

Year 3



22.10.2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a wonderful half term, well done to all the children for settling into Year 3 life so brilliantly!

Our highlight of the week was DT day – we can't wait for you to see their beautiful photo frames.

We hope you have a lovely half term.

Many thanks for continuing to support your child's learning. If you have any questions or messages for your child's class teacher, please come and speak to us at the end of the day or email info@stpolycarps.surrey.sch.uk.

The Year 3 Team

Mrs Prentice, Mrs Maliphant, Mrs Mead & Mrs Roussel

Please see below for more information.

Monday 2nd November – school closed

Tuesday 3rd November – back to school

Tuesday 3rd November – Stone Age Day (please see parent email for further info)

Friday 6th November – KS2 Autumn Disco

Saturday 14th November (Afternoon) – Choir event – Farnham Christmas Light Switch On

Helpful Information

- PE – Nightingales – Tuesday. Children wear their PE kit to school.
- PE – Kingfishers – Wednesday. Children wear their PE kit to school.
- Games – Both classes – Thursday. Children wear games kit to school.
- Reminder: no pencil cases in school.
- Please name everything your child brings to school to ensure it can be returned to the correct person if it gets lost.
- Please provide your child with a **small** rucksack that will easily fit in your child's locker. **Please keep keyrings to one per rucksack.**
- Please provide your child with a named water bottle every day.
- Your child may bring in a fruit or vegetable snack to have at playtime each day.

- If your child is having a school lunch, please remember to use the new **Impact Food App** to order your child's lunch the week before they attend school. This cannot be done in class or through the school office.

Homework:

No homework will be set over half term.

Homework club has now started and is available Friday lunchtimes for those who need to catch up.

Times Table Book

When your child brings home their Times Table book, there will be a number inside a circle. This is the times table they will need to practise for the following Friday. Please do not write in their times table book. We send the books home so you can see their progress. Children need 3 correct tests to move on to the next times table. **Please ensure they are back in school each Friday.**

Spellings – no spellings set (please see message below regarding the changes to spelling teaching)	KS1, KS2 Standardised Maths Tests and Primary Maths Assessments Online - **Complete by Friday**
Times Tables Rock Stars: Play - tested on Friday At least 6 minutes a week on TTRS	**Reading – 15 minutes a day** Find the link to AR here. Please complete at least **one** Accelerated Reader quiz per week (dependent on the size of the book). If your child is on Read Write Inc they do not need to complete an AR quiz.

Changes to Spelling Teaching in Year 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

From September, we will be using Read Write Inc. (RWI) Spelling across Years 2-6 and will no longer be using Spelling Shed (EdShed).

Children will take part in daily spelling lessons, which provide a clear and consistent approach to spelling, building on the phonics and handwriting programmes already used in school. Research shows that frequent practice and

consistency help children to remember and apply spelling patterns more effectively in their writing.

There will be no formal weekly spelling homework or tests. However, we recommend regular practice at home. Your child's weekly spelling words will be shared in the newsletter, and additional activities (in Spelling Extra Practice Zone) can be accessed through the RWI Spelling Portal: https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-pupils/pupil-home

Username: polysyear3
Password: y3polys

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Vardy & Mrs Edgell
English Leads

Reading in Key Stage 2

Handy Hints



- Make reading part of your daily routine.
- Short sessions – **15 minutes per day.**
- Continue to read out loud to an adult as well as independently.
- Try to read a range of books including fiction and non-fiction.
- Complete the Accelerated Reader quiz at home, ideally within 24-48 hours of finishing the book.

How can parents help?

Reading improves with practice.

Encourage your child to read at home, share your own books, discuss books, ask questions about the book they have read and visit the local library.

Check that your child is completing the reading quiz – this is part of their weekly homework.

Choir – Christmas Lights Switch On 2026 Saturday 14th November

Poly's Polyphonics will be performing at the Farnham Christmas Lights Switch On 2026 at Gostrey Meadows. This will be an afternoon performance, although exact timings will be confirmed nearer the event. Further details will be shared via email in due course.

In the meantime, please encourage your child to rehearse using Muse Class Primary:

https://www.eemusicclass.co.uk/shared/g4Yhq2yLI3W4gFIL

Find the songs ('Pat A Pan', 'Hear the Sleigh Bells' and 'One More Sleep 'til Christmas'), click on 'view song' then scroll down to 'Available Learning Resources' and access the 'interactive content' by clicking on 'lyrics'. Feel free to explore other options also (e.g.: 'Audio' - 'Accompaniment – backing track only' once lyrics have been learnt).