Poulner Infant School and Nursery

Newsletter
October 2026

A Message from the Headteacher

As we approach the October half-term break, I can hardly believe how quickly the first few weeks of the school year have flown by! It has been a wonderfully busy and exciting half term, filled with lots of learning, new experiences and happy memories. A special well done to all our new children in Holly and Willow Classes, who have settled into school life so brilliantly, and to our youngest children in Little Acorns, who are growing in confidence and becoming familiar with their new routines.

Across the school, the children have been enjoying some fantastic learning opportunities. Year 1 have been exploring their topic, 'Awesome Animals', which included a wonderful trip to Marwell Zoo, where they had the opportunity to see so many amazing animals up close. Meanwhile, Year 2 have been stepping back in time with their 'Vile Victorians' topic, beginning with a fabulous Victorian dress-up day. Everyone looked wonderful in their costumes! They have also enjoyed a visit to Milestones Living History Museum, bringing their learning about the past to life.

A huge thank you to all our families for your continued support, whether helping with costumes, preparing children for trips or supporting learning at home. Your involvement makes such a difference. As we head towards the half-term break, I would also like to thank our hardworking staff for all they do to make school such a happy, engaging and nurturing place for our children. I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved break and some special family time together.

PISA News

Tuck shop - Thursday 22nd October after school either in the hall or outside on the playground (weather dependent). Please bring small change, where possible

Save the date - Christmas Fayre on Friday 4th December 3:30-5pm. Further details to come after half-term

Creation of a **Guy for Carvers Fireworks** - https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1E54W7btBk/ - for any parents/carers that may be interested in creating a Guy on behalf of PISA. Please email PISA email address if of interest: poulner.pisa@gmail.com

Our **next PISA meeting** to discuss Christmas events is due to take place at the London Tavern on Monday 2nd November at 7pm. All very welcome

Playground Safety - Before and After School

We would like to kindly remind parents and carers that children remain the responsibility of their parents or carers before the school day begins and once they have been collected at the end of the day. At these times, staff are busy preparing for the day or supporting children leaving school, so we are unable to provide playground supervision. We therefore ask that you please keep a close eye on your children to help ensure everyone's safety.

A reminder that other toys are not permitted in the playground before or after school. Please also remember that the school play equipment is not to be used before or after school, including by younger siblings.

It is lovely to see children and families cycling or scooting to school. Please remember to dismount bikes or scooters at the school gate and walk across to the bike shed where they can be safely kept during the school day.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. We want our playground to remain a welcoming and safe space for everyone, and your support in reminding children of these simple expectations really does make a difference.

Poulner Coffee Cup - Come and Join Us!

It was lovely to see everyone who joined us for our first Poulner Coffee Cup morning. Thank you for coming along and helping to make it such a warm and welcoming gathering!

We would love you to join us for our next **Poulner Coffee Cup on Monday 23rd November at 2pm**.

This time, we are delighted to welcome our School Nursing Team, who will be joining us for an informal chat about all things toileting! From toilet training and building independence to managing those tricky toileting challenges, they will be on hand to share practical tips, advice and reassurance.

Whether you have a question, would appreciate some advice or simply fancy a cuppa and a chat with other parents, everyone is welcome!



Pop along, grab a coffee and join us - we'd love to see you!



HEAD LICE

Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families, to help stop them spreading please could everyone check their child's hair during this half term and treat if necessary.

The following NHS webpage provides some great information on how to spot signs of head lice and how to treat them. https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/

If everyone checked their child's hair regularly it could help reduce the number of cases reported. Thank you



Wraparound Care

We would like to remind parents to check and top up their Arbor wraparound care account.

If you pay using your Tax Free child care allowance please email adminoffice@poulner-inf.hants.sch.uk and let us know your code, along with the amount you are paid and when payment was made. This helps us to claim the money from Hampshire County Council in order to transfer it to your child's arbor account.

Also, very importantly, please remember to contact the school office to cancel your booking if the session is no longer required. If bookings are made and your child does not attend the session you are likely to still be charged.

Parent / Teacher Meetings

(not Little Acorns)

Parent / Teacher meetings are taking place on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th Nov

Bookings can now be made via your childs arbor account.



School Photo Order

Friday 23rd October
is the last day to order your childs school
Any orders placed after this date will incur a delivery charge.

We expect orders to be returned to school after the half term break.

Is Your Child Due to join Reception or Year 3 in September 2027?

Applications can be submitted online from midnight on **Sun 1st Nov.**

- When applying, Include three school preferences on the application
- Ensure applications are submitted by the closing date of 15 January 2027.
- Use the County Council's school catchment area finder to identify your school catchment area
- If you reside outside of Hampshire please apply via your local County Council.

Smartphone Free

We are holding a Smartphone Free interactive session for Parents & Carers on Monday 16 November

This session is taking place in the Infant School Hall
from 6.30 to 7.45 pm

Poulner Junior School parents & carers are also welcome to attend.

More details to follow after half term.

Dates For Diary

October

Fri 23 - Inset Day
School closed for staff training

Mon 26 - Fri 30 - Half Term

November

Mon 2 - Children Return to School

Mon 2 - Fri 6 New Parent Tours

Tues 10 & Thu 12 - Parents Evening

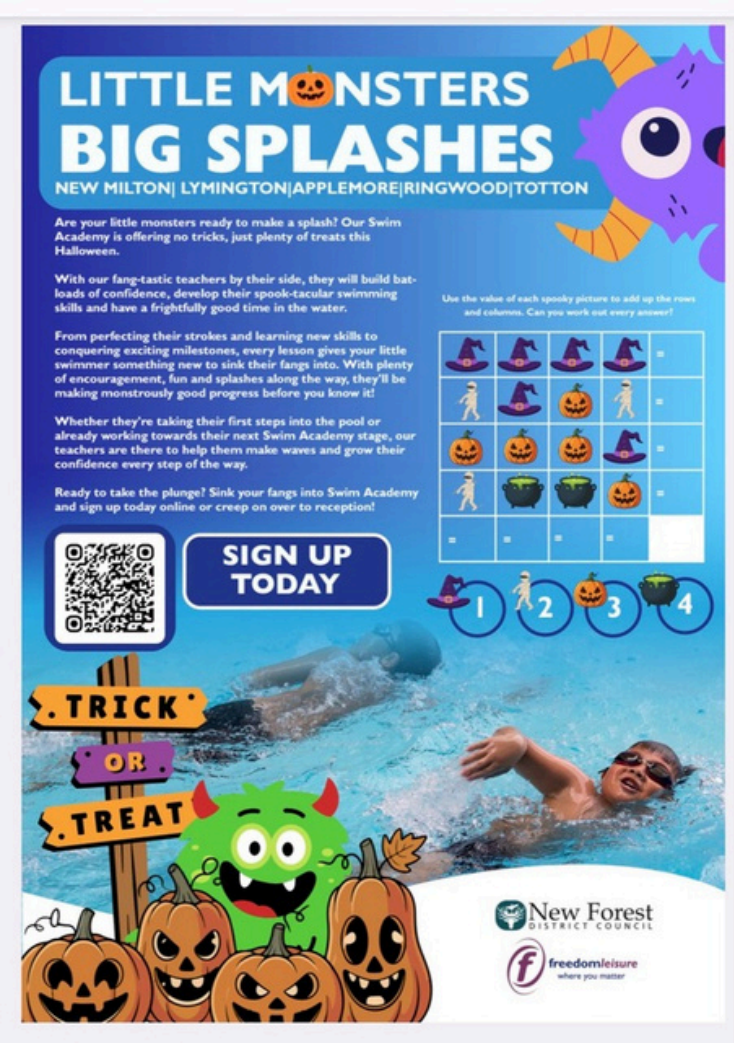
Mon 16 - Smart Phone Free Session

Friday 20 - Non Uniform Day
to support PISA / Xmas Fair
Yr 2 - Bring Bottle of Wine
Yr 1 & Yr R - Bring Sweets in a Jar








LITTLE MONSTERS
BIG SPLASHES
NEW MILTON| LYMINGTON|APPLEMORE|RINGWOOD|TOTTON
Are your little monsters ready to make a splash? Our Swim Academy is offering no tricks, just plenty of treats this Halloween.
With our fang-tastic teachers by their side, they will build bat-loads of confidence, develop their spook-tacular swimming skills and have a frightfully good time in the water.
From perfecting their strokes and learning new skills to conquering exciting milestones, every lesson gives your little swimmer something new to sink their fangs into. With plenty of encouragement, fun and splashes along the way, they'll be making monstrously good progress before you know it!
Whether they're taking their first steps into the pool or already working towards their next Swim Academy stage, our teachers are there to help them make waves and grow their confidence every step of the way.
Ready to take the plunge? Sink your fangs into Swim Academy and sign up today online or creep on over to reception!
Use the value of each spooky picture to add up the rows and columns. Can you work out every answer!
SIGN UP TODAY
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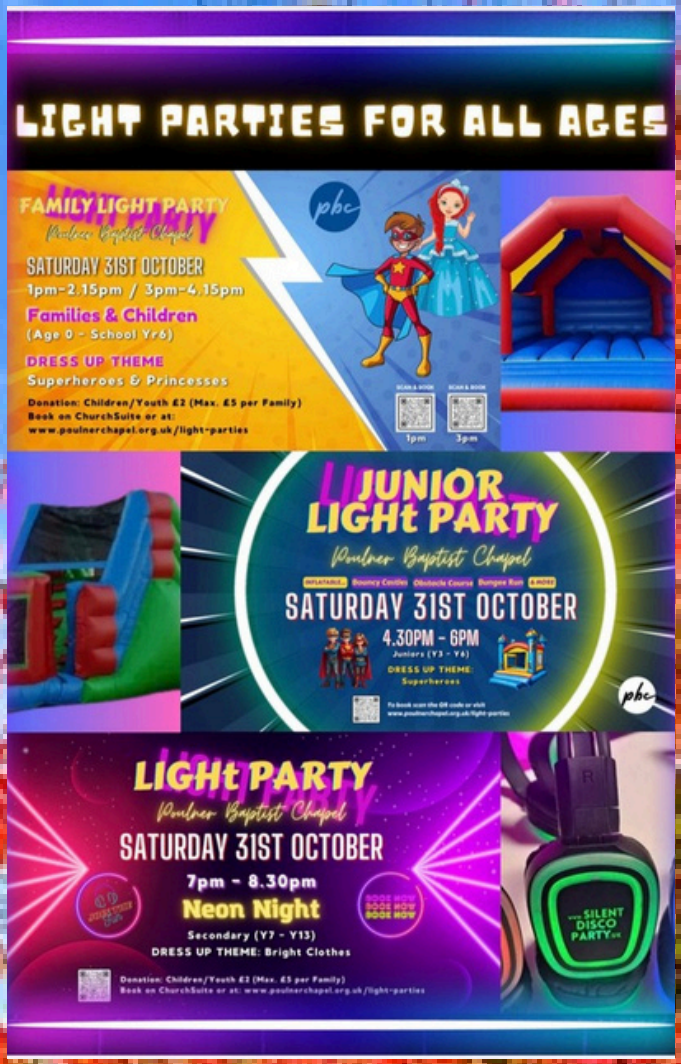
LIGHT PARTIES FOR ALL AGES
FAMILY LIGHT PARTY
Poulner Baptist Chapel
SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER
1pm-2.15pm / 3pm-4.15pm
Families & Children
(Age 0 - School Yr6)
DRESS UP THEME
Superheroes & Princesses
Donation: Children/Youth £2 (Max. £5 per Family)
Book on ChurchSuite or at:
www.poulnerchapel.org.uk/light-parties
JUNIOR LIGHT PARTY
Poulner Baptist Chapel
SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER
4.30PM - 6PM
Juniors (Y3 - Y6)
DRESS UP THEME:
Superheroes
LIGHT PARTY
Poulner Baptist Chapel
SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER
7pm - 8.30pm
Neon Night
Secondary (Y7 - Y13)
DRESS UP THEME: Bright Clothes
SILENT DISCO PARTY


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Saturday 14th November 2026
Book your place!
Free to Be
Letting go of what holds us back.
Stepping into the life God has for us.
9:30am to 2:45pm | St Peter & St Paul Church, Ringwood
Lunch & refreshments provided | Tickets £10 via Eventbrite
Join us for a day of friendship, encouragement and hope with inspiring Christian speaker Kemi Koleoso.
All women are welcome, whether you have a faith or not
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