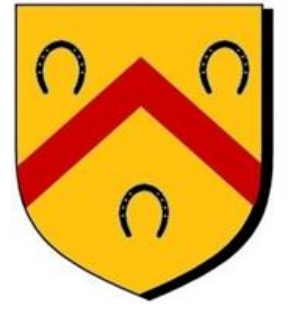




# The Pochin School

## Newsletter April 2024



Dear Parents and friends,

It's great to see the children returning to school for Summer term with such enthusiasm for their learning! With three weeks already behind us, there's still plenty of time for even more exciting discoveries and growth ahead. We are thrilled to share some of the wonderful learning adventures our students have been on in the past few weeks. Please see the 'Gallery of Learning in April' which features just some highlights from each class.

### Sports Festivals

We're excited to announce some upcoming sports events happening this term. Firstly, there will be a thrilling football tournament for our Year 3/4 students. This promises to be an evening filled with teamwork, skill, and sportsmanship as our young athletes take to the field to showcase their talents. Additionally, our Year 5 students will have the opportunity to participate in a Sports festival at Wreake Valley. This event will provide them with a chance to compete against other schools, showcasing their abilities and representing the school with pride. Please keep an eye out for further information regarding these events, including details on dates, times, and any requirements for participation.

### Musical Events

We are delighted to announce a music event that promises to be a highlight of the school year! Our talented pupils will have the opportunity to showcase their musical skills in a special evening event. From instrumental performances to vocal solos, we're excited to celebrate the diverse talents of our students. One of the highlights of the evening will be a performance by our new school choir. We will also have a performance from the children learning Guitar and Ukulele at school. Auditions will be held beforehand for pupils who wish to participate in the event. This is an excellent opportunity for students to share their musical talents and shine on stage.

### School Choir

The children have been given the opportunity to join a new school choir which meets every Thursday lunchtime. The choir is open for years 3 to 6 pupils. The choir has been invited to take part in a TRUST choir event, bringing together over 300 children from 14 schools across the TRUST. This special event will take place on the 1st of July near De Montford Hall in Leicester. It's a fantastic opportunity for our choir members to showcase their talents alongside peers from other schools, creating a harmonious and unforgettable musical experience. Parents will have the opportunity to come to the event. Further information will be shared with parents on how they can obtain tickets in the near future. The choir will also feature at the school musical evening on the 26th June at St Mary's church in Barkby.

### Statutory Tests

Our Year 6 pupils have been diligently preparing for their SATs, and we couldn't be prouder of their efforts. The SATs represent an important milestone in their educational journey, and our students have shown incredible determination and resilience in their preparations. They've spent countless hours studying, practicing, and refining their skills in readiness for these assessments. Let's rally together as a school community to support our Year 6 pupils as they embark on this important journey. We're rooting for you all the way!

## Head Teacher Awards

The following children have worked extremely hard and this has been celebrated by the pupils receiving awards in front of their peers.

**11<sup>th</sup> April** - Fletcher, Aria, Tanaya, Sophia, Amaya, Sam

**18<sup>th</sup> April** - Kacper, Emelia, Aubrey, Bella, Violet-Rose, Prithvi

**25<sup>th</sup> April** - Nico, Simar, Theo, Ariya, Manav, Annie



## Diary Dates

### May:

- 13<sup>th</sup> - **Key Stage 2 SATS week (year 6 pupils)**
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Years 3/4 Power Play Football Tournament
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Aztec visit
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Year 6 LOPC visit
- 25<sup>th</sup> - School closes for Half term

### June:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - School reopens to pupils
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Class 4 and 5 Theatre Trip
- 11<sup>th</sup> - School Sports day
- 12<sup>th</sup> - School Reserve sports day
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Year 5 sports Festival
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Musical Moments Event - 6pm

### July:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - BEP School Choir afternoon and evening
- PTA Disco

## Children and WhatsApp

We are aware that a number of our children are accessing WhatsApp and are finding navigating positive communications with others sometimes challenging. The link below is a great webpage by the NSPCC to support parents to ensure the safety settings are right for their child and have links to useful pages to deal with issues children might encounter and how to support your child to use it safely.

What are the risks of WhatsApp?	
Unwanted contact	●
Pressure to respond	●
Location sharing	●
Inappropriate content	●
Cyberbullying	●
Oversharing	●

[Is WhatsApp safe for my child? | NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/keeping-online-safe/is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/)



# Gallery of Learning in April

In Preschool, our little explorers have been blasting off into outer space as they delve into the exciting world of travel and space exploration. From learning about planets to imagining themselves as astronauts, their curiosity knows no bounds.

Class 1 has been getting their hands dirty and their green thumbs busy as they learn about the magic of growth and life cycles. From planting seeds to observing the fascinating transformations of frogs and butterflies, our young scientists are truly blossoming.

Meanwhile, over in Class 2, it's been a day filled with measuring, pouring, and exploring as they dive deep into the world of Maths and capacity. Through hands-on activities, our budding mathematicians are gaining a solid understanding of these important concepts.

In Class 3, the intrigue of history has taken hold as students delve into the fascinating world of Crime and Punishment, with a special focus on the Tudor period. Some of our students are even planning holidays away and day trips to go and visit key Tudor buildings to explore greater knowledge, such as going to Hampton Court and Hever Castle!

Class 4 has been transported back in time to the days of ancient Rome, exploring the empire's vast history, through the Crime and Punishment theme. The children were so excited and proud of their work that they show it to nearly anyone that walks into their classroom!

And let's not forget about Class 5, who are not only gearing up for their SATs but also immersing themselves in the power of storytelling and the importance of staying active through their Science lessons and experiments! With each word written and every step taken, they're on the path to success both academically and physically.

