



School Newsletter

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NEWSLETTER: March 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Spring has truly sprung, and there is a real sense of renewal and energy around our school as we begin the spring 2 term. The lighter mornings and brighter afternoons seem to bring with them a fresh enthusiasm for learning. It is hard to believe that we are now more than halfway through the academic year. Time has flown by and I could not be prouder of all that our children have achieved so far.

As the evenings get lighter, more children are travelling on scooters and bikes. Please remind them about road safety — wearing helmets, being aware of traffic and crossing safely. We also continue to teach children about staying safe near the **River, Roads, and Railways** as part of our safeguarding programme.

Over the past few weeks, the children have been extremely busy. Many year groups have been completing assessments, while others have been preparing for upcoming Phonics Screening Check. Throughout this period, our children have shown resilience, determination and a real sense of maturity. Most importantly, they have demonstrated just how capable they are.

We have also enjoyed a fantastic World Book Day. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged and enthusiastic about reading. From creative costumes to shared stories and classroom activities, the day was filled with excitement and a genuine love of books. Events like these remind us how important reading is in unlocking imagination, knowledge and opportunity.

It has been a pleasure to see their confidence grow as they tackle new challenges and take pride in their progress. Their positive attitudes to learning and willingness to try their very best continue to impress us all.

As we move into this next half term, there are many exciting learning opportunities ahead. Thank you, as always, for your continued support – it truly makes a difference to the children's success and wellbeing.

Year 1 and Year 2 update

In Years 1 and 2, we have begun Spring 2 with such an exciting start, with hands-on learning, special visitors, and great engagement in all our classrooms.

In Year 1, we have been using blocks to count in 2s. We also had a fantastic time learning about engineering from Brad and Des! We learned about different engineering professions, discussed how life-changing engineering can be, did a robot dance (ask us to show you!), and even made our own catapults. It was a great start to the term and will really help us as we design our own windmills later this half-term.

In Year 2, we have been counting in 5s and spotting the patterns. We have also welcomed visitors into our classrooms to bring our learning to life. First, we had James, an electrical engineer, who taught us about buildings and where electrical fittings have to be in our homes. We also had Reverend Simon in with baby Waawaa to begin our unit on Christian celebrations and the story of the Good Samaritan.

Years 1 and 2 have Stay and Learn sessions and school trips coming up, which we can't wait for!

Dates to remember:

Red Nose Day Friday 20th March – more on separate letter from our School Council

Spring Celebration Wednesday 25th 10–11am. Year 2 in the afternoon.

Decorate a spring flower pot coemption. Entries to be in on Wednesday 25th – more information to follow

Parents and Carers sessions will be on 24th, 25th or 26th of March – 2 sessions depending which year your child is in.

Year 6 – 14th and 16th April

Booking details will come out shortly

Our wonderful Year 1 and year 2 children



I am filled with pride at all our children have achieved so far this year. Their curiosity, resilience, and enthusiasm for learning continue to inspire us every day

If you would like to discuss your child's progress, please remember to make an appointment for Parents/Carers evening. In addition to this, if you do need to speak to teachers at a different date about anything then to arrange a parent-teacher meeting by contacting the office at office@poopleton.pmat.academy. We look forward to celebrating achievements and sharing the next steps in your child's learning journey together.

With warmest wishes and heartfelt thanks,

Ellie Dawson

Headteacher