

June 2026

NEWSLETTER

potter street academy news

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of another successful school year, I would like to thank you for your continued support. In particular, thank you for working with us during the recent warm weather to ensure that all of our children remained safe whilst enabling us to keep the school open. Your partnership is greatly appreciated.

To all of our children, thank you for your hard work, enthusiasm and resilience throughout the year. You should be incredibly proud of your achievements. A special mention goes to those children who have worked hard every single day. Their progress is a testament to their commitment, and if they continue with this attitude, they will undoubtedly achieve great success in the future.

My sincere thanks also go to our dedicated staff, whose hard work and commitment to our children and school community make our school such a special place.

Finally, we wish our Year 6 children every success as they begin their transition to secondary school. We are incredibly proud of you, we will miss you, and we know you will continue to shine.

I hope you all have a safe, happy and restful summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Neil Gladwin
Head of School

House Points

Children are busy earning house points by showing how well they keep the school values – responsibility, respect, resilience and relationships.



Dragon 2543



Griffin 1943



Lion 2302



Unicorn 1915

Celebrating Our Children – Year 6 SATs, Year 4 MTC & Year 1 Phonics

A huge well done to all of our children who recently completed their assessments.

Our Year 6 pupils approached their SATs with determination, resilience and positivity. We are incredibly proud of the effort they showed throughout the week. SATs are only one part of their school journey, but the confidence, perseverance and growth they have demonstrated are achievements worth celebrating. Thank you to our families for your encouragement and support at home—it makes such a difference.

Well done also to our Year 4 children who completed their Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). The children worked hard to build their fluency and confidence with times tables and approached the check with enthusiasm and a fantastic attitude.



A special mention to our Year 1 children who completed their Phonics Screening Check. We are so proud of the progress they have made in developing their early reading skills and phonics knowledge. The children showed great focus and gave their very best throughout. Thank you to parents and carers for your continued support with reading at home—it plays such an important role in helping children grow in confidence and enjoyment of books.

Thank you to all our families for your ongoing support. Together, we continue to celebrate every child's achievement and learning journey.

Attendance - Punctuality

We kindly ask parents and carers to ensure children arrive at school on time each day unless they are unwell or there are exceptional circumstances.

Recently, we have had a number of calls advising that children are "a little tired" and will therefore be arriving later. While we understand that everyone has occasional difficult mornings, tiredness alone is not usually a reason for a late start to the school day.

The beginning of the school day is an important part of learning. Children who arrive late can miss valuable teaching, key instructions and the opportunity to settle into the day alongside their classmates. Arriving once the class is already engaged in learning can also be unsettling and uncomfortable for children themselves.

We would also like to remind families that if a child arrives after the register has closed, this is recorded as an unauthorised absence for that session. This will impact their overall attendance percentage and, where attendance falls below expected levels, may result in attendance procedures being initiated, including an attendance meeting to discuss how we can work together to improve attendance and punctuality.

Thank you for your support in helping all children develop positive routines and make the most of every learning opportunity. As always, if there are

ongoing circumstances affecting attendance or punctuality, please speak to the school so we can support where needed.

Attendance - Reminder

As we move into the final part of the year, we would like to remind families of the importance of good attendance. Every day in school counts and makes a real difference to children's learning, progress and confidence. We thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school regularly and arrives on time.

Every School Day Counts 90%
Attendance may sound good and if we
were to get 90% in a test we would be
quite happy, however 90% is the same
as missing 4 school weeks in one year!

Sun Safety and Hydration

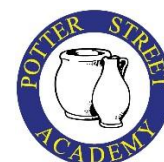
As the weather becomes warmer, please can we ask that children come to school prepared for the sun. This includes applying sun cream before school, wearing a hat where possible, and bringing a **clearly labelled water bottle** each day.

We will continue to encourage children to drink regularly throughout the day to stay hydrated, especially during outdoor activities.

Thank you for helping us keep all children safe and comfortable in warmer weather.

Sporting Success This Half Term

This half term has been another fantastic one for sport across the school. All of Year 6 took part in a Rounders Tournament, where they showed excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship, representing the school brilliantly throughout the day.



A group of Year 5 and 6 pupils also attended a Dynamos Cricket event, demonstrating great enthusiasm, resilience and a willingness to develop their skills. They were a credit to the school and embraced every opportunity with confidence and positivity.

We were also proud to see a Year 6 team compete in the PCLC Football Tournament. The children represented the school exceptionally well, showing great teamwork, effort and respect throughout the competition.

The profile of sport across the school continues to grow, with more children than ever getting involved in clubs, competitions and sporting events. We are incredibly proud of all our pupils and the positive attitude they bring to sport every day. Their commitment, enthusiasm and support for one another have been outstanding.

Well done to everyone involved – you have all represented the school superbly!

Y6 Residential - Danbury

Children from year 6 enjoyed a fun-filled, action packed four days at Danbury. The children took part in activities such as archery, zipwire and mountain biking. A fabulous time was had by all! Miss Stammers and Mrs Porter were very proud of the children's exemplary behaviour and resilience throughout the four days!



School Dinners Price Update – Sept 26

We would like to inform parents and carers that, from September 2026, the cost of a school dinner will increase slightly from **£1.60 to £1.70**.

This small adjustment helps us to continue providing high-quality, nutritious meals for our children each day, while covering rising food and operating costs. We remain committed to ensuring that school dinners continue to offer good value, balanced choices, and freshly prepared food that children enjoy.

We understand that any change in cost can have an impact on families, and we appreciate your continued support and understanding.

Sports Day Reminder – 3rd July 2026

We are looking forward to our Sports Morning on **3rd July (weather permitting)**.

Children should come to school in their **PE kit**, with no earrings worn. Please also ensure your child brings a **labelled water bottle** and that sun cream is applied before school if needed, along with a hat in hot weather.

Gates will open at **9.20am** and close at **9.40am**, with events starting at **9.30am**. Families are asked to bring a **picnic lunch**, which should be brought in at 9.20am, as gates will be locked until 1.15pm.

Parents/carers are kindly asked to remain in the designated viewing area and not cross the track during events. Sports morning is expected to finish between **12.00pm–12.30pm**, after which families may join their children for lunch on the field. Children will return to class at 1.00pm for afternoon registration.

After 1.15pm, children may be taken home from their classrooms if parents wish; otherwise, they will remain in school as normal until 3.10pm.

Please note there is **no smoking or vaping on school grounds**.

Thank You

We would like to say a huge thank you to our PTA for their continued support of our school community.

A special thank you for kindly funding and providing the Year 6 hoodies. The children are extremely proud to wear them, and they are a wonderful keepsake of their final year with us.

We would also like to thank the PTA for organising the Father's Day pop-up shop, where children had the opportunity to choose and purchase gifts. The event was very well received and created lots of excitement and joy for the children.

Father's Day Event

We were delighted to have so many significant men attend our Father's Day celebration this term. A fun afternoon was had playing different board games. Thank you to all those that attended and made it a fantastic afternoon for the children.

Dates for the Diary

2 July	Y6 to Southend Y6 induction evening at Passmores
3 July	Sports Day
6 July	Y5 at Passmores all day
6 July	PCLC sports tournament
7 July	Y3/4 to Passmores to watch production of Matilda the Musical
7 July	Y6 leavers assembly – 4:00pm
8 July	Rock Steady parent concert
9 July	9.00am, EYFS road safety talk, parents to attend
9 July	Y5 road safety talk and walk
9 July	Y2 class party
10 July	Y2 mini Olympics at Church Langley
10 July	Class parties - PM
13 July	New classes start Y6 at Passmores / Stewards
15 July	Winning house reward afternoon
16 July	Star of the Term reward afternoon
17 July	Non uniform day Last Day, finish at 1:30pm (No after school club)

