



Putteridge Primary School

Newsletter Issue No. 5

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Spring is finally here and hopefully we can now look forward to brighter and drier days.

We were delighted to be acknowledged by the Education Secretary, Bridget Phillipson, last month, for our hard work in securing strong outcomes for our disadvantaged pupils; her message to us can be found on our Facebook page and also in the 'News & Events' section on the school website.

We have welcomed a number of new staff to Putteridge Primary over the last few weeks: Miss Reid has joined us in the School Office and Mrs Claridge-Fryer and Mrs Chen have joined us working with the children in Key Stage 1. I hope that you will make them feel very welcome in their new roles.

March is already shaping up to be another busy month, as the coming weeks will be packed with World Book Day, Class photographs, Parent Consultations and Comic Relief, along with Year 6 heading off to Conover for their week long residential. Please see the relevant sections within the newsletter for further information. We will also be taking part in national Science Week from the 9th to 13th March and this year's theme will be 'Curiosity: What's your question?'

Kind regards,
Colin Pickard
Headteacher



Attendance Figures



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

Week ending

06/02/26
13/02/26
27/02/26

Key Stage 1 & EYFS

Green Class (97.00%)
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Gold Class (97.93%)

Key Stage 2

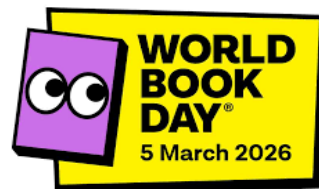
4W (99.33%)
6P (97.74%)
3X (98.46%)



Online safety assemblies

On Tuesday 10th February, the children in Years 1 to 6 took part in online safety assemblies delivered by ECP. Again, a number of children across the school have stated that they play online games with PEGI ratings of either 15 or 18 – games of these ratings are not suitable for primary school children, owing to their significant violent nature, language and sexual content.

If you haven't already done so, please take the opportunity to access the Online Safety video for parents from ECP that can be accessed via the link sent on 6th February on ParentMail. The link will remain open until 9th March.



World Book Day

A reminder that Thursday 5th March is World Book Day, and we are encouraging all pupils and staff to participate. Children can either wear their pyjamas or come dressed as their favourite book character for the day (**no face paints please**) – we would ask that children have appropriate footwear with them for break and lunchtime out on the playground.



Individual and Sibling photographs

Individual and sibling photographs will take place on Thursday 12th March. More details will follow, on ParentMail, shortly.



Comic Relief will take place on Friday 20th March and children will be encouraged to participate in a non-uniform day to support this charity event. Further details will be sent via ParentMail.

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations & mid-year report

This term's parent consultations will take place on Tuesday 17th March (4.00pm – 7.00pm) and Wednesday 18th March (4.30pm – 7.30pm). Details about how to book an appointment will be sent via ParentMail.

Your child's mid-year report will now be emailed via the email address we hold for you on our systems. The reports will be emailed out on the afternoon of Friday 13th March and will form the basis of the discussions during the parent consultations that take place the following week.

Values Programme

The value for the month of March will be

'Peace'

Young Voices at the O2, Monday 23rd February – A fantastic day for Putteridge Primary!

On what turned out to be an unforgettable day, pupils from Putteridge Primary School took part in the spectacular Young Voices concert at the O2 Arena.

The excitement began at 11am, when the children set off full of enthusiasm for the musical adventure ahead. After a smooth journey, they arrived at the O2 to find the arena buzzing with thousands of children from schools across the country, all ready to become part of one enormous choir.

The afternoon was spent in rehearsal, and the sound they created was spectacular! Hearing so many voices come together created a truly amazing atmosphere, and our pupils embraced the experience with enthusiasm and confidence; they were so supportive of one another.

After rehearsals, we stopped for tea and the children prepared for the evening performance. As the audience began to arrive and the arena filled, excitement built and our pupils were more than ready to take their place in the choir. When the performance began, the noise, lights and atmosphere was electric! The children sang and danced their hearts out, taking part in a concert filled with energy, music, and magic. They gave their absolute best from start to finish.

Throughout the entire day, the children were a credit to the school, and showed impeccable behaviour; we are incredibly proud of every single one of them!

A huge well done to everyone involved and thank you to the staff and families who supported this wonderful experience.

