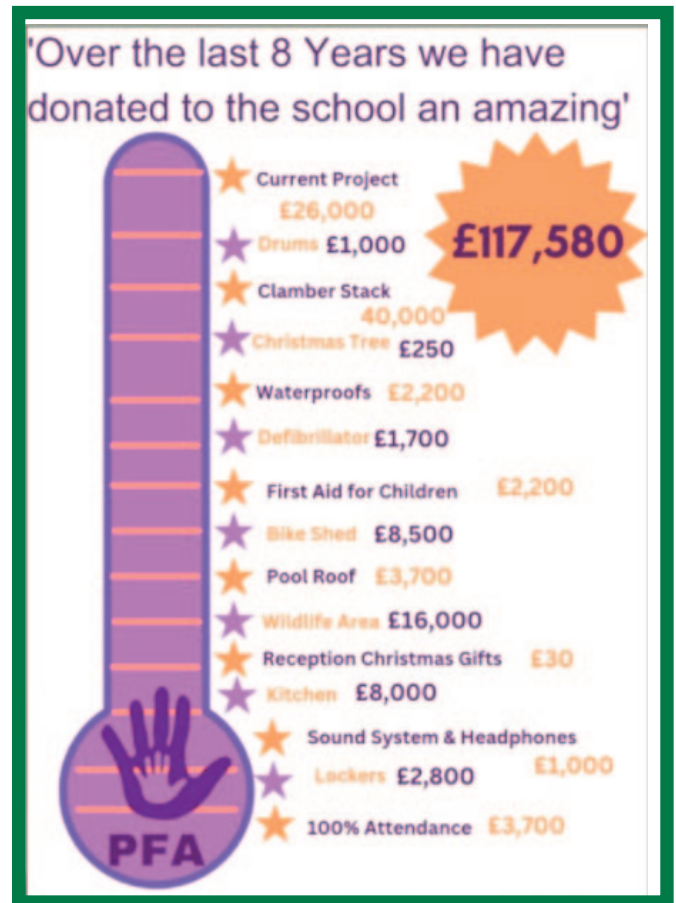
23rd October 2025 - Disco
21st November 2025 - Winter Extravaganza (Fireworks)
28th November 2025 - Wreath Making
27th January 2026 - My Skateworld
4th February 2026 - Second hand uniform sale
6th February 2026 - Krispy Kreme Donut sale
25th February 2026 - PFA AGM meeting 7pm
10-11th March 2026 - Mothers Day/Gifts for loved ones
21st April 2026 - My Skateworld
6th May 2026 - Second hand uniform sale
21st May 2026 - Disco

3rd June 2026 - PFA meeting 7pm
5th June 2026 - Freeze Pop Fridays start
16-17th June 2026 - Fathers Day/Gifts for loved ones
18th July 2026 - Summer Fair

Please note that all events are subject to change/cancellation where necessary.

We are also aiming to sell second hand uniform at parents evenings but this is subject to having enough volunteers. If anyone would like to volunteer to help at any events/get involved please email:
pfa@polegate.e-sussex.sch.uk

YOUR SCHOOL PFA



YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

WE'VE LAUNCHED A LOTTERY

Buy your tickets now to help our fundraising

Tickets cost just £1
All profits go to our school
Local cash prize every week
Chance to win the £25,000 jackpot!

Play Now

POLEGATE SCHOOL

SPooky 1000 PRIZES TO WIN

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

SCAN TO PLAY YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

Tickets £1 a week
Weekly cash prizes
Monthly bonus prizes
£25,000 Jackpot!

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

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18+

Enter our **Super Draw**

Win an iPhone 17 Pro

- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Chances to win up to £25,000
- Play weekly, or just play the Super Draw!
- It's time for an upgrade!

BUY TICKETS

POLEGATE SCHOOL

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

Click here
to buy
your
tickets



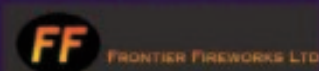
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Winter EXTRAVAGANZA

FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

5PM - 7PM

FIREWORKS 6.30PM



UNDER 3'S FREE

FOOD & DRINK

STALLS

CRAFTS

GAMES

ADULT £7.00

CHILD £4.50

FAMILY £20


(2 ADULTS 2 CHILDREN)

BOOK ONLINE ONLY

WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/POLEGATESCHOOLPFA

Polegate School, Oakleaf Drive, Polegate, BN26 6PT

pfa@polegate-cs.sussex.sch.uk



Christmas Wreath Workshop

£40

Wreath making taught by an
Award Winning Floristry Team

Minced pie and glass of mulled wine...

Friday 28th November

Doors open at 6pm

For a prompt start at 6.30pm

Limited tickets available

www.pta-events.co.uk/polegateschoolpfa



Click here
to buy
your
tickets

WEAR THAT UNIFORM WITH PRIDE

As we continue to foster a sense of community and school spirit, we would like to remind all children to wear their school uniform with pride, including on PE days.

PE day uniform must follow school policy with only plain black sweatshirts and joggers worn. Adhering to our uniform policy not only promotes equality among students but also enhances our collective identity as a school. Each child's commitment to

representing our school through their attire contributes to a positive learning environment.

Thank you for your continued support in reinforcing our values and ensuring that all students take pride in their appearance.

Winter Uniform

- Grey or Black trousers, skirt, pinafore dress or culottes
- Polegate School Jumper or Cardigan*
- Plain dark green jumper or cardigan
- Polegate School Logo polo shirt*
- Plain White Polo shirt or White Shirt/Blouse
- Grey or White Socks
- Grey Tights
- Black School Shoes (No Trainers)
- Polegate School Fleece Jacket*

Summer Uniform

- Green Gingham Checked Dress (Optional)
- Grey or black Trousers, skirt or shorts
- Polegate School Logo Jumper or Cardigan*
- Plain dark green jumper or cardigan
- Polegate School Logo polo shirt*
- White Polo shirt or White Shirt/Blouse
- Grey or White Socks
- Black School Shoes (No Trainers)
- Polegate logo Sunhat*
- Plain Green Sunhat

PE Kit

- White Polegate Logo T-Shirt*
- Plain White Polo shirt
- Black Polegate School Logo Hooded or Crew Jumper*
- Plain Black Sweatshirt
- Black Polegate School Logo shorts or jogging bottoms*
- Plain black shorts, joggers or leggings (No Logos)
- Black Trainers

The items marked with a * are available for purchase online at Price & Buckland.

Only small stud earrings and jewellery of religious or cultural significant to be worn. Earrings to be removed for Swimming lessons. Nail varnish, temporary tattoos and hair dye are to be removed before the school day. Long hair must be tied back, hair styles should be natural colour and smart in appearance. Hair bands to be small,

discreet and in school colours (Green, Black or Grey). No shaved patterns or close shaving.

Second hand school uniform can be purchased through the PFA Contact:

pfa@polegate.e-sussex.sch.uk

A second hand uniform pop up shop is planned termly throughout the school year. See the school calendar for dates and times.

ATTENDANCE

RJ	97.2%	2B	98.6%	4D	98.1%	6M	96.4%
RKH	96.6%	2D	96.8%	4H	95.4%	6L	95%
RS	95%	2H	98.2%	4T	97.5%	6W	93.3%
1RH	93.4%	3B	97.6%	5D	97.1%		
1L	95.6%	3C	97%	5EK	95.6%		
1M	97.2%	3H	95.4%	5K	98.2%		



YOUTH WILDLIFE AND NATURE PHOTO COMPETITION

Show us what Wealden looks like through your eyes!

Who can enter:

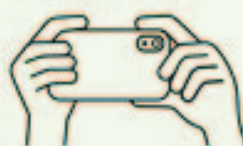
Young photographers aged 4 to 17

Categories:

Ages 4–11 or 12–17

What we're looking for:

Photos of local animals or plants in their natural habitats. (No people's faces, please!)



Take your photo on any device and upload it to:

letstalk.wealden.gov.uk/nature-photo-competition

Or **scan** this QR code.

Prizes

Winner: Membership to Sussex Wildlife Trust + your photo framed

Runners-up: £25 Sussex Wildlife Trust voucher



Closes: Friday 12 December 2025

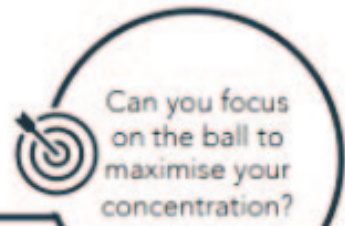


GET ACTIVE!

SEE YOUR CHALLENGE BELOW, HAVE FUN!



Catch and Clap 60 Second Challenge



Can you focus on the ball to maximise your concentration?

How many times can you throw a ball up, clap once and catch it in 60 seconds?



The ball must go above your head. If you drop the ball, carry on counting your score from where you left off.



Throw and catch a ball

If you do not have a ball, use a toilet roll or a rolled up pair of socks.

Don't drop it!

Each time you drop the ball take five seconds off your time!



Play with a partner!

Throw, clap and catch in pairs. Can you achieve a medal with your partner?

Achieve Gold

35 catch and claps



Achieve Silver

25 catch and claps



Achieve Bronze

15 catch and claps



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INSPIRE LEARN SUCCEED



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SPORT
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The Rail Safe Friendly programme has educated over **3 million young people** on the dangers of the railways.





DON'T LET YOUR CHILDREN BECOME THE NEXT STATISTIC



Simon Frazer, Principal, Guilsborough Academy

According to the ORR Report, April 23 – March 24 on UK railways:			According to Rail Safe Friendly, July 25:		
12	58%	42%	120+	11,000+	20,000+
people died in accidents while trespassing	were struck by a train or tram	were electrocuted	companies support the programme	schools in the UK have engaged	UK schools still need to be reached

Diary Date

Friday 28th November
INSET DAY

Archive



You can read all the previous newsletters on our website.

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Be the first to hear the news.
Follow us on Twitter.
We now have **1,354 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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