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Giving Citizen Resilient Learner Original Thinker Wise Worker



7th November 2025. Autumn Term No 9

Welcome back to a new half term. This one is packed full of trips, nativities, PIPSA Christmas events, carol singing, church visits and much more. The weeks will WHIZZ by and the big day will be upon us before we know it!

Just a little reminder that if you need any support at this time of year, do come and have a chat with me.

Papaya - The Power of Play Webinar

Please see the attached invitation from Papaya to their Power of Play webinar.

Join Dr Susie Davies and Emily Jennings who will be exploring the importance of play in childhood development and wellbeing.



Curriculum Newsletters



This half term's Curriculum Newsletters can be found on our website: [Padnell Infant School - Curriculum Newsletters](#)

In response to feedback, we have added back in the 'GROW' optional activities for you to engage with together at home.

Reading Challenge

On Tuesday, a staggering 154 children watched "Olaf's Frozen Adventure" in the hall and ate a few sweets.

These were the children who read at least 4 times each week last half. This is a huge increase from this time last year when 99 children took part in the first reward activity. Thank you for working with us and making sure your child "Reads to Succeed".



The News "First Class"

For those Year R parents who wish to pre-order copies of 'First Class' souvenir edition, a reminder that the final order deadline is the 10th November before 11.30pm on Eventbrite (<https://thenews.eventbrite.co.uk>), or by 4.30pm via phone (0330 403 3004).

Alternatively, copies will also be available from local newsagents and supermarkets on the day of publication.



Christmas Cards

If you would like to order your child's Christmas Card design, the deadline is Sunday 16th November.



Poppy Appeal

Thank you for supporting this charity collection. We did our best to accommodate request and hope the children wear their purchases on Sunday with pride.

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OPEN
EVENING!

2026 Year R Open Evenings

We had our first open evening for prospective parents on Wednesday and were overwhelmed by the lovely responses. Please let anyone you know who has a child starting school next September that we will be doing it all again on Monday 17th November. Thank you to the staff who came back in the evening to support the school.



Online Safety Newsletter

Please see this half term's Online Safety Newsletter.

Anxiety Workshop

In response to the many of you who ask for help with either your own or your child's anxiety we held a free anxiety workshop in the Parent Hub this week led by a qualified Mental Health Expert. Unfortunately, only 1 parent attended from across the two schools.

If you are able to share with me the barriers to you attending, please do come and tell me so we can provide a more suitable option to support our community.



Year R & Year 3 Applications

Applications are now open for children joining Year R or Year 3 at: [Hampshire Admissions](#). The closing date is 15th January 2026.



Year 2 Trip

A reminder that contributions to the year 2 trip to Sea City Museum are to be made on Arbor by Wednesday, 12th November please. This acts as permission for your child to attend.

If sufficient contributions are not paid, we will have to cancel the trip and return any monies paid.

Remember if you are struggling to make that deadline...come and see me.



Talk Money

This week is Talk Money Week, a national campaign that encourages families to open up about money and financial wellbeing. At Padnell, we understand that money worries can affect every aspect of life—from mental health to family relationships—and we want to ensure our community knows where to turn for support.

If you or someone you know is feeling the pressure, here are some trusted organisations and resources that can help:

- Mental Wellbeing Hampshire: [Money and Debt webpage](#)
- Connect to Support Hampshire: [Cost of living and money worries](#)
- Young Minds guide for parents: [Money and mental health](#)
- [YGAM Parent Hub](#): Providing parents with knowledge and resources about gaming and gambling

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- [BigDeal](#): Gambling advice, information and support for young people
- Mental Wellbeing Hampshire also has links to local and national mental wellbeing support for [Children and Young People](#)

M27 Junction 10 Improvement Scheme

We have been asked by HCC to share this with you.

You may already be aware but the dates have been confirmed for M27 J9-J11 Closure over Christmas and New Year Period.

A full closure of the M27 motorway in both directions between Junctions 9 (Whiteley) and 11 (Fareham), scheduled from 8pm on 24 December 2025 to 4am on Sunday 4 January 2026.

The closure is required to put in place a new four-lane wide underpass beneath the M27, using an innovative 'box slide' engineering technique. Using this method means that many months of lane restrictions, speed limits, and overnight works can be avoided.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Mandy Grayson
Headteacher



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Diary Dates 2025 – 2026

Wednesday 12th November	Year R to visit St Wilfrid's Church	Year R	
Wednesday 12th November	Deadline for Year 2 Trip Contributions	Year 2	
Wednesday 12th 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 17 th November	Deadline to opt out of NCMP	Year R	Please email the School Office ASAP, but by 17/11/25 at the latest if you want to opt out of the National Child Measurement Programme
Monday 17 th November	Deadline to opt out of NCMP programme	Year R	
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.

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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 Doors open at 2.15pm for 2.30pm Performance	Rabbits Nativity	Rabbits Parents	
Thursday 11th December Doors open at 8.45am for 9.15am Performance	Squirrels Nativity	Squirrels Parents	
Thursday 11th December Doors open at 2.15pm for 2.30pm Performance	Foxes Nativity	Foxes Parents	

Thursday 11th December 3.05 - 3.45pm	Open School		An opportunity to look around your child's class and their books
Monday 15th December Doors open 2pm for 2.15pm start	Butterflies Christmas Show	Butterflies Parents	
Tuesday 16th December Doors open at 9am for 9.15am start.	Ladybirds Christmas Show	Ladybirds Parents	
Tuesday 16th December Doors open 2pm for 2.15pm start	Dragonflies Christmas Show	Dragonflies Show	
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas Jumper Day		
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas Dinner	Whole School (Children only)	Must be pre-ordered on SchoolGrid
Wednesday 17th December 5pm-6pm	Year 2 Carol Service	Year 2 children, parents & carers	
Thursday 18th December	Whole School Church Service	Children only	St Wilfrid's

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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		



PADNELL PARENT HUB
WHERE PARENTS GROW TOGETHER

Parent Hub with our Parent Partner

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
8.40am – 10am

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

6th November – Mental Health Support Team Anxiety Workshop