



**Polesden Lacey
Infant School**

Newsletter – No. 30 9th May 2025

Message from Ms. Mole

It may only have been a short week but we seem to have done lots this week. Lots of fabulous learning throughout the school and on Thursday Year 2 had an enjoyable and informative day at the British Wildlife Centre. Their visit coincided with Hedgehog Awareness Week. Did you know that hedgehogs are a great indicator species – their needs are quite simple so if they aren't being met, it means the habitat is deficient – and should ring alarm bells for other species, including humans!



Try these wildlife-friendly ways to give hedgehogs the edge:

- **Let the edges grow wild!** Log piles, leaf heaps, and wild edges attract natural food and offer shelter for hedgehogs. Always carefully check for wildlife before mowing, strimming or tidying wild areas.
- **Add Hedgehog highways!** These 13cm x 13cm square gaps in the base of boundary walls and fences ensure hedgehogs can access vital habitat. Once made, log them on the [Big Hedgehog Map](#).
- **Make ponds safe!** Ponds are great for wildlife but ensure there are escape routes – add sloping edges, ramps or half-submerged rocks so hedgehogs can scramble out.
- **Look out for litter!** Litter is very harmful to wildlife, and while it's hopefully not an issue in your own garden, it's likely to be in the wider environment. Contact landowners where litter is a problem; remember to point out the danger to wildlife.
- **Water** is vital for all wildlife and can be scarce, especially during hot spells. Make sure there are always clean shallow bowls of water available for hedgehogs – add a few pebbles for bees and butterflies to perch on so they can safely drink too.
- **Stop using poisons and pesticides** that could directly harm wildlife and destroy the food chain.
- **Netting** can become entangled in hedgehog spines: make sure sports nets are put away and garden netting is raised 30cm off the ground so hedgehogs can safely pass under.

As I finish the newsletter we have some wonderful volunteers who are helping make our grounds look amazing. We will make sure we are following the advice above, so we can do our bit to look after the hedgehogs.

Rebecca Mole, Headteacher

Star of Week

Rabbits: **Riley** for showing great enthusiasm for learning and trying new things. What a Superstar!

Squirrels: **Phoebe** for settling in so well to Squirrel class and enjoying making new friends.

Badgers: **Arthur** for being so enthusiastic, polite and respectful on our trip to the British Wildlife Centre!



Values Star of the week

Rabbits: **Jasmin** for always being kind and caring to her friends.

Squirrels: **Sebastian** for showing respect during the puppet assembly when discussing the good Samaritan.

Badgers: **All of Badger Class** for the curiosity you showed when learning about the animals at the British Wildlife Centre.

Forest School Star of the Week

Rabbits: Stanley for being curious and enthusiastic to identify the trees in our woodland.

Squirrels: James for being a curious learner and contributing to our group discussions about identifying native trees.

Badgers: Badgers didn't have forest school this week as they were on their class trip.

Attendance Cup: Rabbit Class.



NUMBOTS Star of the Week

Rabbits: Grace

Squirrels: Samuel

Badgers: Enid



Social Media

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>

Head Lice

We have had a reported case of headlice in school this week. When washing your children's hair this weekend please can you have a quick check for eggs or lice and if you find anything, treat accordingly.

Many thanks.

Beating asthma together- parent and carers session 18th June 7.30-8pm

The surrey heartlands children and young people's team are hosting a half hour session for parents and carers enabling them to understand and take better control of their child's asthma.

Let's tackle asthma head-on — together!

Understand what asthma *really* is

- ☑ Spot the signs before they escalate
- ☑ Learn what works – at home and in school
- ☑ Build a solid action plan
- ☑ Get expert answers to your questions

Clear. Practical. Life-saving.

Don't miss this chance to feel more confident and better prepared

[click here to book](#)

Parking

Unfortunately concerns regarding the parking down Howard Road at pick up time have been brought to our attention again. At pick up on Wednesday a car was parked in such a way that it made it extremely difficult for the resident to get out of their drive. It was also opposite other parked cars on the opposite side of the road so it was very tight for cars to get up or down the road and would have been impossible for any form of emergency vehicle to get through.

Can we please remind you, once again, of our schools Parking Policy which can be found in your copy of the School Handbook;

For safety reasons

- If you have to drive to school, cars should be parked in Howard Road, on the school side of the road, or preferably further out on roads such as Crabtree Lane, remembering not to obstruct zigzag lines and driveways. (We are committed to having a positive relationship with our neighbours and it is incredibly frustrating for them when our families park across driveways or in a way that prevents them from entering or leaving their property.)

- **DO NOT** drive into the school grounds unless you are picking your child up with prior permission from the school office or in the case of illness. This includes when dropping off or collecting at before and after school clubs.

Children are permitted to travel to school on bikes and scooters BUT they must dismount at the school gates and then push or carry the items whilst on school premises to avoid accidents to themselves and others. There is a cycle rack in front of the school. **NB.** Please note you must sign up to the safe scootering and/or cycling schemes to obtain a permit for your scooter and/or bike. Please see the separate policy and codes of practice on the school website <https://polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk/information/policies>

- **NO** parking should take place in Oakdene Close, in order to keep access clear for residents and emergency vehicles and to avoid the dangers involved with cars turning in this narrow cul-de-sac, especially when children are arriving and leaving school.

- It is essential that emergency vehicles have access to the school via Howard Road at all times. **Please do not obstruct the road**

- Please remember that the road is in constant use and all pedestrians entering or leaving the school should use the pavements on either side of Oakdene Close

This charter for coming into and leaving school has been written by the children:

Our coming in to school charter

- Walk your bike and scooter down the school path
 - Put your bike or scooter in the shed
 - Look where you are going
 - Walk on the path **with** your adult

Always stay with your adult before going into class

Our Parking Charter (also written by the children)

Grown-ups please can you:

- Do park and stride if you can
- Keep our crossing clear
- Drive slowly (especially on Howard Road)
- Leave space for emergency vehicles

Forest school

In forest school this week the children made and tried Lilac lemonade. I am reliably informed that it was absolutely delicioussss.....

If you want to try making it at home Miss Aylett has provided us with the recipe that she used;

2 cups of lilac flowers

1 cup of sugar

1 cup of water

2/3 lemons

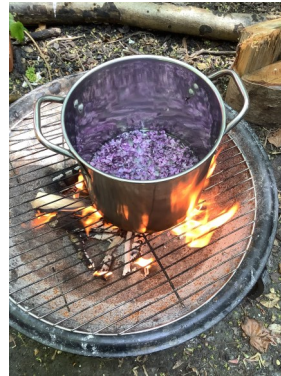
Wash flowers and remove flower stems.

Put flowers, sugar & water in a pan and simmer for 5—10 minutes

Leave to cool for 4-6 hours for best results, then strain into a jar for lilac syrup

Fill a jug with the juice of 2/3 lemons, ice and water then sweeten to taste with the Lilac Syrup.

And enjoy!



Year 2 Trip to the British Wildlife Centre—photos

Year 2 had a lovely time at the British Wildlife Centre at Lingfield this week. Can you spot some of the animals that they saw in the following pictures?



Message from the Friends

Sponsored Bounce – Friday 23 May

The Sponsored Bounce has been a PLIS favourite for over a decade and we're delighted to say that we're running it again on Friday 23rd May. Please see the separate email from Mrs Cummings with all the information you need, we must have a completed permission form to allow your child to bounce.

If you would like to volunteer to help us with the event, please sign up [here](#).

We are using the peoplesfundraising.com platform this year to collect sponsorships—making it simple for parents, grandparents, and friends to show their support. Just share the [link](#) with anyone who would like to sponsor your child's efforts. Every contribution, big or small, makes a real difference. After school there will be a chance for you to bring a picnic to have in the school grounds and for the children to have extra bounces for a small donation. Siblings welcome!



The Sponsored Bounce will be followed by a picnic and an extra bounce after school from 3.00pm to 4.00pm for Children, Siblings, Parents and Carers. We look forward to seeing you there!



Dates for Diaries

- Friday 23 May - Sponsored Bounce
- Friday 13 June – Village Making Morning
- Sunday 13 July – Polesden Lacey Infant School Summer Fair

Dates For Your Diary

Summer Term 1

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

4th June—(2.15pm—3pm) Year 1 & 2 Open Afternoon. Reception Class Stay and Play

10th June—Sports athlete in school all day

13th June (1pm—3pm) - Village Day Making Afternoon

17th June (10.30—3pm) Superhero stroll to Polesden Lacey National Trust—more details to follow in due course.

20th June— (pm) 1st Summer Club Session for September intake

Saturday 21st June—Bookham Village Day parade & Year 2 dance—more details to follow in due course

25th June—Sports day— Reception 10am—midday, Year 1 & 2, 1.15pm—3pm more details to follow nearer the time

26th June—ZooLab science workshops for all classes

27th June—(pm) 2nd Summer Club

1st July—Surrey Transition Day—Year 2 children will visit their new schools. Year 1 and Reception children will spend the morning in their new class getting to know their new teacher.

2nd July—(9am—9.20am approx) Reception Class assembly— Parents & Carers invited—more details to follow

4th July—(am) Yr 2 to Cheam Common Juniors for a Multi Sports event—more details to follow

11th July—End of Year Reports home to all parents

Sunday 13th July—School Summer Fair

17th July (am) - Rocksteady Concert

21st July (am) Year 2 Leavers Assembly (more details to follow in due course)

22nd July—Last day of term—school finishes at 1pm.