



Putteridge Primary School

Newsletter Issue No. 3

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are in the final month of the year and will very soon be at the end of the Autumn term.

A very brief note from me this time, as there are lots of items that need to be read and digested in the newsletter. Please make sure that you do read all of the different sections – we have much to celebrate and some of the sections contain important information for the coming weeks, including the section entitled 'Weather watch'.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible over the next two weeks at the various different performances across the school.

Kind regards,

Colin Pickard
Headteacher



Attendance Figures



Well done to our weekly attendance winners for the month of November, who are listed below:

Week ending

07/11/25
14/11/25
21/11/25
28/11/25

Key Stage 1 & EYFS

Orange Class (98.89%)
Blue Class (98.57%)
Orange Class (96.30%)
Orange & Yellow Classes (95.19%)

Key Stage 2

6Q (98.97%)
5R (99.67%)
3X (97.78%)
6Q (97.00%)

Values Programme

The value for the month of
December will be

'Compassion'



Remembrance Day

Thank you to everyone who purchased a poppy to mark this occasion – as a school we raised £368.48 which is up £60 on your last year's figure, great amount. Our prefects accompanied Mrs Gardner to the memorial in Stopsley village, laying a wreath they had created as part of the Remembrance service. Examples of the work produced across the school can be found on the school website in the Galleries tab



Christmas lunch & Christmas jumper day

This year, Christmas lunch and jumper day will take place on Thursday 11th December. The children will be able to choose from either roast turkey (red choice) or roast Quorn (green choice) – for the complete menu for Christmas lunch, please refer to the email that was sent via ParentMail on 1st December 2025.



Christmas post boxes

From 8th December, the Christmas post boxes will open in both EYFS/Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. If your child is sending a Christmas card, please make sure that they put the recipient's class on the envelope not just the name of the child it is being sent to. Please also ensure that no sweets or chocolates are included in the card



As we have had our first taste of snow this year, we would like to remind you of the procedures we have in place if there is significant snowfall in Luton.

Should we have **significant snowfall**, not just a dusting, and it becomes necessary to close the site (which is a decision that is not taken lightly) or adjust start/finish times then:

- the school website will be updated accordingly on the scrolling banner that runs across the top part of the home page www.putteridgeprimaryschool.org.uk
- a message will be sent via ParentMail – this will be sent as early as possible, usually around 7am
- we will also inform Luton Borough Council who will update their website: <http://www.luton.gov.uk/schoolclosures>

If nothing is reported on either of the websites, or you do not receive a ParentMail message, the school will be open as normal.

Please ensure that you are connected to ParentMail and if you have changed your mobile number or email address, the school office has been informed of this.



Foundation Stage 2026 applications

If you have a child due to start Foundation stage in September 2026, please ensure that your application is submitted online by the deadline of **15th January 2026**. Any applications received after this date will be classed as 'late' and there is no guarantee that the first choice of school will be given.



Early finish on Friday 19th December

A reminder that as the term ends this week, **ALL** year groups will finish at **2pm on Friday 19th December** – please ensure that you have noted the change in finish time for this day and have suitable arrangements in place to collect your child(ren).



Absence

If your child is absent from school owing to illness, please ensure that you report this by 9.00am. This can be done by telephoning the school on 01582 728262 (lines open at 8.30am) or by sending an email to absence@putteridgeprimaryschool.org.uk



Thank you to everyone who took part in our spots & stripes non-uniform day on Friday 14th November to support Children in Need – your generous donations helped us to raise £580.74.

Anti-bullying week took place between 10th – 14th November

Throughout the week, the children took part in assemblies and other activities aimed at raising awareness around the effects of bullying and how to cope if it is happening to them. A very colourful Odd Socks Day took place on Monday 10th and some photographs of pupils (plus pets) can be found in the Galleries tab on the website.





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Homework

As of the end of this term, learning log tasks will be phased out.

We would like the children to concentrate their efforts on daily reading, the spelling activities set via EdShed and Numbot activities for KS1/TT Rockstars for KS2.

For Key Stage 2, Mathematics has been phased out and is being replaced by White Rose Infinity quizzes - your child will receive a login code in due course.

Christmas Fayre

🎄 Putteridge Primary School PTA – Christmas Fayre Thank You! 🎄

We are delighted to share that our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 22 November raised a fantastic profit of £1,052.82! 🎁 A huge thank you to everyone who made the event such a success.



- 🎁 To our amazing PTA helpers – thank you for giving up your time, energy and enthusiasm. We truly couldn't do it without you.
- 🎁 To Putteridge Primary School staff – your support, guidance and help on the day make all the difference.
- 🎁 To the local businesses who attended and donated – we are incredibly grateful for your generosity and community spirit.

We hope everyone who joined us had an enjoyable day full of festive cheer. Your support helps us continue to fund extra opportunities and experiences for the children at Putteridge Primary School.

Thank you once again for helping make this year's Christmas Fayre such a wonderful event. 🤝 🎁 🎁

A huge thank you from the school to the members of the PTA for organising a superb Christmas Fete across both halls and the Family room. Lots of hard work, planning, organising and setting up culminated in a fantastic turnout, with people eager to scoop up some delicious treats and early Christmas presents. Santa's Grotto and carols from the Big Hat Factory Choir and the Salvation Army ensured that true Christmas feeling across the building.

Quiz night

🎁 🎁 QUIZ NIGHT – 14/11/2025 – THE TOTALS ARE IN! 🎁 🎁

Thank you to everyone who came along, played their hearts out, and helped make the night amazing!

📄 INCOME

📄 Ticket Sales: £500

📄 Heads & Tails: £34

📄 Raffle Tickets: £184.20

📄 TOTAL EXPENSES: £335.05

(Fish & chips, prizes, condiments & Heads & Tails winner)

🎁 FINAL PROFIT: £383.15! 🎁

A brilliant result – every penny goes straight back into supporting Putteridge Primary School!

Thanks again for all your support. 🤝 🤝

Non-uniform day

We are absolutely delighted to share that our Rudolph Rainbow Raffle non-uniform day raised an amazing £376.69 – and we received the most incredible selection of raffle donations!

Thank you so much to every parent, carer and child who contributed. Your generosity, whether through bottles, gifts, or donations, has helped us put together a brilliant raffle for the Christmas Fete and will make a real difference to the school community.

We truly appreciate your continued support! 🤝 🎁

AGM

The PTA annual general meeting will take place on Wednesday 14th January 2026, between 5.00 & 6.00pm in the Staff room. Come along and show your support.