

July 2026

NEWSLETTER

potter street academy news

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of another wonderful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our entire school community for their continued support, kindness and commitment.

To our incredible staff, thank you for your dedication, hard work and care. Every day, you go above and beyond to provide the very best opportunities for our children, and I am immensely grateful for everything you do.

To our parents and carers, thank you for your ongoing encouragement, trust and partnership throughout the year. Working together has enabled our children to thrive, and we truly appreciate your support.

As the summer holidays begin, I hope you all have a well-deserved break filled with rest, fun and precious time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, refreshed, ready to learn and excited for another successful year ahead.

As we prepare for the new academic year, I am delighted to remind you that our new **free Breakfast Club** will be available from the very first day back in September. We hope this new provision will provide a positive start to the school day and support our families.

This time of year also brings moments of farewell. We are sad to be saying goodbye to some valued members of our staff team who have made a significant contribution to our school community. We thank them sincerely for everything they have done and wish them every happiness and success in the next chapter of their careers.

At the same time, we are excited to welcome new colleagues who will be joining us in September. They will bring a wealth of enthusiasm, experience and fresh ideas, and we look forward to introducing them to our school community. Finally, I would like to thank every child for their enthusiasm, resilience and achievements throughout the year. You have made us incredibly proud, and we cannot wait to see what you will accomplish next year.

Have a wonderful, safe and relaxing summer holiday. We look forward to seeing you all again in September.

House Points

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



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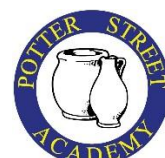
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End of year assessments

You should have received an email for your child's end of year assessments. Parents and carers of children in Year 1 & Year 2 will also be informed if your child passed their phonics screening and parents and carers of children in year 4 will be informed of the results of the multiplication check.

100% Attendance Academic Year 2025/26

Well done to those children that achieved 100% attendance for the academic year. All the children were entered into a prize draw for a £20.00 Amazon voucher – well done Alfie for winning!!!



Sports Day

We had an amazing morning celebrating Sports Day! Despite the hot weather, the children did incredibly well and showed fantastic determination, enthusiasm and resilience throughout all of the races.

It was wonderful to see the camaraderie amongst the houses, with children encouraging one another, showing great sportsmanship and celebrating each other's achievements. The atmosphere was full of excitement, teamwork and smiles, making it a very special event for everyone involved.

A huge congratulations to Dragon House for winning both the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 competitions — a fantastic achievement!

It was also lovely to welcome so many parents and families who came along to support the children. Your encouragement and cheers helped to make the morning even more memorable.

A special thank you goes to all of the staff for their support throughout the morning. Their help, encouragement and teamwork always play a huge part in making Sports Day such a successful and enjoyable event for the children.

Finally, a big thank you to our amazing pupil helpers, who supported with setting up the races and ensuring everything ran smoothly. Your hard work and responsibility were greatly appreciated.

Maths Bee 2026



**Congratulations
to our Maths
Bee Champions
2026**

Stars of the Term



A big well done to our Stars of the Term: -

Rec	Myles, El, Rogue, Leon
Year 1	Isabella, Lara, Ehan, Amari
Year 2	Aleena, Rayan, Cataleya, Lydia
Year 3	Olivia, Aariz, Kennedy, Harlan
Year 4	Esme, Iviee-Grace, Archie, Nola-Blue
Year 5	Jamie, Jacinth, Isla, Sky

Congratulations to these children who received the highest number of house points in their class this term. The children had a fun afternoon at Wild n Wacky.

Winning Houses

Well done to Dragon House who are the overall winning house. They celebrated their win with a water fight!!

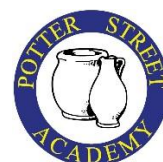
Winning houses for: -

Sports Day	KS1	Dragon
	KS2	Dragon

Attendance	Unicorn
Values	Dragon

Jackie Jackson Award

At the end of each academic year, one year 6 pupil is awarded the Jackie Jackson Award. The person chosen by the Year 6 team will have met high standards for behaviour, attendance and progress since their time at Potter Street Academy. It is with great pleasure to announce Leo has received this award. Well done, Leo!



PTA

Thank you to our PTA who purchased our leaver's hoodies for our Year 6 children. We would love to recruit additional members for September, if you are interested in joining, please let the school office know or email pta@potterstreetacademy.com

Can You Apply for Free School Meals?

If your child is in Year R – Year 2 from September, they will continue to be entitled to universal free school meals meaning the Government pays for your child to have a school dinner every day. Children in Year 3 – Year 6 must apply for free school's meals. We are aware that many people's circumstances have changed over the last few months. If you think you may now be entitled to claim free school meals (because you are receiving universal credit) the office is able to conduct a quick online check for you before you apply. Please call the office who will help to see if you are entitled. Even if you do not want your child to have a school dinner, the school receives additional funding for every eligible child.

Uniform

Children can wear trainers, but they must be entirely black – no colour, logos, laces or studs. If in doubt, please contact us before you purchase them.

- Plain black / grey or navy blue tailored trousers (not "skinny leg", cords, leggings or jeans)
- Plain black / grey or navy blue tailored skirt on or near the knee. Tight lycra skirts are not acceptable
- Royal blue (with or without school logo) sweatshirt / jumper / cardigan
- Royal blue or white (with or without the logo) polo shirt
- White shirt / blouse
- Blue/white checked or striped dress. Summer only
- Black, grey, white or navy blue socks or tights. No patterns or logos

- Black flat footwear should be worn at all times, remember no colour on the sole or emblem is permitted, shoes with high heels are not deemed suitable.
- Royal blue fleece or waterproof jacket
- Hairstyles should be appropriate for school. Long hair must be tied back, no unnatural hair colours are allowed
- No make-up/tattoos or nail polish is to be worn



Time to say Goodbye

As we come to the end of another wonderful school year, we also say goodbye to four very special members of our school family. It is with great sadness that we say farewell to Mrs Gant in the office, Mrs Robinson, our Learning Mentor, and to Manon and Kerry from our Autism Hub.

After an amazing 14 years of dedicated service, Mrs Gant is moving on to a new chapter. For well over a decade, she has been the welcoming face and reassuring voice of our school. Whether greeting visitors, supporting parents, answering countless phone calls or helping staff behind the scenes, she has done it all with professionalism, kindness and a smile.

We also say a heartfelt goodbye to Mrs Robinson after 8 years of outstanding service. Throughout her time with us, she has made a lasting difference to the lives of so many children and families. She has been a trusted listener, a caring mentor and a constant



source of encouragement for pupils who have needed a little extra support.

We would also like to thank Manon, who has been part of our school community for the past year, and Kerry, who has supported our pupils over the last two years. Working in our Autism Hub, they have both shown dedication, patience and genuine care in supporting some of our children. Their kindness, encouragement and commitment have helped create a nurturing environment where pupils have been able to grow in confidence, develop their independence and thrive. Although their time with us has been shorter, the positive difference they have made will be remembered by both pupils and colleagues alike.

All four members of staff have been valued colleagues, loyal friends and an important part of the fabric of our school. Their dedication, hard work and genuine care for our children have left a lasting impact. Each of them has played an important role in helping to make our school the warm, welcoming and supportive place that it is today.

On behalf of all the staff, governors, pupils and families, we would like to say a huge thank you for everything they have given to our school over the years. We are incredibly grateful for their commitment, friendship and the many happy memories they have helped to create.

Although they will all be greatly missed, we wish them every happiness and success as they begin the next chapter of their journeys. We hope they look back on their time at our school with as much pride and affection as we will remember them.

Good luck and thank you.

Notice of Meal Price Increase – Effective September 2026

We would like to remind you that from September 2026, the cost per meal will increase to **£2.70** per day.

Year 1 – Leeds Castle

Year 1 had a wonderful time at Leeds Castle, where they enjoyed learning about its fascinating history while exploring the beautiful grounds. The children were engaged, curious, and excited throughout the day, making it a memorable learning experience.

At the end of the trip, Amari, summed up the day perfectly by saying, "This was the best trip ever!" We couldn't have asked for a better way to end such a fantastic adventure.



Dates for the Diary

1st September
2nd September

Inset Day
Children Return to School