

Padnell Post



Giving Citizen Resilient Learner Original Thinker Wise Worker

24th October 2025. Autumn Term No 8

It's a wrap! After a long eight week term we are all ready for a well earned rest: children and staff included! We hope you have some nice things planned and the autumnal weather remains fresh and sunny and not damp and wet.



Smartphone free schools

Thank you to the parents who joined Mrs Spiers on Wednesday. Please do remember to log onto [Papaya](#) and join up to give your support.

VACANCY

Role Vacancy

We are looking for 1 or 2 additional staff members to join our support team to nurture our children with additional needs. Always supported by the team around you, you will work alongside children with social emotional and mental health needs, upskilling them with strategies to manage their feelings and facilitating their learning so that it is accessible and progressive. If you think you have a positive outlook to learning, are understanding of everyone's individual journey, are flexible and can use your initiative, we would love to hear from you. Dependant on applicant skill sets and availability, the hours and days can be negotiated around the needs of the school. This would suit an experienced applicant or someone new to education who wants to GROW with us.

The roles are a temporary role until 31st August 2026 and will be at grade B2.

Applications must be made using the attached form and emailed to admin@padnell-inf.hants.sch.uk by midday on Friday 7th November.



Year R Sharing Assembly

Thank you for joining us yesterday to capture a little snapshot of what your child has been learning since they started school. It was wonderful to see so many of you and share this little moment of magic!



Be Bright, Be Seen

Thank you for supporting our Be Bright, Be Seen Day today.

Our assembly this week showed the children how important it is to be seen on these darker nights, especially when crossing the road.



Live Rock Show



Thank you to Sean Varndell who delighted children this afternoon with his electric guitar skills.

Thank you for your donations today, you may wish to donate via this link:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/sean-varndell-66?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=EM

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Christmas Cards

Today, your child will bring home a preview of their Christmas Card design with details of how you can view the online shop and order a variety of products. The order deadline is 16th November.



Christmas Jumpers/Costumes

Thank you for supporting the sale, you raised £88.50! We hope you were able to grab a bargain!



Uniform & Footwear

Please take the opportunity over half term to check that your child's uniform and shoes are labelled and make sure nothing belongs to someone else. We endeavour to get all named items back to the child's class.



Can we remind you that no boots or trainers should be worn to school. All hair accessories should be black, white or purple. Remember our Padnell Pre-loved is open three mornings a week in the Parent Hub. Thank you.

PE Kits should have been sent home this week. Please also check these and ensure they are returned to school on **Monday 3rd November**. Thank you.

Free Courses – Hampshire Libraries

Visit [Learning in Libraries – Hampshire](#)

[County Council Shop](#) to book a free place on a number of courses.

Hampshire Healthy Steps

Hampshire Healthy Steps offers families with 2 to 12 year-olds, support through a 6-session group programme. Please scan the QR code on the attached leaflet to find out more information about support and advice on eating well, getting active, sleeping well, healthy teeth, my community, and more. All groups are designed to be fun and interactive and to encourage children to get involved.



Half Term

School will finish at 3.05pm today for half term. We look forward to welcoming children back to school on Monday 3rd November.

We hope you have an enjoyable break.

St Wilfrid's Light Party

As you can see from the attached, St Wilfrid's are holding a Light Party on 31st October.

Looking ahead to next half term:



Poppy Appeal – Giving Citizens

We will be selling Poppies on one day only – **Friday 7th November** in preparation for Remembrance Sunday on the 9th.

Items purchased will be placed directly in the children's book bag ready for Remembrance Day. We will send a reminder when we come back, with the items we'll have available and suggested donations.

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OPEN EVENING!

2026 Year R Open Evenings

The first of our open evenings for prospective parents is on Wednesday 5th November (6-7pm).

If you know someone with a child who will be turning 4 before 1st September 2026, please ask them to email us to book a place.

The evening will provide a chance for prospective parents to view the school and meet the team.

A school place can be applied for from 1st November 2025 at: [Hampshire Admissions](#). The closing date is 15th January 2026.

Special Fireworks Menu

You may have seen on SchoolGrid that Dolce are offering a special Fireworks & Bonfire Night menu on 5th November. Please see the attached for details.

Year 3 Applications

If your child is in Year 2, please see the attached letter from Hampshire County Council with information about applying for your child's Year 3 place.



Padnell Junior Tours

The first of Padnell Junior School's tours is on Wednesday 5th November at 2pm. If you would like to take your child, please collect them at 1.55pm from their classroom door.

MHST – Anxiety Workshop

A reminder that the Mental Health Support Team will be hosting an Anxiety Workshop on Thursday 6th November in the Parent Hub at 9am.

Year 2 Trip Contributions

A reminder that Year 2 will be going to the Sea City Museum in November. Please make payment on Arbor by 12th November. This acts as permission for your child to attend. Thank you.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Mandy Grayson
Headteacher



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Diary Dates 2025 – 2026

Friday 24th October	Last Day of Term		
Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October	Half Term		School Closed
Monday 3rd November	Return to School		
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.

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			Come along to one of our two parent meetings.
Wednesday 5th November 2pm	Padnell Junior School Tour	Year 2 Parents	
Thursday 6th November 9am – 10am	MHST Anxiety Workshop	Whole School	In Parent Hub
Friday 7th November	Remembrance Day - Poppies on sale	Whole School	
Wednesday 12th November	Year R to visit St Wilfrid's Church	Year R	
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 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 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

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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		

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		

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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**