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Spring Term Dates:

Please keep looking at the dates section as we will be adding information. Any amendments will be highlighted in red.

Tuesday 13th March ~ Robins' Class Assembly 15:00

Monday 12th March ~ Celebration of Music at The Winter Gardens

Friday 16th March ~ Last Choir Singing competition at the Marine Hall

Monday 19th March and Tuesday 20th March ~ Interviews for a Deputy Headteacher.

Tuesday 20th March ~ Dance Festival at the Marine Hall

Tuesday 20th March ~ Year 3&4 Performance at 18:00

Wednesday 21st March ~ Year 3&4 Performances at 09:30 and 14:00

Friday 23rd March ~ Open afternoon for families from 13:30 with a finishing time of 14:30 for the Easter break.

Summer Term Dates:

Monday 9th April ~ School Reopens after Easter

Reports for attainment, effort and targets for the coming term's learning will be sent home on this first Monday back.

Tuesday 10th April ~ Parent Forum to be held at 15:45 – 17:45 in the school hall. The aim of this after school session is for us to actively work together to share ideas to further improve what is currently taking place. I really hope that you will feel this to be a beneficial use of your time and join us. During this session you will be able to meet our new SENDCo Mrs Oddy.

We would like to share Miss Deane 's exciting news about the safe arrival of Ella-Rose. She was born on Sunday 4th March, weighing 6lbs and 7oz.

Our Mothers' Day event this Friday was lovely with great support. We are incredibly grateful to The Plant Place for the wonderful flowers and plant pots. The PTFA have done a fabulous job of getting everything ready.

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Sport

We have forged great links with our local high schools over recent years and have secured some places for our Year 5 pupils to learn Sporting Skills alongside pupils from our neighbouring primary schools at Hodgson Academy. These planned sessions are due to start after the holidays. Baines too have been very keen to assist us. Following a meeting I had with their new Headteacher we have managed to organise a cross country event in April for pupils in Years 4 and 5. The details will be sent home after the Easter break.

We also have designed some fabulous outdoor provision for our EYFS and KS1 pupils with the works taking place over the Easter holidays ready for our start back. Hopefully the cold weather will be stopping so that we can all take full advantage of our outdoor spaces.

Attendance and learning

We really want your children in school every day and on time. Lateness and absences through illness, holidays or appointments means that your child has lost valuable learning time and we can see the impact.

If your child is genuinely unwell however, we would rather that you keep your child at home until they are fully fit to prevent illness from spreading.

Sickness and diarrhoea bugs require 48 hours of zero symptoms before returning to school.

We cannot send your child home if they have headlice we will let you know as they are incredibly uncomfortable for the host and can easily spread to others. Thorough treatment at home can massively assist with the control of these pests.

School lunches have been a focus on our newsletters for a while as we have had a temporary cook provided by Lancashire County Council in situ. There have been mixed feelings about the quality of this service. As a consequence, I have invited Lancashire County Council to attend our next Parent Forum to listen to your findings to look at ways of providing a better service for our children. Please come if you can to this next event on the 10th April so that we can work together to improve our school. Log on to the ling to register your interest and a topic you would like to be covered.

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We have listened to views shared at our previous forums with regard to extra-curricular clubs where you wanted to have a greater choice but also have knowledge as to when the club is to be held and for the duration it is to be run. We are going to plan a year's timetable of additional activities we are volunteering to run for our pupils. This will be shared on Newsletter 139 and then will be published on our website.

Our open afternoon which is planned to end our Spring Term will be set up in our school hall and classrooms. Each class will showcase the learning that has been taking place over the term. We hope that you will enjoy this event and are able to get here for a 13:30 start.

Thank you for all your continued support for all that takes place inside and beyond school. Susan McGrath Headteacher.





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Special Events

Thurs 5th Thurs 19th	Mindful Writing Ever thought that putting pen to paper would be a great way to enhance your life? Do you sometimes struggle to express yourself and would enjoy writing things down? Would you enjoy being in a class that is about expression and being in the present moment? Then come along to these taster sessions to find a range of exercises which will demonstrate 'mindful writing'. All welcome	18.00-19.15	Free
Fri 6th	Lego Workshop Get Creative with Lego! Let your imagination run wild and build a car, a rocket or whatever takes your fancy. Suitable for girls & boys, aged 7-11 years	14.15-15.00	Free
Fri 13 th	Scam Avoidance Talk Do you know how to spot a scam e-mail? Come to this talk to stay safe online and combat fraud. A Branch Manager from a local bank in Poulton will be giving support and advice on how to safe. Refreshments provided	14-15-15.00	Free
Fri 20th	An Introduction to Lancashire Archives Come along and meet Keri Anderson from Lancashire Archives. Keri will be giving an overview of how the archives department runs and what is available for viewing by the public. Keri will also be bringing along some artifacts with her too. So if you are interested in family or local history, please come along	14.15-15.00	Free
Sun 22nd	Event at 'Jean Stansfield and Vicarage Park' Carolyn from Poulton Library will be reading stories to children in the 'story area' at the Jean Stansfield & Vicarage Park	ТВС	Free

Regular Events

simply speak to a member of staff.

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Every Monday	Online Assistance For support with a multitude of online niggles simply book a slot with our digital volunteer at the help desk.	10:00-12:00	Free
Thurs 12th	Poulton Reading Group Do you enjoy reading? Come along and discuss this month's book 'Where the bodies are buried' by Chris Brookmyre – Explore stories by well-known writers and find out what others are reading in the group. Meets every 2 nd Thursday of the month.	18.45-19.30	Free
Every Tuesday	Scrabble Group Join our friendly group and play a game or two of scrabble beginners welcome. Refreshments served.	14.00-15:30	Free
Every Thursday	Colouring Club Do you enjoy the therapeutic art of colouring? Then join our group over a tea/coffee and meet like-minded budding artists! meets every Thursday (crayons provided)	14.15-16.00	Free
Every Tuesday	Family History Do you need help with your family tree? Meet up with our volunteer to help you with your ancestry queries. Our volunteer will answer your questions or with help you find information using the computer. Bookings taken	14.00-16.00	Free
Every Saturday	Board Game Club Children – Play against other boys and girls and find out which board games you enjoy playing. Suitable for 5years and over	11.00-12.00	Free
Every Friday	Knit & Natter Craft Group Join our friendly group of knitters for a chat & a drink whilst knitting! All ages and skill levels welcome! Now meets every Friday due to popular demand	13.30-15.00	Free

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Every Tuesday	Storytime for under fives Come along and enjoy some stories and songs every Tuesday.	14.15 -14.45	Free
Every Thursday	Toddler Rhyme Time Parents – Bring along your young children (from 18 months upwards) for a selection different rhymes at this fun event	10-00-10.30	Free
Monday & Friday	Baby Bounce & Rhyme Parents – Bring along your babies up to 18 months of age for this Baby bounce and rhyme session.	10:00-10:30	Free

Exhibitions

- 24/03/18-06/04/18 David Naden shows a selection of acrylics.
- 07/04/18-20/04/18 Maureen Adams exhibiting acrylics.
- 21/04/2018-04/05/18 Billie Franks displays acrylics on canvas

Cabinet Display

There is a small cabinet for exhibiting small items of interest to the local community or for selling small craft items made by local artists. Please ask Library staff for further details.

- 24/03/18-06/04/2018 Olga Wood has a selection of mixed crafts, jewellery and cards.
- 07/04/18-20/04/18 Caroline Anderson exhibits jewellery which can be purchased
- 21/04/18-04/05/2018 Leather jewellery by Alison Jones

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Poulton library is always looking for a variety of speakers & entertainment for the local people. If you have something that you think our local community would like see, please get in touch with a member of staff at Poulton Library

Tel: 0300 123 6703 or Email: poulton.library@lancashire.gov.uk

Poulton Library Opening Hours:Mon 9–5, Tue 9–7.30, Wed 9–12:30, Thu 9 – 7.30, Fri 9–5 Sat 9–1