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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

I do hope that you had an enjoyable half-term and were able to make the most of the drier days during the course of the week.

It was lovely to see so many parents who were able to attend the parental consultation meetings just before half-term. I do hope that you found the information useful and that you are pleased at how well your child has settled into their new class.

Please take time to read through the information in the various sections within the newsletter – there are lots of things to digest.

A gentle reminder to inform us at the earliest opportunity if you change your contact number or move house, so that our records are kept up-to-date (a copy of a recent utility bill will be needed to verify the change of address details).

Kind regards,

Colin Pickard
Headteacher



On the 20th November, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs McCarthy who leaves us to take up a new role closer to home. Mrs McCarthy has been an integral part of the school since joining us in September 2019 as our School Business Manager. She is well known to many of you and ensures that the School Office, the Kitchen and the Site run smoothly and efficiently. She has brought a wealth of experience to the role and has overseen many administrative changes during her time with us. She will be greatly missed and we wish her the very best in her new role.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Ridley, who after 30 years with us, retires from her role as Kitchen Manager. Mrs Ridley has been the life and soul of the kitchen, creating delicious recipes, serving with a beaming smile and going above and beyond to provide extra touches on theme days. She will also be greatly missed and we wish her all the best for the future.

Attendance Figures

Well done to our weekly attendance winners for the month of October, who are listed below:

Week ending	Key Stage 1 & EYFS	Key Stage
09/10/26	Orange Class (99.33%)	4U (98.93%)
16/10/26	Yellow Class (99.31%)	5T (98.71%)
23/10/26	Yellow Class (97.93%)	4U (99.29%)

Food Bank

Thank you very much to everyone who was able to donate to the Food Bank collection held on Friday 16th October – over 750 items were donated, and we know that this will make a huge difference to the charity.

Values Programme

The value for the month of November will be

'Understanding'

PTA NEWS

Non-Uniform event Friday 6th November 2026

In preparation for our Winter Fayre on Saturday 21st November, we are holding a Non-Uniform Day at Putteridge Primary School.

Families who would like to support us are invited to bring in a donation for our Winter Fayre.

UNOPENED GIFTS

Perfect for our tombola or raffle!

A BOTTLE

Alcoholic or non-alcoholic, for our bottle tombola.
Any alcoholic donations must be brought into school by an adult.

MONETARY DONATIONS

Any amount, big or small, would be greatly appreciated!

PLEASE CHECK EXPIRY DATES!

If you are donating any food, drink or other dated items, please make sure they are unopened, in date and have an expiry/best-before date after 21st November 2026, so that we can safely use them at our Winter Fayre.
Every donation will help us raise much-needed funds for our school and make our Winter Fayre a fantastic event for everyone!

Thank you, as always, for your continued kindness and generosity. We really couldn't do it without our wonderful school community!

Putteridge Primary School Winter Fayre – Volunteers Needed!

Our PTA Winter Fayre is taking place on Saturday 21st November, 10:00am–1:00pm, and we need your help to make it a success!

We're looking for parent volunteers to help with:

- Setting up stalls
- Running games and selling raffle tickets
- Serving refreshments
- Tidying up after the event

If you can spare a little time before, during, or after the fayre, please email putteridgepta@gmail.com to let us know your availability.

Your support makes all the difference — thank you for helping us make this a magical event for our children!

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Poppies will be brought round to classes from Tuesday 3rd November. If your child would like to purchase one, please ensure that they have a monetary donation with them.



On Friday 13th November, we will be taking part in Children in Need day – further details have been sent out via ParentMail.



Christmas Performances

For children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1, Christmas performances will take place during week commencing 7th December. Foundation Stage classes will perform these individually on Monday 7th December, whilst Year 1 and Year 2 will perform these as year groups; a morning and afternoon performance will take place for both year groups. The exact timings for each performance will be sent in due course.

For children in Key Stage 2, their Christmas performance will take place on the morning of Wednesday 2nd December at Stopsley Baptist Church. Again, precise timings and details will be sent in due course.

Foundation Stage 2027 applications

If you or a friend have a child due to start Foundation stage in September 2027, please ensure that your application is submitted online by 15th January 2027. We are currently running tours of the school so if you or a friend would like to book on to one of these, please contact the school office.



Sports Corner



On the 14th October, our Year 5 & 6 athletics team ventured to Inspire to take part in the Sportshall Athletics tournament. Accompanied by Mr Murgatroyd, Mrs Sharpe and Mrs Saunders, the team faced schools from across Luton in a series of running, throwing and jumping events, with their fantastic performance earning them joint 3rd place. All of the team displayed excellent sportsmanship, cheering each other on and modelling excellent behaviour to those around. A fantastic performance, very well done!

