



**Polesden Lacey
Infant School**

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Message from Ms. Mole

Breaking News!!

Polesden Lacey Infant School came second in the Rethink Waste competition! This is a massive achievement for our small school and was only possible due to the involvement of parents, carers, friends, families, staff and Governors. The school that won is an all through primary school with a huge number of pupils. Per capita we smashed it! The prize, £250, will be used on our outdoor provision, particularly forest school. Miss. Aylett has been after an axe to chop up fallen wood to use for her fires (a great way to re-use a resource) so this is definitely on our shopping list! We will also be using the money to buy resources to deepen the children's link with the environment such as shelter making equipment, seeds and clay. Once again a massive thankyou to everyone that took part and to Mrs. Bryan for organising.

Below you will see a brief report, compiled by two Badger children about the Football tournament that they took part in last Friday. The tournament was organized by The LEO trust and we were delighted to be invited to take part. We have several more sporting activities planned with them over the next term and a bit. Having use of their mini buses has made the participation in and planning of enrichment trips so much more affordable and easy to organize.

Whilst the footballers were away playing in the tournament we showed The LEO Board of Trustees (equivalent to our Governing Body) around our lovely school. They were inquisitive and keen to see for themselves what makes Polesden Lacey Infant School so special. I felt great pride as I showed them the school and it reinforced that we will continue to go from strength to strength, as we develop our partnership with them.

Rebecca Mole, Headteacher

Star of Week

Rabbits: **Ben** for sharing his knowledge of doubling and enjoying the challenge of trickier questions such as double 16!

Squirrels: **Charlie** for writing an interesting prediction about our new story "The egg".

Badgers: **Amelie** for writing your own wonderful version of 'Here We Are', in English this week!

Values Star of the week

Rabbits: **Riley** for demonstrating resilience and courage when writing animal clues!

Squirrels: **Ava S** for being courageous in Maths, always trying her best to apply new skills.

Badgers: **Ellis** for being curious and tackling problems in Maths with courage!



Forest School Star of the Week

Rabbits: Arthur M for being a good team player while playing games as a class.

Squirrels: Bailey for being a super nature explorer using the seek app to identify different plants.

Badgers: Gian for showing different ways of ordering using numbers and natural materials.

Attendance Cup: Squirrel Class



Parent Consultations—Tuesday 18th & Thursday 20th March

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the forthcoming Parent Consultation meetings.

Appointments take place in your child's classroom. Please enter via the school playground and wait in the outside classroom until the teacher calls you in. Please note the playground has limited lighting so you might like to bring a torch with you if your appointment is after dark.

In fairness to other parents each appointment will start and finish promptly. If you need further time to discuss any concerns after your 10 minutes are up please make another appointment to see the teacher separately at a later date.

Any accompanying school age children will be asked to sit quietly in the class book corner, where books will be provided for them to look at. Please keep toddlers with you during the meeting.

Many of you will have had the opportunity to look at your child's books on Open Afternoon this week (Thursday 13th March) if you were unable to do so and would like to look at the books on parents evening please let the teacher know in advance so she can have them ready.

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:

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. The parents that came to the Squirrel class session this week really enjoyed themselves.

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.

Year 2 Football Tournament

Last Friday afternoon, 13 children from Badger Class went to West Ashtead Primary School to take part in a Football tournament organized by LEO academy sports department.

They travelled there by LEO minibuses and played 4 matches, one after the other. All reports were that the children were brilliant, they played really well and enjoyed themselves.

'It was back to back matches, at the end we were sweating but happy!' Arthur

'We wanted it to rain because we were so hot. I'm looking forward to the next sporting event to see how we do.' Amelie



Match report by Arthur, Amelie and Ms. Mole.

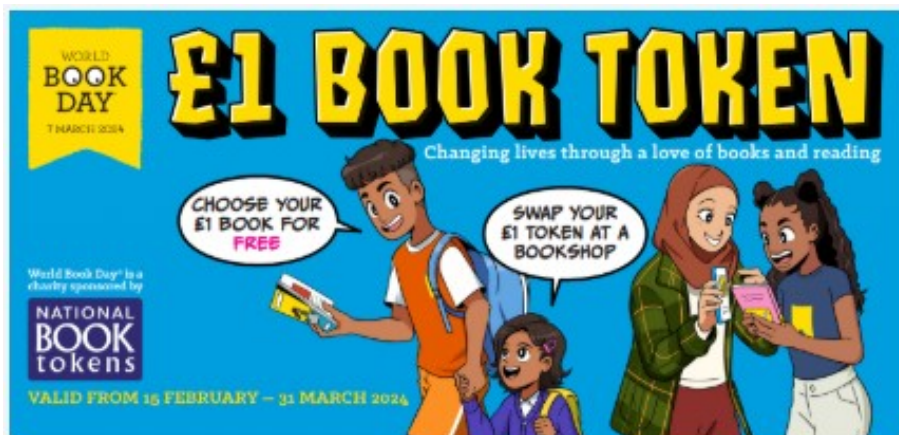
World Book Day Tokens

Don't forget to use your World Book Day Token. They are valid until **23rd March 2025**.

How to exchange your £1 token

Children can swap their £1 token for any of the £1 books or get £1 off a full price title, any full price book or audiobook (as long as the book or audiobook costs at least £2.99 at participating booksellers. [Find your nearest participating retailer](#).)

Please note that the World Book Day book tokens cannot be used for online purchases.



Don't forget to look at our school social media pages for photo's and information about things going on at school.

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



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



Giant eggs to be hidden around London for Big Egg hunt

If you are looking for something different to do with the children at the weekend or during the Easter holidays why not consider a visit to London to take part in the Big Egg Hunt 2025 trail.

A city-wide spectacle will see London filled with more than 100 giant decorated eggs.

The Big Egg Hunt 2025 trail will include sites at Battersea Power Station, Covent Garden, Chelsea, Marylebone, Marble Arch and Canary Wharf, as well as Buckingham Palace, the Barbican and the Saatchi Gallery.

Wildlife charity Elephant Family and egg producer Clarence Court are behind the exhibition, which features work from the worlds of art, fashion and food.

Elephant Family described the trail as "a vibrant celebration of art and conservation which can be enjoyed by everyone".

The scattered sculptures are 2ft (0.6m) tall and members of the public will be able to "collect the eggs" from 24 March when they can be found and ticked off on a free app which is set to reveal prizes along the way.

When the exhibition ends, the sculptures will be auctioned to raise funds for Asian wildlife conservation through the charity, Elephant Family, which was founded by the Queen's late brother, Mark Shand



For more information and pictures visit the BBC website: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cdjyze9p21lo>

Message from the Friends

Request for raffle prizes & Grandparents Afternoon Tea wares

Thank you so much for those who have signed up to volunteer at the grandparents afternoon tea in a few weeks, we've now filled all the spots! We cannot provide these wonderful activities without your support and we are extremely grateful to anyone who helps us with the events, so thank you!

If anyone has any **tea pots, cafetieres or milk jugs** they'd be willing to lend us or donate permanently for the event we'd be very grateful. These can be placed in the black box at the front of the school. All those labelled will of course be returned to you afterwards.

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) a yummy treat to donate to the sale. Please drop these off at the front of the school in the morning on Friday 28th March.

We politely request that all cakes and bakes are nut free.

Children who are in the after school club will also have the opportunity to purchase cakes if you send them in with a little bit of money in an envelope.



The Egg-cellent Easter Egg-stravaganza at Polesden Lacey Infants

On Tuesday 1st April we are inviting children to take part in an Easter Egg hunt in the grounds of the school. In the morning each class will either spot the cheeky Easter bunnies who are hiding in the woods (Rabbits) or hunt for eggs and find clues to form an Easter phrase (Squirrels and Badgers).

At the end of the school day every child will receive a chocolate egg to take home (as long as their parent / carer has given permission via our online form).

To continue our fundraising for the benefit of all children at the school we will be asking for a £3.50 donation per child and are requesting online payments only please.

We appreciate that finances are very tight for a lot of families so please be assured that every child at PLIS will be able to take part and receive an egg, as long as you have completed the permission form.

Please feel free to have a confidential conversation with the office or Ms Mole if the donation causes you any kind of difficulty.

Please purchase your child/ren's ticket/s by Monday 31st March by clicking this link: <http://www.peoplesfundraising.com/event/easter-hunt-tues-1st-april-2025>

AND please ensure that you have ALSO completed this quick permission form: <https://forms.gle/ZiYqQNrKAHJAAUtD6>

Without the permission form we will not be able to give your child their chocolate egg (or dairy free alternative).



Tick Bite Prevention Week (25 – 31 March 2025); Enjoy the outdoors but 'be tick aware' this spring and summer

As the spring weather arrives, it's important for our health and well-being to get outdoors, enjoy nature and the fresh air. So when you're out and about in grassy or wooded areas, including your local park or garden, there may be ticks.

Ticks are found throughout the year, mostly between spring and summer. 'Being tick aware' can help to reduce the chance of tick bites and risk of [Lyme disease](#) or other infections such as [Tick-Borne Encephalitis](#).

Ticks can transmit microbes that cause infections such as Lyme disease though not all ticks carry the microbe. Ticks generally attach to animals though can sometimes bite humans. Lyme disease is a tick-borne bacterial infection that can be transmitted to humans if they are bitten by an infected *Ixodes ricinus* tick. Ticks attach to the skin of animals or humans that brush past them. They do not jump or fly.

What does a tick look like? A tiny spider-like creature. It is an arachnid.



How can you reduce the chance of getting a tick bite? Walk on clearly defined paths to avoid brushing against vegetation, use insect repellent, wear light coloured clothes, and perform regular tick checks. You may not feel the bite that's why it's important to do a check.

How do you remove ticks safely and quickly? It is important to [remove ticks](#) safely and as quickly as possible to avoid any infection, by using a pair of fine-tipped tweezers or a tick removal tool.

If you begin to feel unwell with flu-like symptoms or develop a spreading circular red rash (which usually appears within 1 to 4 weeks after being bitten), contact your GP or NHS 111 promptly. Let them know if you were bitten by a tick or have recently spent time outdoors.

Find out more about tick awareness from the UK Health Security Agency, [Tick bite risks and prevention of Lyme disease: resources - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#). There are downloadable posters and leaflets for you to help raise awareness in your school or organisation. Share with family and friends so they too can keep well, safe and enjoy the outdoors.

UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) launched an enhanced [surveillance scheme](#) to understand more about the spread of Lyme disease in England. The scheme asks people who test positive for recently acquired Lyme disease to provide information about where they may have picked up the infection, if they recall a tick bite, where in the country this took place, whether they have any pets, their recent outdoor activities, travel and their occupation.

Dates For Your Diary

Spring Term 2

18th March—Parent Consultations

20th March—Parent Consultations

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

2nd April— 2pm—3pm—Year 1 & 2 Grandparents Tea Party

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:

Friday 28 March – Easter Bake Sale

Tuesday 1 April – Easter Hunt