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WELCOME TO THE FINAL TERM!

As always term 6 has started with an abundance of events. New to reception meetings, stunning starts, sporting events, external visitors.... I could go on and on.

Walking around school seeing the provision, expertise, fun and engagement always fills me with a sense of pride. It is not unusual, on any given day, at Polegate to observe forest school, violin, swimming, drama, music, sports, art workshops etc.

With UEFA Euro 2024 kicking off this month and Olympics starting in 26th July there is definitely a sporting theme to this newsletter!

STAFFING STRUCTURE FOR 2024-2025

NEW	CURRENT	TEACHER	EMAIL
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Mrs Barnard will be Leader of Learning for Y5 and 6

MEET SOME OF OUR NEW TEACHERS



Ms Davies

Hello! I'm Ms Davies and I will be joining you all as a teacher this September.

Each time I have visited, you have been so welcoming and I'm excited to join the Polegate team. I am both a fitness and food enthusiast in equal measure! I love the sunshine but my favourite time of year is Christmas.

I am a huge animal lover and it's my goal to have two pet donkeys! I cannot wait to meet you all and continue my teaching journey with Polegate School.



Miss Keith

Hi everyone, my name is Miss Keith, and I'm thrilled to be joining you all this September!

Fresh out of University of Brighton, I'm eager to put my studies into practice. I have spent a lot of time at Polegate covering different classes, so I already know what a fantastic school community this is! Outside of school, I am often curled up with a good book - I am on a mission to read more books

than there are days this year - or running up and down a netball court. I am very passionate about learning in all areas of the curriculum and can't wait to get started!



Miss Tennant

Hello everyone. I am Miss Tennant and am incredibly excited to become a part of the wonderful Polegate community in September.

I have been a primary teacher in Eastbourne for 3 years and have just got back from Australia where I was very fortunate to be able to tutor children specifically in Mathematics, so I am very excited to be back in the classroom!

In my spare time, I am very often at the beach or with my nose in a book.

I am looking forward to getting to know you all very soon and I hope you and your families have a wonderful final term and a lovely (hopefully warm!) summer break.

MOVING ON

Transition day this year will be held on Friday 19th July.

All children from year reception to year 5 will visit their new classroom and meet their new teacher. Drop off and collection points for this day will remain the same.

Drop in and say hello!

On Friday 19th July between 3.15-4.00 families along with their children will have an opportunity to visit their child's new classroom and teacher.

SENSORY GARDEN UPDATE



Our new flowers arrived this week. Miss Marsh and gardening club have been busily planting and caring for our plants. We can't wait to see them blossom.



NATIONAL NUMERACY DAY

On Wednesday 22nd May we celebrated National Numeracy Day. On the hour throughout the day the "Stop and Solve" claxon meant the start of a fun maths activity for the children to participate in.



Throughout the day the children took part in fun and engaging maths activities including designing some fabulous maths games. Here are some examples from year 4.



Thank you to everyone who participated in the "Design a Maths Game" home learning activity. It was very difficult to pick winners! Below are photos of some of our amazing entries being played.



We were really sorry that the weather meant our "Maths Family Challenge Scavenger Hunt" had to be cancelled. Many thanks to all the families who had signed up to participate, watch out for more future family challenges!

NEXT YEARS TERM DATES



East Sussex School Term and Holiday Dates 2024-25

	SEPTEMBER 2024	OCTOBER 2024	NOVEMBER 2024	DECEMBER 2024
Monday	26 2 9 16 23	30 7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23
Tuesday	27 3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24
Wednesday	28 4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Thursday	29 5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Friday	30 6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Saturday	31 7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Sunday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
	JANUARY 2025	FEBRUARY 2025	MARCH 2025	APRIL 2025
Monday	30 6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Tuesday	31 7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Wednesday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Thursday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Friday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Saturday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Sunday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
	MAY 2025	JUNE 2025	JULY 2025	AUGUST 2025
Monday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23	30 7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Tuesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Wednesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Thursday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Friday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Saturday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Sunday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31

KEY

Staff training (INSET day) Start of term for pupils End of term Public holiday School holiday

Bank and Public Holidays 2023-2024

Wednesday 25 December 2024	Christmas Day	Monday 21 April 2025	Easter Monday
Thursday 26 December 2024	Boxing Day	Monday 5 May 2025	Early May bank holiday
Wednesday 1 January 2025	New Years Day	Monday 26 May 2025	Spring bank holiday
Friday 18 April 2025	Good Friday	Monday 25 August 2025	Summer bank holiday

Term Length

Term	From	To	Number of days
Term 1	03 September 2024	25 October 2024	40
Autumn school holiday	28 October 2024	31 October 2024	
Term 2	04 November 2024	20 December 2024	35
Christmas school holiday	23 December 2024	03 January 2025	
Term 3	06 January 2025	14 February 2025	30
February school holiday	17 February 2025	21 February 2025	
Term 4	24 February 2025	04 April 2025	30
Spring school holiday	07 April 2025	21 April 2025	
Term 5	22 April 2025	23 May 2025	23
May school holiday	26 May 2025	30 May 2025	
Term 6	02 June 2025	22 July 2025	37
		Total	195

Raring2go! Summer magazine



Please find our Raring2go! Summer magazine link below. It's full of things to do for families during the Summer break

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/eastbourne/summer2024/>

SUMMER in Little Chelsea

GROVE ROAD
&
SOUTH STREET

SATURDAY 22ND JUNE - 10AM-5PM

FREE & LOW COST CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES (10AM-12PM)

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

HANDMADE STALLS

FOOD & DRINK

Children's rides Disney Princesses Bluey & Bingo
Tennis coaching Cricket coaching Potter's wheel
Bracelet making Biscuit decorating Glitter tattoos
Sand Art



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READING

Summer Reading Challenge 2024



Marvellous Makers



Marvellous Makers!

Starts 6 July 2024 Ends 7 September 2024

Join this year's Summer Reading Challenge at

www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src

The Summer Reading Challenge is a national scheme produced by the Reading Agency and delivered by public libraries that encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays - and to enjoy anything they like to read! Children aged 4-11 are invited to take part and collect rewards for their reading, giving them a positive experience of reading for pleasure.

It's FREE to take part, and last year 72% of children taking part felt more confident reading.⁽¹⁾

Sign your child up at www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src. If you don't have a smartphone, computer or tablet, you can sign up using a computer in the library. You can ask a one of our volunteers or a member of staff for help if you need it.

The Challenge will begin in [East Sussex libraries](#) on Saturday 6th July and end on Saturday 7th September.

The Challenge is to read any six books borrowed from the library or downloaded from our [ebook library](#). For children under 4 we have the Pre-school Challenge, where you can collect stickers for each book shared and a special medal sticker at the end.

Children signing up for the Challenge get a character sticker and a Reader Record. Children will be able to collect a prize for each of the six books they have read. When they finish the Challenge they will get a certificate which they can receive in school or at the library. The Challenge is for all children, whatever their reading ability. Children who are not reading independently can share their books with a family member or friend, or they might prefer to listen to audio books.

To take part in *Marvellous Makers!* children need to have their own library card and PIN. It is easy and free to become a member of the library. Take something with your name, address and signature to the library and you can join the whole family. You can [reset your child's PIN online](#) if you can't remember it, or ask in the library for a new one. You will need the PIN to sign up to the Challenge.

Visit <http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> for fun games, author interviews and book recommendations.

(1) The Reading Agency 2023 [Summer Reading Challenge: Reach and Engagement 2023 - The Reading Agency](#)

Marvellous Makers illustrations by Natelle Quek and © The Reading Agency 2024

SPORTS WEEK

As with anything at Polegate School the sky is the limits. Sports week was a true reflection of this!



I am so thankful to our teachers, PE leads and sports leaders for hosting such an incredible week.

Sports week is the highlight of many teachers and children's year. A vast amount of sporting activities took place throughout the week, with all children participating.

The week was launched in true Olympic style with an opening ceremony. Music, flags, banners, singing and chanting were the highlight of the day. The children and adults alike fully immersed themselves into the opening ceremony.

Handball, tri-golf, cycling, fun run, football, hockey, cricket was only some of the sports on offer during sports week. All competitions were competitive with true sportsmanship shining through.

Trained sports leaders supported their peers with professionalism. They are a great team who have fully embraced their role as school ambassadors.

The weather was kind to us with only one cancellation, the KS1 sports day, which thankfully was scheduled on a gloriously sunny day.



SPORTS WEEK RESULTS

Early Years

Phoenix	260
Hercules	235
Orion	232
Pegasus	248

KS1

Orion	425
Hercules	407
Phoenix	410
Pegasus	420

The winners: Orion

KS2

Phoenix	420
Hercules	447
Orion	436
Pegasus	442

The winners: Phoenix

YEAR 2

VISITING ARTIST

A group of Year 2 children had a creative afternoon working with a visiting artist this term. Kieran is an 'Eco artist' who creates large scale artworks out of litter and discarded plastic bottle tops.

Using this waste, he makes images and pieces of artwork on snooker tables! Children learnt all about the impact of littering and the importance of sustainability before getting the chance to make their own piece of bottle top artwork.



SPORTS

PRIMARY TRI-GOLF TOURNAMENT

During a very busy sports week, a group of pupils from year 3 & 4 bravely walked through the rain to Willingdon Secondary School for the local round of the Primary Tri-Golf Tournament.

Despite the weather, our team performed brilliantly at all of the golfing activities, chipping and putting around the field, led by some young Sports Leaders from Willingdon. Although we didn't come in the top three, we did get the highest score on one of the challenges and Eva got a bullseye on the target game!



A very big thank you to Mrs Latter for accompanying us on the trip and well done to everyone that took part.



FOREST SCHOOL

Sunny Forest School days are in full swing at this time of year



DRUM CLUB



Drum club would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to our wonderful PFA.

They have funded a class set of drums. The sound is spine tingling! Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed using the drum sets last term creating African music.

DIARY DATES

27th June
Year 1 Hever Castle Trip

1st July
Year 4 Port Lympne Trip

2nd July
New to Reception
Transition Day

5th July
4EH Class Assembly

8th July
Rock Steady Summer Concert

9th July
Wonderful Work

10th and 12th July
Year 6 Leavers Show

12th July
5D Class Assembly

18th July
Mufti Day

19th July
Transition Day

19th July
Meet the new teacher
3.15 – 4.00pm

20th July
Summer Fair

23rd July
Last day of Term 6

2nd September
INSET Day

3rd September
INSET Day

4th September
Start of Term 1
All Children back

4th November
INSET Day

14th March 2025
INSET Day

19th May 2025
INSET Day

SUSTRANS CUCKOO TRAIL CHALLENGE

As part of our sports week activities, two members of the cycling charity Sustrans came to lead some biking activities with pupils in year 5 and year 1.



The aim was to highlight the position of our school on the Cuckoo Trail, which is part of the 'Avenue Verte' route from London to Paris and talk about cycling as part of the upcoming Olympic games in Paris. To find out more follow the link; <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/find-other-routes/avenue-verte>



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Musical bikes

Like Musical Chairs, but with bikes instead of chairs.

You'll need
An area large enough to accommodate all your riders' bikes laid flat.
Something to play music that's loud enough for everyone to hear.

Variations of the game
Could be played as a tracking practice game where the last rider to stop is out.

Tips & rules
All bikes are laid flat on the ground - make sure there is one bike LESS than the number of riders.
Riders walk or slip around them while the music is played.
When the music stops, riders have to find a bike and mount it.
The rider who doesn't find a bike is out.

The music starts and the riders ride around on their bikes.
When the music stops, they have to dismount and lay down their bikes.
One bike is removed.
The music starts and the process is repeated until a rider mounts the last remaining bike and wins the game.

Safety
All those bikes lying on the ground could be trip hazards, it might be safer to have your riders walk rather than run.
When riding the bikes, it might prevent collisions if you have the riders ride in the same direction.

Notes
Make sure riders lay their bikes down carefully and correctly, with the chain side facing upwards.

National standard level:
Musical chairs
New 2 and 3.2 Covered 2.2 Set of 10s 2 and 3.2 Covered 2.2
New 2 and 3.2 Covered 2.2
New 2 and 3.2 Covered 2.2

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Frogs legs

Learning the art of balance by impersonating a frog.

You'll need
Ropes with handles (optional)
Chalk or cones to mark out a 'lane' four or five wide.

Tips & rules
Riders sit on their front bikes and 'sit on' 'jump like a frog' by pushing off with both feet simultaneously.
They have to glide so far as they can, before using their 'frog legs' again.
Make sure they are both feet, not just one.
When they do this 'frog' they must look to a ball.

Variations of the game
You could have each child glide off one at a time and mark the point at which they put their feet down. The one who travels furthest is the winner.

Safety
With long straight legs, the risk of them losing their balance is very low.

Notes
This game is only really one step over your head of skills.

National standard level:
Rope tags
New 2 and 3.2 Covered 2.2
New 2 and 3.2 Covered 2.2

GOLDEN HOUSE POINT

A gold house point has been awarded to Sebastian in class RB.



"After reading one of his AR books about looking after our environment, Seb asked if we could go litter picking in half term! He did a very good job and picked up lots of rubbish, plastic and old fishing wire."

Cycling family physical Challenge

Remember to let us know how you get on!

CRAFT CLUB

Craft club have been very busy creating new colourful crafts



LATEST ATTENDANCE FIGURES

RA =	95.8%	2D =	96.7%	4S =	95.8%
RB =	91.7%	2K =	96%	5D =	95.3%
RH =	94.2%	3D =	97.5%	5M =	95%
1F =	95.5%	3L =	95.8%	5K =	91.7%
1G =	96.3%	3T =	95.3%	6M =	95.6%
1S =	95.9%	4H =	94.7%	6MU =	94.5%
2C =	96.1%	4EH =	94.7%	6W =	95.9%

Diary Date

20th July

SUMMER FAIR

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 **1,408 followers!**



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