OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Dear School Community,

October has been a busy and exciting month at school! We've embraced the autumn season with plenty of seasonal fun, including some fantastic pumpkin carving and lots of spooky creativity.
Earlier in the week, the School Choir performed Double Trouble, Harry Potter to our school community, getting us all in the mood for this spooky season!

A massive thanks to all the children in the choir, for their continuous dedication and Ms Sally for leading the choir so well with Ms Andreia.



Our Apsolings have also enjoyed several inspiring author events, giving them the chance to celebrate books, discover new stories and spark their imaginations.

Alongside this, we've been out and about on a variety of trips, making wonderful memories and enjoying new experiences together.

We welcomed lots of new amilies to APSOL on our open morning, and look forward to welcoming more next month. We are already receiving applications for our new nursery class for September 2027, so this is a very exciting year at APSOL.

Thank you to all the parents who attended our first parent-teacher meetings this week. The next round is straight after the half-term.
Marta Correia-Abbott





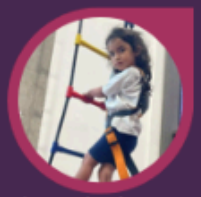
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APSOL RECEPTION ADMISSIONS NOW OPEN

Registration now open!



Bilingual education
Qualified teachers for British and Language curriculum



Lots of enrichment provision



Wrap-around care morning and after school and wide choice of clubs

ENROLL NOW IF YOUR CHILD WAS BORN BETWEEN:
1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023

Call 02034170905, or visit **https://angloportugueseschool.org/**

If you would like an admission for another year group please contact the office.



APSOL NURSERY CLASS OPENING SEPTEMBER 2027

Registration now open!



15 hours free childcare
30 hours places available



Term-time only in line with school day



Wrap-around care morning and after school

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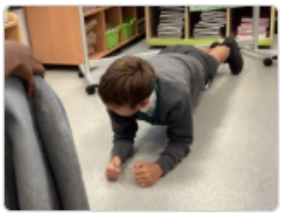


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Class Updates

This term, **Year 5** have been learning about Ancient Greece, discovering how the Greeks lived and reading Homer's The Odyssey in English. In maths, they have focused on place value, addition and subtraction, while in PSHE they have explored how to keep both body and mind healthy. In RE, they have learned about Christianity, including the Gunpowder Plot behind Bonfire Night. In art, they have explored depth and movement, using ink and polythene to print their favourite memories.







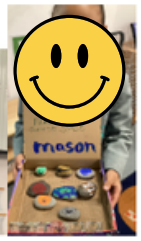





What a fantastic half term it has been in **Year 2**! Our space topic has truly captured the children's imaginations.
We have been learning about space and inspiring explorers such as Neil Armstrong, Mae Jemison and Tim Peake. The children have also enjoyed some wonderful books, including Bob's Best Ever Friend and a biography of Mae Jemison, as well as exploring space poetry.
A huge thank you to all our families for supporting the children with their space projects at home! It has been amazing to see so much effort, creativity and talent shared with the class.
The children have also shown great progress in swimming, growing in confidence each week. At Forest School, we explored "What do animals need to survive?" linked to our science topic and had a brilliant time learning outdoors.

Space Projects



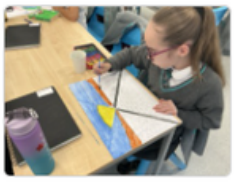



Forest school





This term, **Year 6** have been focusing on magic in our Harry Potter writing topic, writing instructions for a spell or potion, a diary entry from the point of view of a character and retelling a scene from Diagon Alley. The children have produced some excellent and imaginative writing. Our reading has focused on SATs skills, such as retrieval and inference, helping to familiarise the children with the types of questions they will face in the exams.
In Maths, we have built on the foundations of Year 5 by deepening our understanding of place value and the four operations, including numbers in the ten millions, using long division and finding more efficient ways of solving a problem. Science focused on different types of living things and how we can classify them, including an experiment with mouldy bread. In History, we learned about the Early Islamic Civilisation and their scientific prowess compared with the rest of the world at that time. In Computing, the children learned how to code their own game on Scratch, involving points and moving sprites.








Class Updates

This term, **Reception** children have been learning about their senses through hands-on activities, including tasting different fruits, smelling a variety of herbs, and using colour paddles to explore how the classroom looks through different coloured lenses. They have also been learning about People Who Help Us, exploring the important roles of doctors, nurses, firefighters, police officers, teachers, and others in our community. To enrich their learning, we were delighted to welcome a real doctor and a midwife into our classroom, who shared information about their jobs and answered the children's questions, helping to bring the topic to life.

In Art, Reception children have been exploring a range of mark-making techniques using crayons, chalk, and felt-tip pens. They have developed their creativity and fine motor skills through experimenting with different materials and patterns. The children have also been using their observational skills to create drawings of plants, pumpkins, and self-portraits, carefully noticing details, shapes, colours, and features in their artwork.










Year 3 had the opportunity to visit a **famous American author - John Patrick Green**. Some of the students got signed books and watched live how he created a version of Garfield. They had a great day out and are continuing to read and share his books.




In computing the children have been learning how to programme their own Scratch. They have been creating their own animations and editing / remixing animations to change the outcome. They've been having so much fun creating their own characters!




Autumn 1 Art Updates

In Art Year 3 created their own model and replicating the art work of Dale Chihuly. They have been using their drawing skills and knowledge to be creative designers. They've used colour to bring life to the art and used the shapes to create their own pottery.





This term, **Year 4** have been busy exploring a range of exciting learning opportunities across the curriculum. In English, we have been learning about the Romans and the devastating destruction of Pompeii. As a class, we have enjoyed reading 'Escape from Pompeii' by Cristina Balit, using the story as inspiration for our own writing. We have developed our writing skills by creating diary entries and writing our own innovated stories.

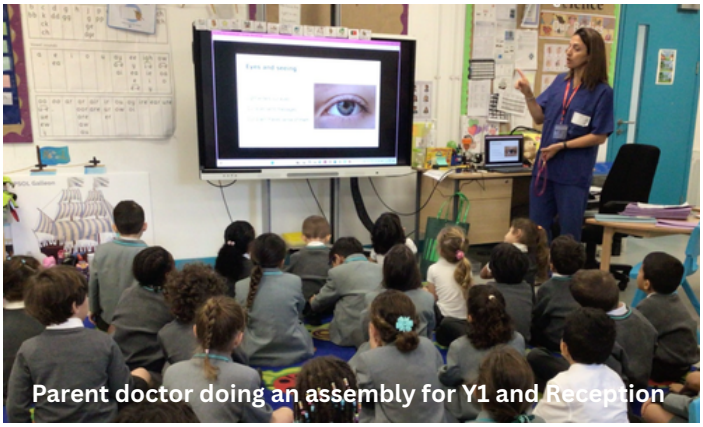
In History, we have deepened our understanding of Roman life, exploring a range of fascinating facts and discovering more about how the Romans lived. In Science, we have been developing our knowledge of animal classification, investigating the different groups and learning about their characteristics.

It has been a wonderful term of learning, discovery and progress, with everyone continuing to grow and develop together as a class. We have also enjoyed some fantastic experiences beyond the classroom, taking part in a range of exciting activities at Marchant's Hill and visiting the Guildhall Art Gallery. We are very proud of all that Year 4 have achieved this term and look forward to building on this learning in the weeks ahead!





Enrichment



Parent doctor doing an assembly for Y1 and Reception



Year 3 and Year 4 girls football festival event







Black History Month - Honouring our communities

We have been celebrating Black History Month this October at APSoL. The children have learned about prominent Black British figures such as John Blanke, Ignatius Sancho, Mary Seacole and John Archer, who was the first Black mayor in London, becoming Mayor of Battersea in 1913. We have also celebrated poetry and stories.

On Wednesday 14th October, Years 4, 5 and 6 visited Wandsworth Library to hear Lorna Liverpool from her book, *Kaa'hina and the Star People* . The children also learned John Agard's poem, Windrush Child to imagine life in the shoes of a child aboard the SS Windrush in 1948. We honoured our own communities from Angola and Cape Verde with a special assembly.

Eco-Council

Our new Eco Council took their places as we work towards achieving a Green Flag from the Eco Schools program. This term, we have presented an assembly on food waste, installed green food waste caddies in every classroom and completed an Environmental Review of the school to develop targets for the school. Our Eco Council members are very enthusiastic and are looking forward to making our community a little more green!

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Creating wonderful memories since 2020















Pumpkin carving House competition & Autumn dress up
Who said school isn't fun?!
Winners

Year R	Discoverers
Year 1	Explorers
Year 2	Explorers
Year 3	Dicoverers

Year 4	Expeditioners
Year 5	Expeditioners
Year 6	Navigators



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Pupil Voice

School Council

This month, the School Council focused on how to make our school an even safer place for everyone. Council members met to discuss the many ways that teachers and staff help to keep pupils safe throughout the school day, as well as the important role pupils play in looking after one another and promoting a safe and supportive environment.

Following these discussions, the School Council has identified several areas to explore and develop further over the coming months, including community safety, online safety awareness, and allergy awareness. We look forward to sharing more about these important projects as we continue working together to keep our school safe, inclusive, and caring for all.



Rights Respecting School

This month, children have been learning about children's rights through a number of important events.

As part of Black History Month, pupils explored Articles 2 and 28 (no discrimination and the aims of education) As a school we have been thinking about equality, inclusion and how we can make sure all voices are heard and valued in our school community.

We also celebrated World Food Day, linking our learning to Articles 24 and 27, which highlight every child's right to healthy food. Children learned about the many Food Heroes who help make this possible, from farmers and food producers to those who work in food banks and community projects.

For World Teachers' Day, pupils reflected on Articles 28 and 29 (the right to an education). We have reflected on the important role that teachers and other adults play in supporting children to learn, grow and achieve their potential, both inside and beyond the classroom.

Friends of APSOL Events



We are looking forward to seeing all our families at this year's Friends of APSOL Winter Fair.

We are delighted to have new members joining the core group: Monica and Kelly

If you would like to support with any of the following,, please contact the FoAPSOL directly.

- organising prizes and raffles
- food and beverages
- leading a fair stall
- setting up music
- santa grotto
- wreath making
- christmas crafts
- games

Please contact FOAPSOL on the details on the flyer.

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Parent Information



As part of our Harvest celebration, we are collecting food and toiletries for **Wandsworth food bank**. The food bank is low on the items on the poster adjacent.

Please bring in what you can on **Friday 6th November.**
All the goods will be picked up in the afternoon. If you are able to support with driving the donations to the Food Bank, please contact the school office.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Wandsworth Foodbank
Together with Trussell

Harvest appeal



Help support your local food bank this Harvest

In the three weeks leading up to Harvest, Wandsworth Foodbank will provide around 700 food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship.

Donate food



Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

Donate money



Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as providing access to advice and further support.

Shopping list

- Tinned meat/fish
- Tinned veg/fruit
- Cooking sauces
- Coffee
- Milk (UHT)
- Cereals
- Fruit juice (long-life)
- Honey
- Cooking oil
- Peanut butter

Find out more and donate at
wandsworth.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales (1149780).

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Language Update

Português

Mamutes, romanos, brinquedos, foguetões e um cavalo de madeira gigante: estas primeiras semanas de Português foram uma verdadeira Aventura.

A Reception pôs os cinco sentidos a trabalhar, o Year 1 descobriu os brinquedos de antigamente e o Year 2 partiu para o espaço com os "Foguetes Espaciais".

O Year 3 recuou até à Idade da Pedra, o Year 4 conheceu os Romanos e a lenda de Rómulo e Remo, o Year 5 entrou às escondidas em Troia e o Year 6, depois de conhecer tantas "Pessoas Marcantes", escreveu a sua própria autobiografia.

Em todas as aulas há um som novo do português ("ão", "nh", "lh"...).

Os alunos que estão a começar seguem o programa SOMA, palavra a palavra, com desafios e códigos secretos. Para além do vocabulário, aprendem também estruturas frásicas, que lhes permite construir as primeiras frases em português e começar a comunicar com confiança.

Portuguese Update

Mammoths, Romans, toys, rockets and a giant wooden horse: our first weeks of Portuguese have been a real adventure.

Reception put their five senses to work, Year 1 discovered toys from the past and Year 2 blasted off into space with "Foguetes Espaciais".

Year 3 travelled back to the Stone Age, Year 4 met the Romans and the legend of Romulus and Remus, Year 5 sneaked into Troy, and Year 6, after meeting so many "Pessoas Marcantes" (remarkable people), wrote their own autobiographies.

Every lesson introduces a new Portuguese sound ("ão", "nh", "lh"...).

Pupils who are new to Portuguese follow the SOMA programme, word by word, with challenges and secret codes. As well as vocabulary, they also learn sentence structures, which help them build their first sentences in Portuguese and start communicating with confidence.

Jogo de outono para toda a família

Abóboras, esquilos, castanhas... mas as letras estão todas baralhadas! Descubram as palavras de outono escondidas no nosso jogo. Cada palavra tem imagem e som em português, por isso todos podem jogar, dos mais pequenos aos mais crescidos.

Leiam o código QR e desafiem-se uns aos outros!

Autumn game for the whole family: pumpkins, squirrels, chestnuts... but the letters are all mixed up! Each word has a picture and Portuguese audio, so everyone can play. Scan the QR code and challenge each other!

Anagramas de outono

The Portuguese Language Teachers at APSOL are:
Ms Alexandra: Y3,4,5,6
Ms Yolanda: YR, Y1, Y2

Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance Year-to-date

R	1	2	3
93.48%	94.60%	96.56%	96.09%

4	5	6
95.29%	97.40%	90.69%



A massive thank you to all our families for your continued support with attendance this term!
Whole school attendance is at 95% even with all the Autumn childhoos illnesses.

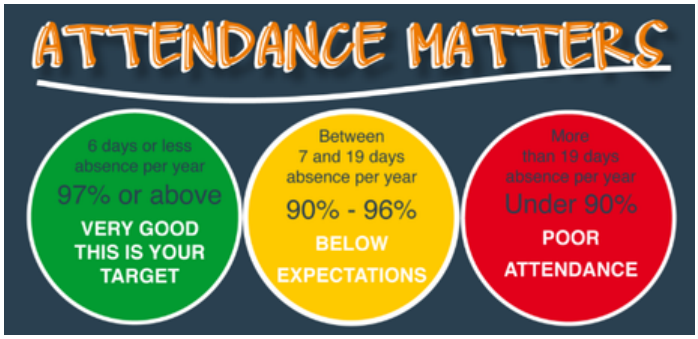
Well done to **Year 5** for having the best attendance!

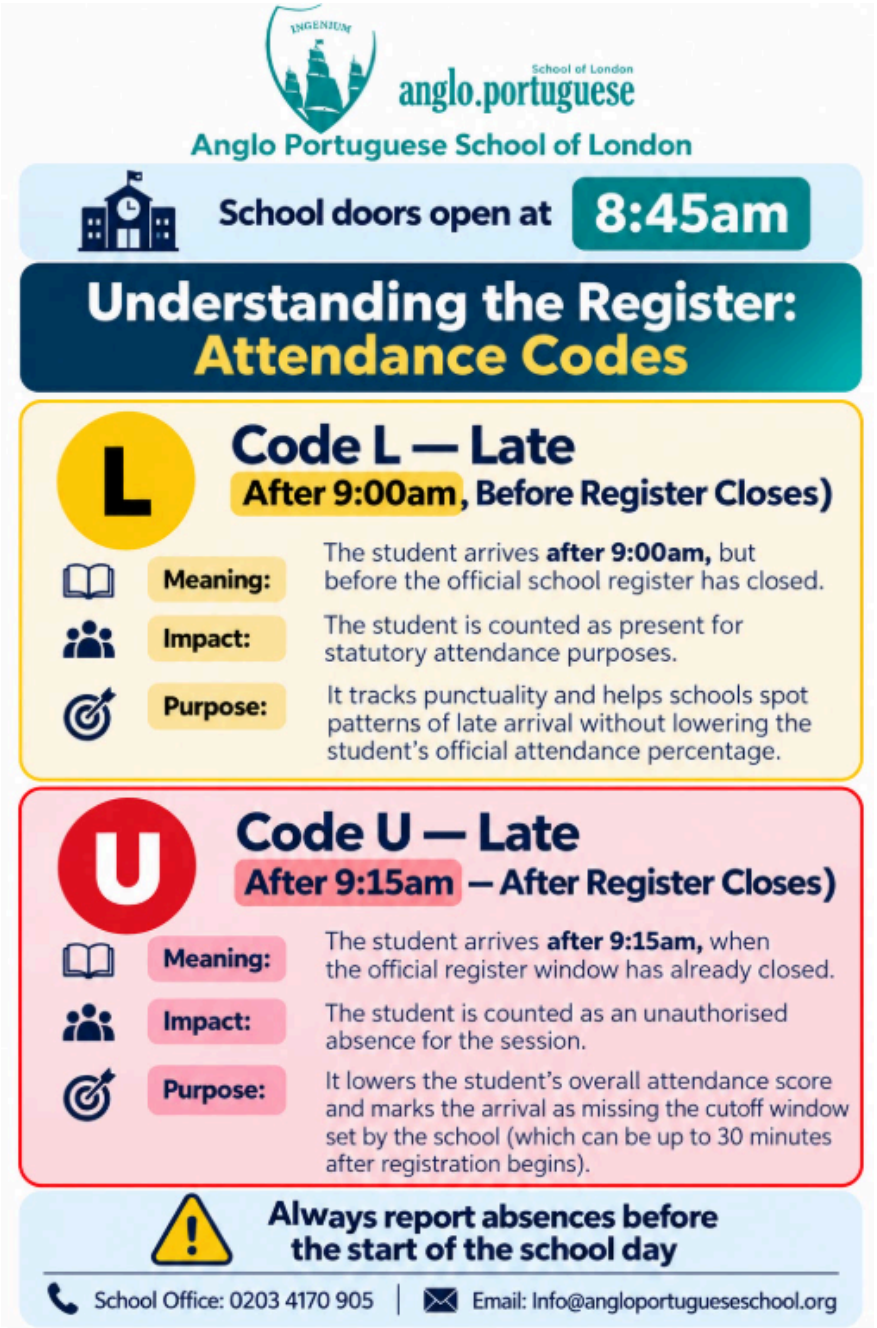
Punctuality year-to-date

R	1	2	3
0.86%	0.74%	0.30%	0.78%

4	5	6
1.92%	3.63%	1.46%

Well done to our **Year 2** children for having the best punctuality!





Regular attendance and good punctuality is your child's right.
Don't do it for the government - do it for your child.

Celebration Assemblies



























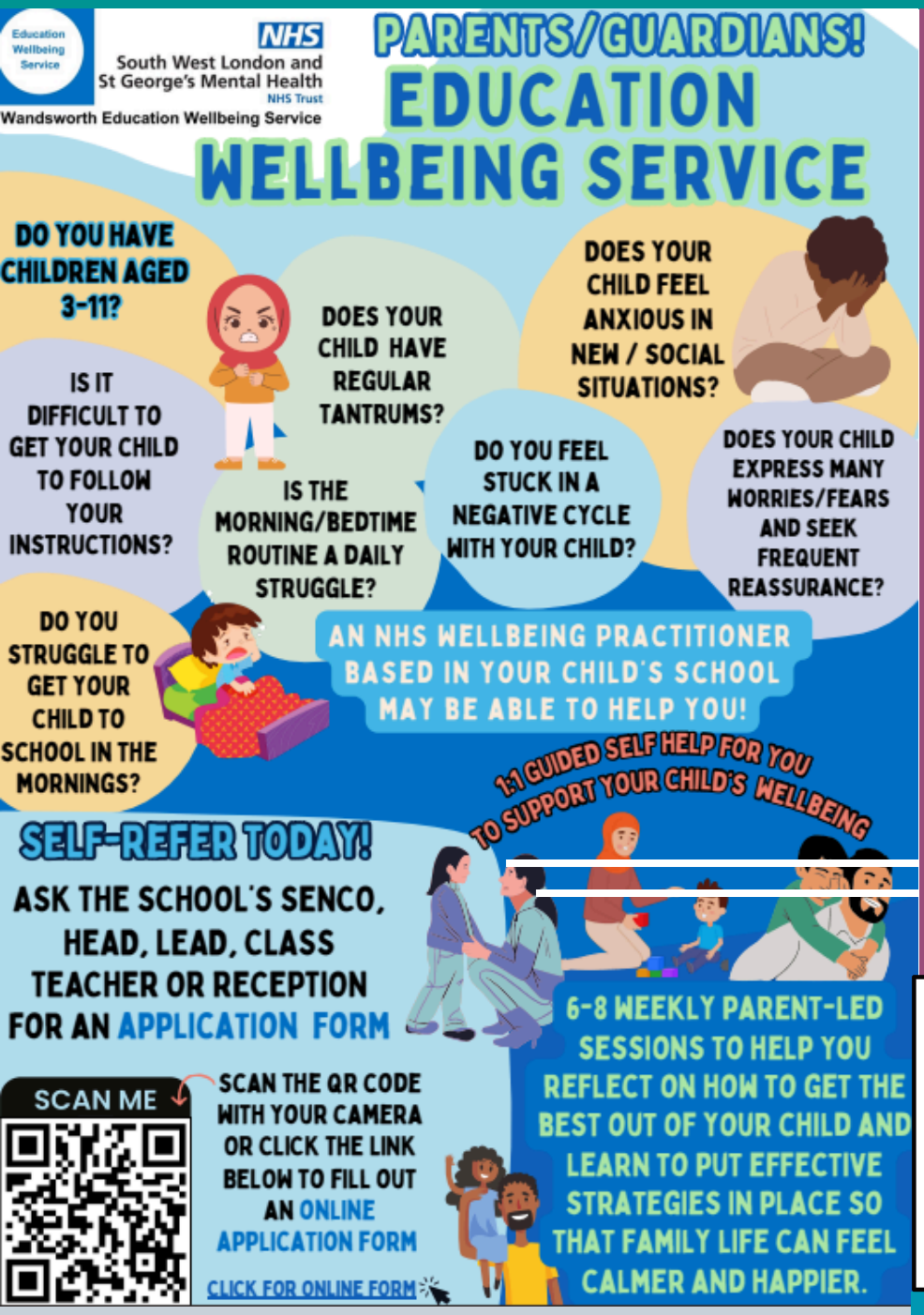






Well done everyone!

Parent Information



Uniform Orders

All uniform orders need to be placed on MCAS.
Orders will be sent home with your child on the following Friday after an order has been placed.

Parent carer volunteers

If you would like to Volunteer at APSOL you will need a DBS check. Please complete **this form** with your availability and
we will get in touch!

School Uniform Update September 2026

School uniform at APSOL is compulsory and it is expected that every child from Reception to Year 6, wears the correct uniform every day.
The school uniform policy contains the basic uniform requirements for all pupils, with the number of logo items being reduced to 3 in line with new legislation from 1st September 2026.

Click here to access the School Uniform Policy

Medication Administration requests:
If your child needs to have medication at school such as antibiotics, please complete this form:
Click here to access the form

Is my child too ill for school?
Please check this NHS Guidance on what to do if your child becomes unwell with early childhood illnesses:

Parent Feedback Questionnaire

We truly value parent feedback. Please scan this QR code to support us drive school improvement. Thank you for your support and comitment to our school.

Parents/Carers Questionnaire 2026-27

Parent Information



School start time: 8:45am
Please ensure your child is in at this time so that they are well prepared and settled for the morning.
School finish time:
3:50pm Reception, Year 1, Year 2
4:00pm Years 3-6

Reporting absence:
Please contact the school office on your child's day of absence to report the reason for absence. You can also provide this via the MCAS app.

In-year admissions into other year groups:
If you know anyone who would like for their child to join APSOL, please ask them to complete our in-year admission form

Click here to access our Admissions Information page and application form

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If your child has any learning difficulty or you have concerns, please arrange to see the school SENCO Nicola Fleming on Wednesday, Thursday or Fridays by emailing: Senco@angloportugueseschool.org or calling the school office to book an appointment.



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Celebration

October birthdays:

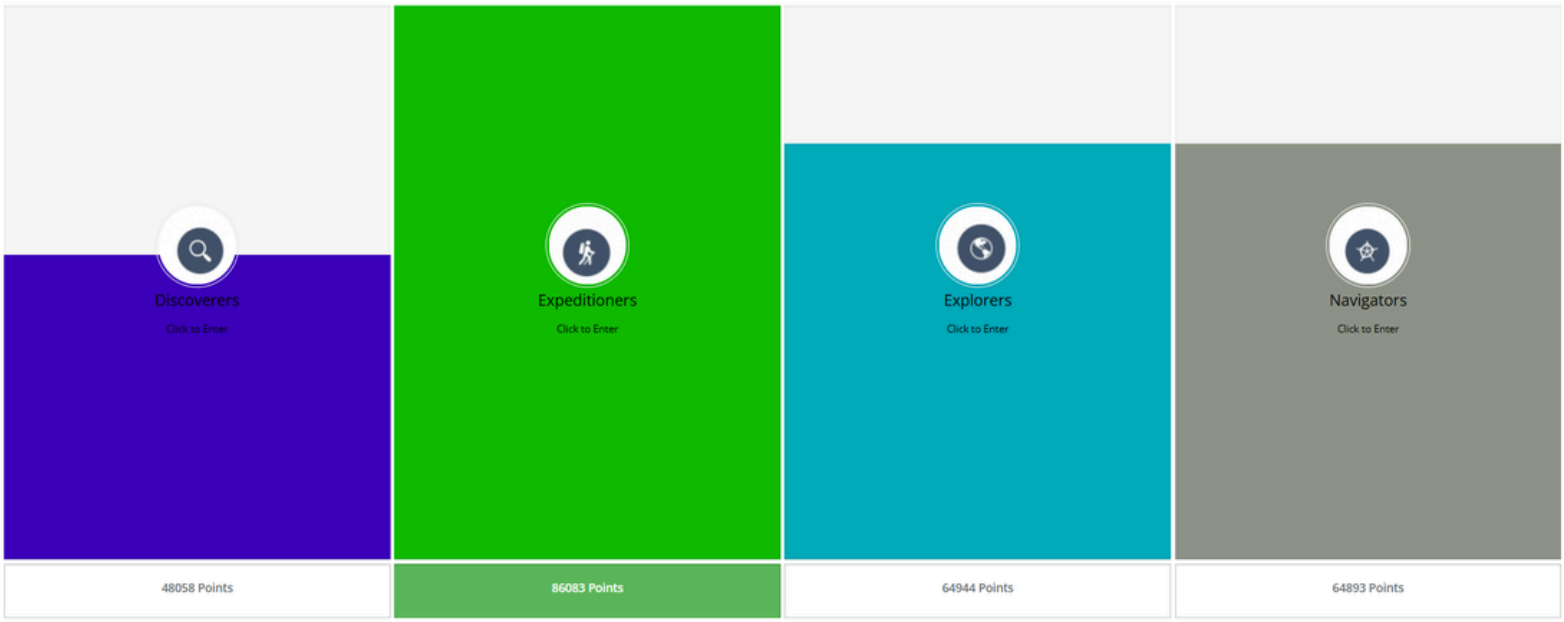
Staff: Ms Nicola (SENCO, Ms Jessica (Y4 TA) Ms Dina (clubs), Ms Sally (Y2 TA), Ms Lauren (Reception TA)

Children:
Lydia-Isabella, Daniel, Ayla
Salvador, Mason, Olivia M
Dante, Nahin, Duarte
Maya, Alice, Evan



October House Points

Each child is assigned to a House at the beginning of the year and the points have been reset for this academic year. It is incredible to see how much praise the children at APSOL get given how many points they have already achieved collectively!
Children are also able to see their points individually.
Children will participate in several house activities throughout the year. Children receive house points on a daily basis.
The winning house has a very special prize at the end of the year. Last summer the winning House attended a slime workshop! We wonder what the prize will be this year!



- **Your child is assigned a House when they join APSOL.**