



Poolsbrook Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER

31st October 2024

Overview

We've now come to the end of the first half term and what a first 7 weeks it's been. There's been a lot of changes happening through school since we got back in September and the children have coped with them fantastically and are thriving.

We've had a lot of visitors in the past 7 weeks, some from the Flying High Partnership, Derbyshire County Council and lots of parents looking around to make Poolsbrook their children's new school. The feedback from all of them has been how wonderfully they are welcomed by the community and how fantastic our children are - and they really are!

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Upcoming Events

- 4th November - Back to school
- 5th & 6th November - Parent's Evening
- 19th November - Flu Vaccinations
- 5th December - Christmas Panto
- 9th - 13th - Christmas Jumper Week
- 9th December - Christmas Fair
- 11th December - Christmas Dinner
- 20th December - INSET Day
- 23rd December - Christmas Holidays



Liverpool Residential

We are super excited that we announced our residential for this year which we're opening up to all Y4, Y5 and Y6 children. In July 2025, we'll be travelling to Liverpool to explore this amazing city.

The trip will include a ferry ride, the Liverpool Maritime Museum, Liverpool Tate Gallery, Science Museum and a tour of Anfield Football Stadium (home to the Liverpool football team).

If you have a child in Y4, Y5 or Y6, please complete the form that was sent out on Dojo before half term to let us know whether you would like your child to attend.

We are also looking at other trips that we can arrange throughout the year that are linked to the children's learning throughout the classes, so please stay tuned for more information.



ATTENDANCE

As we said in our last newsletter, attendance is one of the most important aspects of a child's education.

We can see that attendance has been improving since the beginning of September. As a school, our attendance is now at 90.1%. We aspire to have school attendance at at least 97% across the school, providing our children the best possible chance to learn and reach their potential.

Hardwick - 94.2% Cavendish - 90.8% Stephenson - 87.4% Nightingale - 85.9%

We want to work with families to make sure that children are getting the best possible education by being in school. Therefore, if you are having any difficulties with attendance, please do not hesitate to contact us to see what we can do to help.

Please be aware that in September 2013, the Government introduced new regulations making it clear that Headteachers must not give approval for any leave of absence during term time, including holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

EYFS Open Days

We had a wonderful response to our EYFS open days that were held during October with many existing and new families choosing Poolsbrook Primary Academy as their choice for both Nursery and Reception.

Don't forget that if you have a child that you would like to start in Reception in September 2025, the applications open at 9:00am on the 11th November and close on the 15th January 2025.

Our Nursery is getting a lot of interest, so if you would like your child to attend nursery this academic year, please pop in to pick up an application pack.



EYFS

YOUR VIEWS - THE RESULTS

Thank you to everyone that completed the parent survey that was sent out in October. Below are the results of the survey. The result is the percentage of parents that either chose Agree or Strongly agree against each question.

My child is happy at school = 89%

My child feels safe at this school = 100%

The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved = 89%

My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively = 100% of those that have spoken to the school agreed that it had been dealt with effectively

When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly = 78%

The school has high expectations for my child = 89%

My child does well at this school = 89%

The school lets me know how my child is doing = 78%

I would recommend this school to another parent = 100%

We are really pleased with these results, however, we know there is still more work to do. We ask for your continued support and feedback so we continue to go from strength to strength to provide the children at Poolsbrook Primary Academy the best start to their education.

Picture Wall

