



**Polesden Lacey
Infant School**

Newsletter – No. 23 7th March 2025

Message from Ms. Mole

Books, Books and More books!

The children had the most wonderful day yesterday, celebrating World Book Day and they looked magnificent in all of their costumes.

Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word.

If a child is **never read to** they will have heard approximately **4,662 words** by the time they are 5 years old.

If a child is **read to 1-2 times per week**, they will have heard approximately **63,570 words** by the time they are 5 years old.

If a child is **read to 3-4 times per week**, they will have heard approximately **169,525 words** by the time they are 5 years old.

If a child is **read to daily**, they will have heard approximately **296,660 words** by the time they are 5 years old.

If a child is **read 5 books a day**, they will have heard approximately **1,483,300 words** by the time they are 5 years old.

Exposure to vocabulary is good for all children. Have fun using their World Book Day Voucher and reading them a book today!

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/> (For more information on book tokens)

Rebecca Mole, Headteacher

Star of Week

Rabbits: Theo for sorting numicon into flat tops and not flat tops—odds and even!

Squirrels: Manuel for thinking creatively to produce your abstract castle in art.

Badgers: Charlie M for giving a wonderful speech about your World Book Day character when playing Top Trumps!

Values Star of the week

Rabbits: Alice for being a fair and caring friend—a super role model.

Squirrels: Seth for being a caring friend in Partner work in Maths.

Badgers: Oscar for your resilience when learning about the 5 times table.



Forest School Star of the Week

Rabbits: Luca for making an excellent hedgehog using salt dough and natural materials.

Squirrels: James for his resilience on making his animal model.

Badgers: Arthur for using your imagination to create a fabulous hairdressers shop.

Attendance Cup: Squirrel Class



World Book Day



Don't forget to look at our school facebook page for more photo's and information about things going on at school.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PolesdenLaceyInfantSchool>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/polesdenlaceyinfant>



Forest School Research

As you will be aware one of our parents is undertaking some research on the impact of Forest School. After her questionnaire, that many of you completed last term, she is doing some more practical research. Over the next few weeks she will be attending our Forest School Sessions, run by Miss Aylett, as a parent researcher. There is an opportunity for up to 2 or 3 parent/carers to engage in each forest school session. Additionally there will be the opportunity for some to take part in some more research via an interview.

The dates for the Forest School sessions are:

Squirrel Class on the afternoon of Tuesday 11th March

Rabbit Class on the afternoon of Thursday 19th March

Badger Class on the afternoon of Wednesday 26th March

If you would like to volunteer to be a part of the research and can commit to the afternoon of forest school with your child's class, please email office@polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk by Monday 10th March at 9am.

If there are more than three parents wishing to take part we will pick names from a hat and we will let you know if you have been successful.

Message from the Friends

Thank you so much to everyone who joined in with the book swap yesterday, we had so many wonderful donations and it was great to see so many books going to new homes to be enjoyed. Happy reading!

Request for raffle prizes & volunteers for the Grandparents Afternoon Tea

We are very much looking forward to the Grandparents Afternoon Tea towards the end of term.

We are still looking for 3 more volunteers to support the afternoon tea event from 12.45pm - 3pm on Wednesday 2nd April, please sign up here if you can help: <https://volunteersignup.org/JXLPP>

By volunteering you also get to hear the children singing, which will be lovely!

We're also on the hunt for Eco or Fair trade prizes for the raffle too, so if you know a business who might be able to donate a prize in return for some advertising, please reach out to us at PLISFriends@gmail.com

Ready Steady Bake!

Our next event is our Easter Bake Sale after school on Friday 28th March, we invite everyone to bake (or buy) yummy treats to donate to the sale to help raise funds for the school.



Dates for your diary:

Friday 28th March – Easter Bake Sale

Tuesday 1st April – Easter Hunt

Wednesday 2nd April – Grandparents afternoon tea

Numbots—update

Some of you have already noticed that your child cannot get on to Numbots at the moment. We are aware of the issue and are taking steps to rectify it. Hopefully Numbots will be up and running again very soon. We will let you know as soon as it is.

Dates For Your Diary

Spring Term 2

13th March—2.30pm—3pm—Year 1 & 2 Open Afternoon. Reception Class Stay & Play.

18th March—Parent Consultations—more details to follow

20th March—Parent Consultations—more details to follow

25th March—Year 1 Class Assembly—after drop off

2nd April— 2pm—3pm—Year 1 & 2 Grandparents Tea Party—more details to follow

4th April—Last day of term—**1pm finish**

7th April—21st April—Easter Holidays—school closed

Summer Term 1

22nd April—All Staff & Children Return

30th April — (am) ELP Singing Assembly—Year 2

5th May — Bank Holiday—School closed

7th May (pm) Puppet Show

8th May — Year 2 Trip to British Wildlife Centre, Lingfield

9th May — (1pm—4pm) Gardening Afternoon

14th May — Year 1 Trip to Wisley Gardens

22nd May—Reception Class Trip to Nower Wood

23rd May — (pm) Friends Sponsored Bounce followed by family picnic after school

26th—30th May—May Half Term—School Closed

Summer Term 1

2nd June—Inset Day—School Closed

3rd June all children return

Friends Events:

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