



NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th January 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have had a sporty week at Pondhu this week with children participating in Cross-country, Netball and Football matches. The children all tried their best and showed great sportsmanship.

The children in Year 5 did a great job moving classrooms when we needed to have a tree removed due to damage from the storm. They were really sensible and were able to continue with their learning really quickly.

Thank you all for your ongoing support when we had to close on Wednesday due to having no water. Hopefully things can start to get back to normal and we won't have any further interruptions.

CROSS COUNTRY

On Monday, Pondhu took part in the first cross-country race of the year. Battling against brisk winds, the team put in a strong performance, with several top-five finishes. With three races still to come, the team is sure to continue improving and gaining confidence with each event.

A great effort in their first race of the year — well done to everyone involved!

FOOTBALL

Our Year 3-4 team played really well against a very strong opposition team. Pondhu battled superbly, with strong challenges throughout. We won 2-1, after excellent goals from Albie and Archie, and excellent defending from the whole team. Well played Year 3-4!

Our Year 5-6 team lost 3-4, with Jaydon getting a hat-trick of assists and Jensen getting a hat-trick of goals. The team all played fantastically well, and again battled well from the first minute of the match, right to the final whistle. Well done 5-6's for such a good performance against a very good opposition team.

NETBALL

On Tuesday, Pondhu took on Gorran in a thrilling netball match. Continuing their winning streak, Pondhu started fast and made the most of their home advantage, scoring early and putting immediate pressure on Gorran. They continued to play with pace and skill throughout the match, maintaining control until the final quarter, when Gorran managed to sneak in a couple of goals to level the score.

With just one minute left on the clock, Valencia saved the day by scoring the decisive winning point, securing the victory and allowing Pondhu to continue their impressive run of form.

It was a fantastic display of skill, determination, passion, and teamwork. Pondhu are quickly becoming a team not to be messed with. A huge well done to everyone involved!



Star Learners



The children have been fantastic this week and they have been chosen for a variety of reasons.

Reception – Evelyn for working really hard and making great progress in RWI

Year 1 – Ayla for improved focus and concentration in her maths group

Year 2 – Jack for a positive attitude to writing and creating great sentences

Year 3 – Nancy for having such a positive attitude towards her learning

Year 4 – Maisie for being more confident and contributing to class discussions

Year 5 – Isla for fantastic focus and concentration and an all round amazing attitude to her learning all week

Year 6 – Jake for an improved attitude and helping others

ATTENDANCE

EYFS/KS1 ARIAL



WINNER – Montessori &
Jemison

KS2 ALFIE



WINNER - Franklin

Attendance this week

Montessori (R/Y1) – 94.4%

Jemison (Y1/2) – 94.4%

Attenborough (Y3) – 98.9%

Franklin (Y4) – 100%

Shackleton (Y5) – 90.4%

QEII (Y6) – 93.3%

Whole School – 95.2% ↓

BRITISH VALUES CHAMPIONS

Reception / Year 1 – Lloyd for always being kind and respectful

Year 1 / 2 – Abike for always following the Golden Rules and being super sensible

Year 3 – Rwby for always following our Golden Rules

Year 4 – Jago for always following the Golden Rules

Year 5 – Jordan for being incredibly helpful to others all week

Year 6 – Savannah for being respectful by being such a great playground helper



Well done to our British values champions!

Term Dates for the Academic Year 2025-26

Spring term: 5 January to 2 April 2026

Half term: 16 to 20 February 2026

(Easter holidays: 3 to 17 April 2026)

Summer term: 20 April to 24 July 2026

INSET Day: 3 July 2026

Half term: 25 to 29 May 2026

Read Write Inc Virtual Classroom



Please find this week's Virtual Classroom video links in the document attached to this newsletter. These links enable children in Reception to Year 3 to practise their reading skills with you at home. They directly link to the skills they have been learning during their daily Read Write Inc sessions. You should be able to just click on the hyperlinks within the document and be taken straight to a video clip. Please set aside 10 minutes to watch films with your child each week, find a quiet space for your child to watch the film on a laptop, phone or tablet and praise your child as they join in with the lesson. Please see the diary dates for the upcoming parent information sessions where you can find out more information about Read Write Inc.

SPRING 1 Trips

Thursday 5th February Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 trip to Newquay Zoo

Friday 13th February Year 5 and 6 trip to Paignton Zoo

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 19th January – Y3/4 Racket festival

Wednesday 21st January – Reception vision screening

Friday 23rd January – National Child Measurement Programme

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Rachel Clift



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