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Giving Citizen Resilient Learner Original Thinker Wise Worker

17th April 2026. Summer Term No 1

Welcome Back, we hope you had a good Easter break. Here we go with our summer term, which is always the busiest of them all, as we begin to bring on board our new year R children for September 2026 and start the events to say goodbye to our lovely year 2 children.

Reading Challenge Reward



Well done to all the children who continued to read regularly at home last term and were able to engage in chocolate lolly making. Our huge thanks once again to Abraham's parents for giving up their time and resources making this lovely treat a real success.

This terms Reading Challenge starts today! Reads will be counted for the next 5 weeks with the challenge ending on Friday 22nd May as we break for half term. Remember there must be 4 entries every week to make the challenge.



Curriculum Newsletters

You will find your child's year group Curriculum Newsletter for the this half term on our website: [Padnell Infant School - Curriculum Newsletters](#)



Reception Children 2026

We look forward to meeting each family individually on 28th and 29th April as they arrive to complete the necessary paperwork.

We are delighted that despite low birth numbers we are likely to be full.



Year 3 Acceptance

If your child has been allocated a place at Padnell Junior School, you will receive a letter home in due course. Please return the acceptance form directly to the Junior School. Thank you.



Governor vacancy

We still have a parent Governor space available. If you would like to support and challenge the school whilst finding out more about the systems and processes that go on behind the scenes do please pop and see me.



Attendance

Our whole school Attendance figure for the Spring term was 96.7% This is good and just short of the target we have been set of 97.1%...can we do it!

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Attendance Certificates will be sent to everyone on Monday (instead of during the Summer term), to keep you informed of your child's attendance. Expectation set by the Department of Education is 96%. Any child who is below 90% is a 'cause for concern' and we are expected to meet with you and work together to improve this. Please know you can come and speak with me at anytime about any attendance issues.

Remember too, you can view your child's attendance at any time on the Arbor Parent App.



Year R Café

Please see the attached letter about Year R's upcoming Café. We hope lots of you will be able to join in.

Year 1 Request (RE)

If your child is in year 1, please look out for an email later today regarding our upcoming RE topic.



Cool Cups

A reminder that next Friday, 24th April, is a Non-Uniform Day. We ask you to return your filled "Cool Cups" by this date please. Thank you in advance for your support with this.



Free online Courses

Attached you will find details of some free online courses being run by the Library Service. You can book a place online at: [Learning in Libraries – Hampshire County Council Shop](#)

Kind Regards,

Mrs Mandy Grayson
Headteacher



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Diary Dates 2025 – 2026

Monday 20 th April	Deadline for Menu choices for Year R Café	Year R	Please return your Café RSVP by today ready for our shopping trips.
Friday 24 th April	Fill a Cup' for Summer Fair (Non uniform)	Whole School	
Monday 27 th April 2pm – 2.45pm	Squirrels Café	Squirrels Parents	Please let your child's teacher know your lunch option by ?????? and don't forget to bring £2 on the day please)

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Wednesday 22 nd April	Year R to visit Co-Op	Year R	
Thursday 23 rd April	Year R to visit Co-Op	Year R	
Friday 24 th April	Year R to visit Co-Op	Year R	
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		
Monday 8th June	Finches Trip to Fort Purbrook	Finches Class	
Thursday 11th June	Owls Trip to Fort Purbrook	Owls Class	
Thursday 11th June	Year R Trip to Blue Reef Aquarium	Year R	
Friday 12th June	Woodpeckers Trip to Fort Purbrook	Woodpeckers Class	
Friday 26th June	Bottle Donations for Summer Fair	Whole School	
Friday 26th June 3.30pm to 5.30pm	Summer Fair	Whole Community	

Monday 29th June to Saturday 4th July	Skoolkit Discount week	10% discount from Skoolkit	
Wednesday 1st July	Transition Day	All Hampshire Schools	Children will visit their new classes
Friday 3rd July 1.30pm	Sports Day	Whole School	
Monday 6th July	INSET Day	Whole School (Children only)	School closed to Children
Tuesday 7th July	INSET Day	Whole School (Children only)	School closed to Children
Thursday 9th July	Reports Home	Whole School	
Friday 10th July	Reserve Sports Day	Whole School	
Tuesday 14th July 3.30pm - 5pm	Optional Parents' Evening		Details will be sent home with your child's report
Thursday 16th July 2.00pm	Year 2 Leavers Performance	Year 2 Parents & Carers	School Hall
Thursday 16th July 4 - 5pm	Leavers Picnic	Year 2 Parents, Carers & School Staff	Joey's Field
Friday 17th July 9.00am - 10.00am	Year 2 Leavers Performance	Year 2 Parents & Carers	School Hall
Monday 20th July 9.15am	Award Assembly	Children only	Children only
Tuesday 21st July 3.05 - 4pm	Magic Show for Year R & Year 1	Year R & Year 1	PIPSA event
Tuesday 21st July 4.15pm - 5.30pm	PIPSA Leavers Disco Year 2	Year 2	PIPSA event
Wednesday 22nd July	Last Day of Term		

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Wednesday 22nd July	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
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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