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Giving Citizen Resilient Learner Original Thinker Wise Worker

14th November 2025. Autumn Term No 10

Yesterday was World Kindness Day. I wonder what little extra we may all have done to show a little more kindness in our community?

Being a Giving Citizen is our first school value and we teach the children to be understanding of how difference and show kindness to all. As adults it is so important we model kindness and understanding to all in our community if we want them to GROW in the same way.

Health Warning!

There is a lot of content in today's communication. Grab a cuppa and take a little time to digest it all. This will help us in the run up to Christmas in a busy school and will ensure your child doesn't miss out on anything.



Remembrance Day – Giving Citizens

Children stopped to observe the 2-minute silence on Tuesday (11/11). Thank you to all who sent in money for poppy items last week. Once again, I was bowled over with the generosity shown.

Year R NCMP opt out

Please email the School Office (admin@padnell-inf.hants.sch.uk), if you would like to opt out of the National Child Measurement Programme by Monday, 17th November at the latest.

Year 2 Titanic Dress Up Day

As part of our Titanic topic this half term, please see the attached letter regarding our dress up day and parent art activity on Thursday 27th November (2pm).



It's the most wonderful time.....

But also one of the busiest! We understand there is a lot to remember at this time of year, especially if you have children in other schools too – and that's all before your own Christmas shopping, organisation and celebrations. We try hard to ensure parents are fully aware of everything going on in school. If we need a reply slip returned, we send the letters home in your child's book bag with a copy on our website. Deadlines and events are on our website calendar ([Padnell Infant School - School Calendar](#)), which you can link to your mobile device.

Although exciting for many, for some this time of year can be stressful for both children and parents alike and we want to work with you to try and help where we can. Attached is a very easy read about 'The Sensory Overload' and the impact this time of year can have on some of our children.

To support our children we minimise the decorations in the classroom, delay the school tree until Christmas Shopping Day, cut down on Christmas making activities until the last week of term, reduce additional Christmas music and try and keep things as 'normal' and routine as possible for as long as we can.

Please note we have asked the Elves not to visit us in school, as this is also an added pressure on many families and over stimulates the children. If the Elves do visit

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you, please discuss with your child that this is something just for home.

Further, to save you a few pennies, we also are asking you to consider the sending of cards. These are dying out in the community so do we need them in school? If you do still wish to, please only send within classes and ensure your child is involved in writing them. Please be mindful that the child that does not get a card every day feels extremely left out and emotional. Maybe an '**All for one and one for all**' approach would be appropriate at this time of year.



Christmas Events

We will be continuing with our traditional events, namely: visiting St Wilfrid's for a whole school Christmas Service. Year R will have individual class nativities while each Year 1 class will perform a Christmas play (letters for both these events will be sent next week). Year 2 will meet for a Carol Singing Evening. We will have Christmas jumper day along with our Christmas dinner and of course, our fantastic PIPSA team will run the wonderful annual Christmas Shopping Day.



Dolce Christmas Lunch

If your child would like to join us for Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 17th December (complete with crackers and festive tunes), then please ensure you pre-order their lunch as soon as possible. The special menu can be found on the website calendar: [Dolce-Christmas-Lunch 2025 Primary-School A5](#)



Christmas Shopping Day and

Santa Visit

Yesterday, you will have received three different coloured letters from PIPSA. Please return the green "helper" letter by 25th November and the orange Santa visit slip by 28th November, although the sooner the better.

The Christmas Shopping Day sheet (red) should be sent in with your child on the day itself (5th December).

All dates are on each Padnell Post as well as our website calendar. The letters can also be found on the website: [Padnell Infant School - PIPSA \(PTA\)](#)



Wanted – Gifts to sell

Do you have any un

wanted gifts you'd like to donate to **PIPSA**? We are collecting items to sell at our Christmas Shopping Day. Your donations will help make the event a success!

Please drop off your gifts at the office or email pipsapadnell@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!

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Book Fair

Come Christmas shopping at the Book Fair which will be in school next week. You can visit any morning from 8.30am in the Hall, from Wednesday 19th November, or from 3.10pm - 3.30pm in Woodpeckers class from Tuesday 18th November until Friday 21st November.

There are hundreds of new children's books to browse and buy.

Please see the attached QR Code if you would like to make an electronic payment, or there will be a card machine. There will also be a small float if you would like to pay by cash. You can also scan this code to order books if you are unable to make the Fair, as well as making a wish list.

Every book you buy can help to get FREE BOOKS for our school library. Thank you



INSET Day

A reminder that our next INSET Day is Monday 24th November. School will be closed to children. The whole staff team will be involved in training delivered from Primary Behaviour Support and Positive Handling to support us all in meeting the needs of all our children.

Best Start in Life

The Best Start in Life campaign aims to break down barriers to opportunity for every family, supporting parents and children from pregnancy through to age five and beyond, by bringing together trusted information, advice, and support – making it easier and more affordable for families to access early education and childcare, health guidance, and practical help at every stage.

Visit [Best Start in Life](#) to find trusted resources and information as well as local support. You can also subscribe to the Best Start in Life [newsletter](#) or [personalised weekly emails](#) for tailored updates, tips, and guidance throughout your journey as a parent.

Consultation – Riders Schools

As you can see from the attached letter, Hampshire County Council is holding a statutory Public Notice consultation in relation to the Proposal to amalgamate Riders Infant School and Riders Junior School with Park Community School, Havant. This statutory consultation will run from Friday 7 November to Friday 5 December 2025 during which time comments on the proposal may be submitted.

The Public Notice can be found on the Hampshire County Council website: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/publicnotices/publicnoticedetails?id=20409>

Holiday Activities & Food (HAF)

Hampshire County Council's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme offers an exciting programme of fun activities and nutritious meals for families meeting certain criteria.

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Please see the attached letter with details of how you can book or visit: [Family Information and Services Hub | Holiday Activities and Food Programme](#)

Cowplain Evangelical Church Panto

Saltmine Theatre Company will be performing Jack and the Beanstalk at Cowplain Church. Please see the attached leaflet for full details.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Mandy Grayson
Headteacher



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Diary Dates 2025 – 2026

Monday 17th November	Year 2 trip to Sea City Museum	Year 2	
Monday 17th 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 17th 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.
Monday 24th November	INSET Day	Whole School	School closed to Children
Tuesday 25th November	Deadline for Volunteer slip/email	Whole School	If you are able to help at our Christmas Shopping Day, please return the slip or email pipsapadnell@gmail.com by today.
Thursday 27th November	Titanic Dress up Day	Year 2	Children to come dressed as a person from the Titanic
Thursday 27th November 2pm	Parent Art Activity (Titanic Day)	Year 2 Parent	Parents are invited to join your child in class at 2pm to complete an art activity linked to this topic. Please sign up with your child's class teacher.
Friday 28th November	Deadline for Santa visit permission	Whole School	Please return your "Santa Visit" reply slip by today (with payment if your child would like to see Santa). Please respond even if your child doesn't want to participate.
Monday 1st December	Christingle Service	Children only	

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Friday 5th December	Christmas Shopping Day	Whole School	Your child should bring in: Their shopping list Plenty of Change Carrier/Gift Bag
Friday 5 th December 3.05pm – 4pm	Parent/ Carer Christmas Shopping	Whole School	Come and grab a bargain. The Stalls from our Christmas Shopping Day will remain up until 4pm.
Friday 5th December	Father Christmas visiting	Whole School	Permission & Payment to be returned by Friday 28 th November.
*Friday 5 th December 3.30pm – 6pm *Change of date	PJS Christmas Fayre	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 17 th December	Christmas Jumper Day		
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Dinner	Whole School (Children only)	Must be pre-ordered on SchoolGrid
Wednesday 17 th 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		

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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