

# Padnell Post



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**17<sup>th</sup> October 2025. Autumn Term No 7**

Thank you to all those of you who have taken the time to speak with me this week about my recent resignation. Your kind words really do mean a lot to me personally. It is a long lead in so that our Governors have time to recruit a new Headteacher and a good handover can take place, leaving Padnell to move forward from the strong position it is in.



## **Parents' Evening**

We were delighted to see so many of you at Parents' Evening this week. We hope you found it useful and informative.



## **Smartphone free schools**

Following on from the parent information session last week, please see this: [PowerPoint that was shown](#). I really hope that you will take a moment to read through it. In addition, Mrs Spiers, a parent in year 1, welcomes you into the Parent Hub for a cuppa and sharing session around this topic from 8.45am next Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Rather than hearing about it all from me, we thought it would be good for you all to have a parent space and learn from each other.



## **Year 2 Trip**

If your child is in Year 2, please see the attached letter regarding the trip next half term.



## **Year R Sharing Assembly**

As you will have seen on the curriculum newsletter, we would like to invite you into school on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 2.45pm for a 10 minute sharing assembly.

The children will be singing some nursery rhymes and sharing some phonic sounds with you.

Entrance will be via the side hall doorway and this will be a standing event.

As always to meet fire restrictions, we ask that only a max of 2 people attend per child. Once the assembly has finished you will be able to make your way to the classes for normal collection.



## **Junior School Sibling Photos**

If you have children both with us and at the Juniors, you are able to take your infant child to have a joint sibling photo from **8am on Thursday** in the Junior School hall.



## **Be Bright, Be Seen**

A reminder that we are inviting children to come to school dressed in brightly coloured clothes next Friday. This is to help raise awareness of road safety and spread the "Be Bright, Be Seen" message.

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## Live Rock Show



Next Friday, a local musician is coming to perform for our children showcasing his electric guitar skills. His mission is to share his music with as many children as possible in the local area, whilst raising funds for Children in Need.

If you would like to support him, we will be accepting donations on Friday morning. Alternatively, you may wish to donate via this link: [https://www.justgiving.com/page/sean-varndell-66?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=EM](https://www.justgiving.com/page/sean-varndell-66?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=EM)



## Christmas Jumpers/Costumes

Every year we have a Christmas Jumper day. If you would like to pick up a bargain, PIPSA are selling jumpers on Wednesday and Thursday after school next week. They also have some dressing up outfits if you would like to take a browse.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Mandy Grayson  
Headteacher



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## Diary Dates 2025 – 2026

Wednesday 22nd October 8.45am	Smartphone Free School Session	Whole School	In Parent Hub
Wednesday 22nd October (after school)	PIPSA Costume Sale	Whole School	
Thursday 23rd October	Junior School Photos	Whole School	
Thursday 23rd October 2.40 pm	Year R Sharing Assembly	Year R Parents	
Thursday 23rd October (after school)	PIPSA Costume Sale		
Friday 24th October	Be Bright, Be Seen	Whole School	Non School Uniform (Bright clothes)
Friday 24th October	Last Day of Term		
Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October	Half Term		School Closed
Monday 3rd November	Return to School		
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Wednesday 5th November 6 - 7pm	Prospective Parents Evening		Is your child 4 before 31 August 2026? If so they will start school in September 2026. Come along to one of our two parent meetings.
Wednesday 5th November 2pm	Padnell Junior School Tour	Year 2 Parents	

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Friday 7th November	Remembrance Day - Poppies on sale	Whole School	
Wednesday 12th November	Year R to visit St Wilfrid's Church	Year R	
Wednesday 5th November 3.30pm	Padnell Junior School Tour	Year 2 Parents	
Monday 17th November	Year 2 trip to Sea City Museum	Year 2	Details TBC
Monday 17th November 6-7pm	Prospective Parents Evening		Is your child 4 before 31 August 2026? If so they will start school in September 2026. Come along to one of our two parent meetings.
Tuesday 18th November to 25th November	Book Fair	Whole School	Travelling Book Fair will be in the school from the afternoon of Tuesday 18th November until the morning of 28th November.
Monday 24th November	INSET Day	Whole School	School closed to Children
Monday 1st December	Christingle Service	Children only	
Friday 5th December (To be confirmed)	Christmas Shopping Day	Whole School	PIPSA Event
Friday 5th December (To be confirmed)	Father Christmas visiting	Whole School	

Saturday 6th December	PJS Christmas Fair	Whole School	
Wednesday 10th December	Rabbits Nativity	Rabbits Parents	Doors open at 2.15pm for 2.30pm Performance
Thursday 11th December	Squirrels Nativity	Squirrels Parents	Doors open at 8.45am for 9.15am Performance
Thursday 11th December	Foxes Nativity	Foxes Parents	Doors open at 2.15pm for 2.30pm Performance
Thursday 11th December 3.05 - 3.45pm	Open School		An opportunity to look around your child's class and their books
Monday 15th December	Butterflies Christmas Show	Butterflies Parents	Doors open 2pm for 2.15pm start
Tuesday 16th December	Ladybirds Christmas Show	Ladybirds Parents	Doors open at 9am for 9.15am start.
Tuesday 16th December	Dragonflies Christmas Show	Dragonflies Show	Doors open 2pm for 2.15pm start

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Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day		
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner	Whole School (Children only)	Must be pre- ordered on SchoolGrid
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 5pm-6pm	Year 2 Carol Service	Year 2 children, parents & carers	
Thursday 18th December	Whole School Church Service	Children only	St Wilfrid's
Friday 19th December	Last Day of Term		
Friday 19th December	Kids Club (afternoon session) Closed	Kids Club	Please be aware that on the last afternoon of each term, the after school session of Kids Club is closed
Monday 22nd December to Friday 2nd January	Half Term		School Closed
Monday 5th January	Return to School		

Help & Advice on sleep, eating, behaviour, support, relationships.

Food bank info, community events.

Pre-loved Uniform, Coat Swap

Coffee and Chat

**Stay and play for little ones every Wednesday**

**6<sup>th</sup> November – Mental Health Support Team Anxiety Workshop**



**Parent Hub with our Parent Partner**

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
8.40am – 10am