Poringland Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

Be Ready Be Respectful Be Safe

Friday 18th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are already two weeks into the new school year! I am delighted to say that the term has got off to a fantastic start, and the school has quickly settled into a positive rhythm.

Our children have returned with great enthusiasm for learning, and it has been wonderful to see classrooms buzzing with activity. Staff have worked incredibly hard to ensure a smooth start to the year, and I would like to thank both our team and our families for their support during what can be a busy transition period.

This week has marked another important milestone as we welcomed our Nursery children to school and our Reception children moved to full-time attendance. We are so proud of how well our youngest learners have settled into their new routines. Starting school is a significant step for children and families alike, and it has been a pleasure to see new friendships forming and confidence growing day by day.

As a new Headteacher, I have enjoyed meeting many more parents and carers at the school gates and around the site. Thank you for the warm welcome I have received. Building strong relationships between home and school is incredibly important to me, and I look forward to continuing to get to know our wonderful community over the coming weeks and months.

Highest Class Attendance

Position in the school	Week commencing: 7/09/26	Week commencing: 14/09/26
1st	Malthouse: 99.63%	Surlingham: 99.16%
2nd	Wroxham: 99.62%	Brundall: 98.21%
3rd	Ranworth: 99.31%	Filby: 97.92%

Attendance Matters

School attendance is one of the most important factors in helping children thrive at school. Good attendance helps children to:

- Develop positive routines and healthy habits.
- Build strong relationships with friends and staff.
- Gain confidence.
- Achieve better academic outcomes.
- Feel included and engaged in all aspects of school life.

Even small amounts of absence can have a big impact. Each school day is made up of **two sessions**, and missing just **10 sessions** (equivalent to five days) means a child has already lost a significant chunk of teaching time. Over a term or year, these missed moments quickly add up, making it harder for children to keep up with new learning and maintain strong progress.

Punctuality is equally important. Arriving on time ensures they start the day calmly, ready to learn, and not missing those vital first moments of teaching that set them up for success. Arriving just **5 minutes late** every day add ups to **3 days lost** each year! At Poringland Primary School and Nursery, we have assembly three times a week at 8:45. It is incredibly daunting for children to have to enter the hall once assembly has started so ensuring children are in on time is very important.

As parents and carers, you play a vital role in supporting your child's attendance. We ask that children arrive at school on time every day, ready to learn and make the most of the opportunities available to them. Thank you for your continued support in getting your children into school every day and on time — it truly makes a difference to their progress and wellbeing. Attached is our new attendance and punctuality policy for you to read.

Key dates

September:

Monday 21st September: Flu Vaccinations

Wednesday 22nd September @ 8.45am: Year 5 meet the teacher

Tuesday 29th September: Individual photos

Tuesday 29th September @ 8.45am: Year 3 Meet the teacher

Wednesday 30th September @ 8.45am: Year 2 Meet the teacher

October:

Thursday 1st October @ 8.45am: Year 1 Meet the teacher

Tuesday 6th October @ 8.45am: Year 4 Meet the teacher

Wednesday 7th October @ 8.45am: Year 6 Meet the teacher

Thursday 8th October @ 8.45am: Reception Meet the teacher

Friday 16th October: Show racism the red card – wear a red t shirt to school with usual uniform

Thursday 22nd October: Last day of half term

Friday 23rd October – Friday 30th October: Half term

Thank you for your ongoing support. We have an exciting term ahead and I look forward to sharing our children's achievements and school developments with you in future newsletters. Have a lovely weekend,

Kind Regards



Mrs L Hazard - Headteacher