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27th March 2026. Spring Term No 11

It is a wrap! We hope that you have a lovely Easter break with your family and friends. Thank you for all your support over the past term.



Egg citing Competition

Thank you to everyone who took part. These were all celebrated in our end of term assembly and every entry was given a small easter egg. Nine winners from each year group received a larger egg, donated once again by PIPSA.



Easter Magic Show

Thank you to our PIPSA Volunteers for organising the Magic Show and different Easter gifts. You really do make a difference providing great memories.



Summer Fair & Cool Cups

Please see the attached letter regarding our Summer Fair. As detailed, your child will be bringing a cup home today which we are asking you to fill with exciting things such as pens, pencils, stickers, mini toys, bubbles etc.



Choir

Well done to last terms choir who showcased their talents to their parents/carers. A new group of children is currently being organised and their special adults will be invited in due course to share their learning. Due to the popular demand of this group, children are only able to attend for 1 block of sessions. Thank you for your understanding.

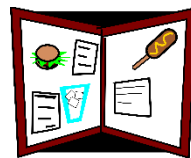
Skoolkit Prices & Discount Week

Please see [the attached](#) information from Skoolkit regarding their discount week and updated price list.



Uniform

We ask that you take the Easter Holidays as an opportunity to check your child's uniform, shoes and PE kit still fit, are labelled and adhere to Padnell rules. Polite reminder that socks should also be black, white or grey please. Thank you.



Dolce New Menu

The new summer menu will be on offer after the Easter holiday. It will be available to view and pre-order through SchoolGrid on Monday.

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Online Safety Newsletter



Attached you will find this half term's online safety newsletter. It is a really useful, easy read helping you to know how to keep your child safe online and when playing games or viewing films and programmes.

After School Gymnastics and Football

Flyers for next half term are attached and also available to view on our website: [Padnell Infant School - Wraparound Care & Clubs](#)



EASTER HOLIDAY

School will finish at the usual time today (3.05pm). A reminder there is no Kids Club this afternoon.

We look forward to seeing the children on Monday 13th April.



Healthy Steps

As you can see from [the attached](#), parents are invited to join the Healthy Steps free online sessions, designed to support families with young children in building healthy habits around food, activity, and wellbeing. Whether you're navigating tricky bedtimes, fussy eating, toothbrushing struggles, or you're simply looking to build healthier family habits, we're here to help.

There are two Healthy Steps family programmes starting in April for families with 5- to 12-year-olds. These sessions will be run online:

Mondays at 1:15 PM 5 weeks starting on Monday 13th April Online via Microsoft Teams Free to attend Book on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1985054384099?aff=oddtcreator>

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM

5 weeks starting on Tuesday 14th April Online via Microsoft Teams Free to attend Book on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1985055356006?aff=oddtcreator>

Tickets are available on a first come first serve basis. If the session is sold out and you would like to find out more about other sessions, please complete the following Family Enquiry form:

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/get-support/services/hampshire-healthy-steps/enquiry-form>

Hampshire Parent Carer Network (HPCN)

There is a great deal happening for parent carers across Hampshire, including the ongoing SEND consultation. Hampshire Parent Carer Network (HPCN) is running interactive workshops as part of the SEND Local Offer Discovery Days. Please [see the attached](#) for details.

Farm Visit Advice this Easter

We have been asked to share the following information with you:

Following the simple rules listed below will help to keep you and your children safe from infections that may be found on open or

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petting farms. Vulnerable groups need to take particular care as infections acquired from animals can be harmful to them: for pregnant women this also includes their unborn baby.

Things to do:

- Follow any rules and guidelines provided by the farm staff
- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and warm running water after you have touched animals, fences or other surfaces where animals may have been, and dry your hands with paper towels
- Supervise children closely and ensure that they wash their hands thoroughly using liquid soap and warm running water
- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water before eating or drinking
- When visiting a farm, only eat and drink in picnic areas or cafes
- Try to avoid wearing open-toed shoes. At the end of your visit remove and clean boots or shoes and clean pushchair wheels. Then wash your hands thoroughly with soap and warm running water
- If you have held or had contact with an animal wash clothing at 40C or hotter when you return home.

Things to avoid:

- Touching your face or mouth while petting animals or walking around the farm
- Kissing or putting your face close to farm animals eating or drinking while touching animals or walking around the farm; this includes avoiding eating sweets, crisps or chewing gum
- Eating anything that has fallen on the floor
- Using sanitising gels or wipes instead of washing hands with liquid soap and warm running water. Sanitising gels and wipes do not remove the type of bugs found on farms effectively

TICKS – Be Tick Aware

Another aspect to consider for outdoor activities is ticks, which are most active between spring and autumn and which can

sometimes transmit diseases such as Lyme disease.

There are many actions that can be taken to prevent tick bites, and to remove ticks safely if needed.

Tick advice

The best way to avoid being bitten by ticks when out walking is to keep to footpaths and avoid long grass. Other advice to people walking in areas known to have a high tick population is to:

- Wear appropriate clothing (a long-sleeve shirt and trousers tucked into socks)
- Use an insect repellent
- Wear light-coloured fabrics that may help spot a tick on clothing
- Inspect your skin for ticks, particularly at the end of the day, including your head, neck and skin folds (armpits, groin and waist)
- Ask parents and carers to check their children's head and neck areas, including their scalp

How to remove a tick

If you do get bitten by a tick, removing it quickly and correctly can help to reduce any potential risk. The safe way to remove a tick is to use a pair of fine-tipped tweezers, or an easy-to-use device which can be purchased from pharmacies or vets. Then:

- Grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible. Pull upwards slowly and firmly, as mouth parts left in the skin can cause a local infection
- Once removed, apply antiseptic to the bite area and keep an eye on it for several weeks for any changes
- Call NHS 111 if the person begins to feel unwell or develops a circular red skin rash, often described as a bull's-eye rash, and remember to tell them that the person was bitten by a tick.

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Kind Regards,

Mrs Mandy Grayson
Headteacher



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Diary Dates 2025 – 2026

Friday 27th March	Last Day of Term		
Friday 27th March	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 30th March to Friday 10th April	Easter Holidays		School Closed
Monday 13th April	Return to School		
Friday 24th April	'Fill a Cup' for Summer Fair (Non uniform)	Whole School	
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday	Whole School	School Closed
Friday 8th May	"Scootering" Day	Years 1 & 2	
Friday 15th May	Class Photographs	Whole School	Cardwell & Simons will take Class Photographs

Thursday 21st May 3.05 - 3.45pm	Open School		An opportunity to look around your child's class and their books
Friday 22nd May	Chocolate Donations for Summer Fair (Non uniform)	Whole School	
Friday 22nd May	Last Day of Term		
Monday 25th May	Bank Holiday		School Closed
Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th May	Whitsun Half Term		School Closed
Monday 1st June	Return to School		



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