

POLESWORTH MATTERS

Issue 47

Dear All,

As we reach the end of another academic year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly successful and rewarding year for our school community.

This year our pupils have embraced new challenges, demonstrated resilience, and made us incredibly proud through their academic progress, sporting successes, musical and artistic talents, and their kindness towards others. Watching our students grow in confidence and maturity throughout the year has been truly inspiring.

I would like to thank our dedicated staff for their unwavering commitment to supporting, challenging and inspiring our young people every day. Their hard work and passion ensure that our students receive the best possible education and opportunities to flourish.

As we break for the summer, I hope all members of our school community have the opportunity to rest, recharge and spend time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming our returning students in September and beginning another exciting chapter together.

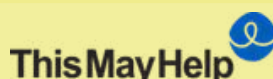
Thank you for your continued support and for contributing to another fantastic year at our school.

I wish you all a safe, enjoyable and well-deserved summer holiday.

Maura Favell



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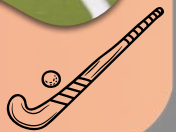
Celebrating our amazing students and their incredible achievements both in and out of the classroom.



Rory in Year 9 is part of the U14 Ashby Hockey team. During the Easter holidays, Rory and his team took part in the National Tier 2 club finals against Wimbledon, where they came out victorious!



**Congratulations Rory.
Great to see hard work and
commitment paying off.**



Congratulations to William Daniels-Barber who did extremely well at the Warwickshire County Athletics back in May.

He got 4 personal bests in Shot, Discus, Hammer and Javelin. He went on to get 2nd in Shot with 9.54m, 2nd in Discus 22m and 3rd in Hammer 21.16, Well done William!

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY ATHLETIC CHAMPIONS 2026

Congratulations to our Year 9 Athletics team for winning the North Warwickshire County Athletic Championships!

There were some outstanding individual performances and a lot of personal bests.

Amazing results, we are incredibly proud of you all



Congratulations to our Y10 and 11 Athletic Teams on winning as well! An incredible achievement with both boys and girls winning their respective categories.

A few individual mentions go to:

Nicole - 2nd in 100m and 1st in long jump

Leah - 2nd in shot and 3rd in javelin

Jack - 1st in 400m

Alex - 1st in 1500m and 3rd in triple jump

Anand - 1st in javelin and 2nd in triple jump

Zane - 1st in shot and 2nd in discus

Thomas - 2nd in hurdles

Will F - 3rd in 800m

Well done to everyone involved. We are incredibly proud of you all

ATHLETICS



Well done to the brilliant Year 8 girls' athletics team that competed in the County Combined Events Championships at the Pingles Stadium, Nuneaton. The girls exhibited brilliant teamwork, sportsmanship, resilience and determination. Many of the team got their personal best times and we excelled in the 800m and hurdles.



HOUSE DANCE COMPETITION 2026

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the House Dance Competition this year! The level of talent and creativity was exceptionally high, making the competition very hard to judge.

However, our guest judges - Mrs Phipps and Mr Castledine decided on the following placements:

1st place - Marlie S

2nd place - Isla S & Kelsey C

3rd place - Karinna U & Marlie S

Overall House Placement

1st - Kenilworth

2nd - Stratford

3rd - Warwick

4th - Arden

CELEBRATING SPORTS AT THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

Some of our students were invited to The Houses of Parliament to discuss a Youth Sports Trust report into PE and activity levels in schools. Our students had a guided tour of the Palace of Westminster, watched the procession for the Speaker of the House before Prime Minister Question Time and got to sit on the House of Commons Balcony to hear a debate. An amazing experience for our students and congratulations to them for representing our school and community with excellence and achievement.



ROUNDERS



What a season for our Rounders teams!

A huge congratulations to all of our players for their hard work, determination, and fantastic team spirit throughout the season. Every player played their part and made us proud.

Your dedication and teamwork have been incredible to see, and we can't wait to see what next season brings!



SPORTS DAY

We held our annual Sports day on June 18th. Students from Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10 and Year 12 comped across a full programme of track and field events on behalf of their House - Kenilworth, Arden, Stratford or Warwick.

After a closely fought day of competition across both the boys' and girls' events, the overall championship was won by KENILWORTH, who finished on 1137 points, narrowly ahead of WARWICK (1062.5), ARDEN (1061.5) and STRATFORD (1057). With fewer than 80 points separating first and last place out of well over a thousand points contested, the result reflected an unusually even and competitive year for our house system.

Congratulations goes to KENILWORTH House



Y11 CPR SESSION



Year 11 got hands-on with an important life skill during a recent PHSE lesson with Miss Haines. Students learned how to recognise an emergency, perform effective chest compressions, and understand how quick action can help save lives.



Water Safety



A huge thank you to Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service for delivering an important Water Safety Session to our students last week. With the warm weather, this guidance is so valuable in helping keep everyone safe.



English - Sparx Reader

CONGRATULATIONS SPARX READERS!



9919 Sparx hours



99, 550,000 words



5 books read

- ★ An incredible achievement — you have read for 9919 Sparx hours this year through your Sparx app!
- ★ Your dedication, consistency, and love of reading have helped you reach an extraordinary milestone. Every page turned has strengthened your literacy skills, and helped build your confidence with reading.
- ★ Our fantastic students have read 87,747,300 words this academic year!
- ★ Reading for just a few minutes each day can make a big difference to your child's learning and future success.
- ★ 5244 books have been read by our KS3 students this year!
- ★ Our students are proving that great readers become great learners. Thank you to our students, but also their families for supporting a culture of literacy and a love of reading

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Careers Fair



Students had the opportunity to meet a wide range of professionals, explore different career paths, and gain valuable insights into their futures. From hands-on activities to motivating conversations, our visitors inspired the next generation.

A huge thank you to all the exhibitors, speakers, and staff who made this event possible. Special thanks go to Mrs Satti, our Careers Advisor, who organised today's fantastic event.

Science - Teen Tech Silver Innovation Award



In recognition of Polesworth's commitment to providing students the opportunity to develop skills that will serve them well in the years ahead. We are thrilled to confirm that we have been awarded Silver TeenTech Centre of Innovation status!

We'd especially like to thank our amazing Science Department for their constant support, encouragement and belief in our students' potential that made this achievement possible.

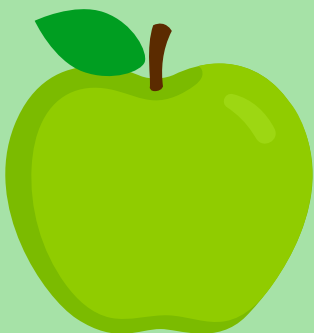
TEEN TECH AWARDS 2026



A huge well done to Ella and Scarlet in Y9, who visited London at the end of June to take part in a national competition called the Teen Tech Awards and have helped the school receive a silver award for Innovation in Science.

This dynamic pair created a Smart Shopper app that is designed to reduce food waste and save time. This innovative concept earned them a place in the national finals. They got a lot of well deserved recognition for their stand, their knowledge and they held themselves.

We are unbelievably proud of you girls!



Duke of Edinburgh

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF THE GOLD DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD



The The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is one of the most rewarding experiences a student can have. At Polesworth we are proud to offer the award as part of our enrichment programme with amazing numbers taking part. This year we have 59 bronze, 29 silver and 18 gold.

We wouldn't be able to offer this experience without Mr Castledine and his band of staff volunteers. His work hasn't gone unrecognised, as he was invited to Buckingham Palace to celebrate 70 years of the Gold Award with the Duke himself!

It's more than just an award — it's about teamwork, leadership, independence, and discovering what they're capable of. The memories, friendships, and lessons stay with the students long after they finish.

Many thanks to all the teachers who make this such a valuable experience for our students.

Duke of Edinburgh



Fresh from Buckingham Palace, Mr. Castledine and his team were busy over May half term. 29 silver students had their practice expedition and our 18 gold qualifying students were in the Brecon Beacons.



Mid-June saw our Bronze students head to Dovedale for their qualifying expedition.



And at the end of June our silver Duke of Edinburgh students completed their expedition in Shropshire and the Long Mynd.



Their dedication, resilience, and determination have been truly inspiring. From volunteering in the community and developing new skills to completing challenging expeditions, our students have shown outstanding commitment every step of the way.

Summer Fayre



Thanks to all who attended,
volunteered, donated or were anyway
involved in our fabulous summer fayre,
making it our most successful one yet!
All the funds raised go straight back in
to helping our school, so...

THANK YOU!

**Hello
Summer!**



Creative Arts

Mary Poppins Jr. Auditions

Something **practically perfect** is heading our way! We are delighted to announce that auditions for next year's school production of Mary Poppins Jr. will take place in September. Whether you're ready to **step in time**, bring a **spoonful of talent**, or simply want to be part of the magic, this is your chance to shine on stage. We're looking forward to seeing our students **rise to the occasion** and **fly high** as they audition for this **supercalifragilisticexpialidocious** production. So dust off your umbrella, warm up your vocal cords, and get ready for an adventure that's sure to be **practically perfect** in every way!



Year 11 Leavers



GOOD LUCK YEAR 11 CLASS OF 2026!



As the academic year drew to a close, we said a fond farewell and wished the very best of luck to our Year 11 students as they move on to the next exciting chapter of their lives. Following the end of their exams, celebrations included the traditional shirt signing day, a Leavers' Assembly filled with laughter and awards, and a wonderful Prom where students had the opportunity to celebrate their achievements together. We are incredibly proud of everything they have accomplished and wish them every success and happiness in the future.

Year 11 Prom



Sixth Form

Student Leadership 2026-2027



Congratulations to our new
Head and Deputy Head Students!

Following a fantastic hustings and
student vote, we are delighted to
congratulate our newly elected Head
Students and Deputy Head Students!

Head Students

Grace Brain and Merryn Walton

Deputy Head Students

Emilia Adler and Georgia Spong

Congratulations to our successful
candidates – we know you will be
outstanding ambassadors for our
school and make a positive difference
to our School community. We look
forward to seeing all that you will
achieve in your new leadership roles.

The Guardian Emerging Voices Award Grace Brain



Huge congratulations to Grace Brain in Y12
who was shortlisted for The Guardians
Emerging Voices Award.

The Guardian Emerging Voices Awards is a
political opinion writing competition for those
aged 16-25. The awards celebrate new voices
and fresh perspectives in the UK which, now
more than ever, is essential to the future of
quality, independent journalism.

The competition offers a range of prizes,
provides a platform for new voices in
journalism and gives young people the
opportunity to gain experience and networks.
Reaching the final shortlist of this national
competition is an amazing achievement.
Congratulations from all of us at Polesworth

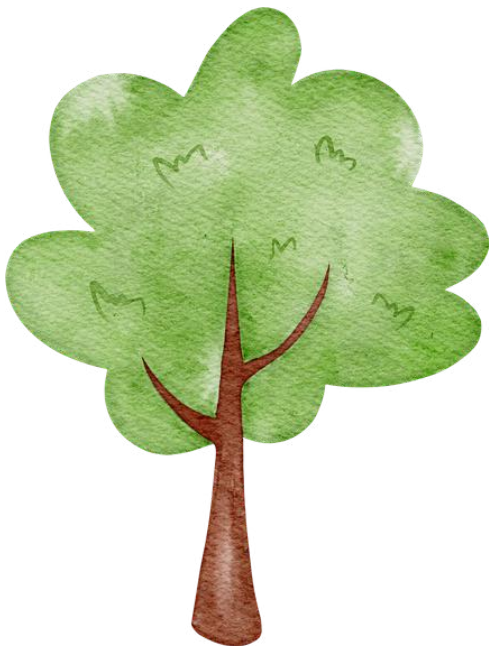


Geography

National Festival of Fieldwork

Over the past month students across Yrs 7, 8, 10 and 12 have been taking part in the Geographical Association's 'National Festival of Fieldwork' - carrying out human investigations in Polesworth, mock sand-dune fieldwork and calculating the total volume of carbon stored by trees on the school site.

Thank you all for your hard work everyone!



Geographers of the Month

JUNE

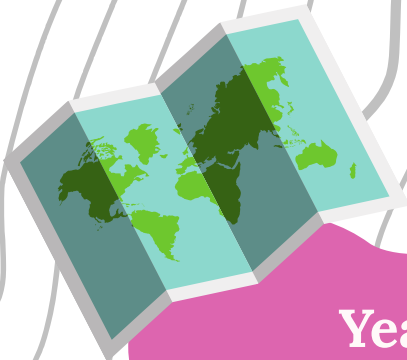
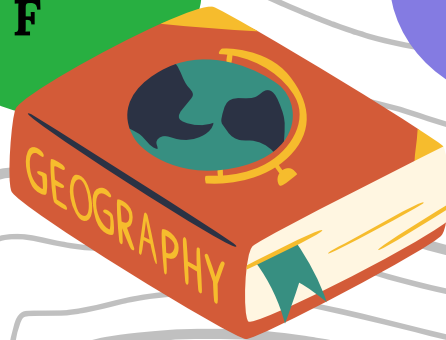


Year 7

Bethany M
Hugo C
Rosalie L
Imogen K
Vincent F

Year 8

Ruby B
Dougie L
Vivian N
Logan B



Year 9

Poppy W
Ethan R
Gracie H
James K

Year 10

Florence A
Josie M
Sienna B
Jamie H



Protect your child from flu

The School Immunisation Team need your correct contact details

Have your email address or mobile phone number changed within the last year? If so, please get in touch with your team:

Coventry schools:

✉ bewise.immunise@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

☎ 02476 961422

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Competitions

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extra cost to anyone

Important Dates



A LEVEL RESULTS DAY



GCSE RESULTS DAY



YEARS 7, 12 AND 13
IN SCHOOL



ALL STUDENTS
IN SCHOOL



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School Office Opening Hours

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