



# Putteridge Primary School

## Newsletter Issue No. 4

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Well, the first month of the new year has already passed and what a busy one it was too. February is also shaping up to be a busy month with lots going on, so please read the information below so that you know what is coming up and when.

Kind regards,

Colin Pickard  
Headteacher



### Attendance Figures



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

#### Week ending

09/01/26  
16/01/26  
23/01/26  
30/01/26

#### Key Stage 1 & EYFS

Green Class (98.75%)  
Blue Class (98.52%)  
Silver Class (96.21%)  
Purple Class (97.04%)

#### Key Stage 2

4V (98.39%)  
6Q (98.67%)  
3X (98.85%)  
3X (99.23%)

### Values Programme

The value for the month of February will be

**'Honesty'**



### Half term holidays

The children finish for half-term on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – we finish at the normal time of 3.30pm. Children return to school on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

*Goodbye & Good luck*

At the end of this half term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Rand who will be moving on to a new chapter.

Mrs Rand will be known to many of you as an extremely valued member of our office team who is responsible for overseeing our attendance.

She has been with us for many years working in both the Primary and previous Junior School and will be greatly missed.

I am sure you will join us in wishing her all the best for the future and thanking her for her hard work and support through the many years she has worked with us.

### Take on a new challenge

Volunteer for our school admissions appeals panel and help make a difference to:

- ✓ children and parents in Luton
- ✓ local schools and teachers

No prior experience required!

Apply or find out more at  
[luton.gov.uk/appealvolunteers](http://luton.gov.uk/appealvolunteers)



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## Chinese New Year – 12<sup>th</sup> February



Mrs Ridley and her team will be marking the coming of Chinese New Year with the following menu:

- Red option: Chinese Chicken Curry
- Green option: Sweet & Sour Quorn (mustard)
- Yellow option: Jacket potato with cheese (dairy)

Served with Rice & Peas, Mixed vegetables, Mini Corn on the Cob & Mini Pancake Roll (gluten/celery/soya/sulphur dioxide/soya & sulphites)

If your child usually has a packed lunch, but you would like your children to have a Chinese New Year meal, please remember not to send in a packed lunch on this day.



## National Online Safety Day – 10<sup>th</sup> February

Our annual update for staying safe in the digital world is fast approaching!

As in previous years, ECP is coming in to lead age-appropriate workshops for all children from Y1-Y6 focussing on ways to stay safe when using the vast array of digital devices that are now available.

With topics ranging from keeping personal information and passwords secret, to not meeting online friends that we don't know in real life; being able to spot fake news to not believing everything we see on others' profiles and being kind to other people, these workshops are always very informative but fun for the children and leave them feeling more confident. There are also powerful messages regarding minimum age recommendations for certain popular apps which I would also urge parents to make themselves aware of.

An online parent workshop will also be available – a link to access this will be sent out via ParentMail

## Putteridge High School Big Iftar 2026 – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February

### The Putteridge Big Iftar (PBI)

The Putteridge Big Iftar is fast approaching and open to all students and staff to attend.

It truly is a special evening on our school calendar. The evening will celebrate:

- What Ramadhan is?
- Breaking fast and eating together.
- Enjoying a selection of fruits, mains and dessert
- An opportunity to have an evening out with the family.
- Raising money for Luton Foodbank.
- To book your ticket, please follow the link provided: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-putteridge-big-iftar-tickets-1980467872720?aff=oddtcreator>

### What to expect from the PBI

At the Putteridge Big Iftar there will be:

- Amazing food, dessert and fruit selection
- Selfie frame to take pictures to take pictures with your friends and family
- Selfie props
- Goodie bags to engage the young children
- Face painting for the children
- There is a £5 fee adults and £3 for children
- To purchase tickets please click the link below: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-putteridge-big-iftar-tickets-1980467872720?aff=oddtcreator>





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### Children's Mental Health Week (9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> February)



#### What is Children's Mental Health Week?

*An annual mental health awareness week launched by children's mental health charity, Place2Be. The week exists to empower, equip and give a voice to all children and young people in the UK.*

#### When is Children's Mental Health Week?

*This year, the week will take place from 9<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> February. The official theme for this year is 'This is My Place' and schools are being encouraged to create an environment where pupils can really feel they belong.*

#### Why does belonging matter for mental health?

*Our mental health flourishes when we feel connected and valued. When children and young people have a strong sense of belonging they:*

- Feel more confident to be themselves and try new things*
- Develop resilience to cope with challenges and setbacks*
- Build stronger relationships and communication skills*
- Have better self-esteem and understand their own worth*
- Feel motivated to contribute positively to their communities*

1 in 5 children now have a diagnosable mental health condition. By taking part in Children's Mental Health Week we can help ensure that children and young people across the UK feel listened to and know that they are not alone.

