

Padnell Post



Giving Citizen Resilient Learner Original Thinker Wise Worker

17th July 2026. Summer Term No 13

GOODBYE

Here we go...my final Padnell Post.
Many of you have asked what I am going to do. To start with I will be sailing on Friday to France with my children and grandchildren to spend some quality time with them all. After that...I really don't have any firm plans. I may write, paint or just go on long dog walks with Lani. Please see my final farewell letter attached.



Summer Fair

A huge thank you to Sam and Sophie who pulled all of this together. It was hot and sticky but a great success and I thank all of you who attended and all of the staff who stayed to support it. Early indications are that in excess of £2000 was raised which is a great result.



PIPSA Magic Show & Leavers Disco

The children are looking forward to this last fundraising event. Thank you for supporting all the events throughout the year, and an even bigger thank you to the small but mighty PIPSA team - your hard work, commitment and patience is very much appreciated.

The deadline has passed so please don't put the organiser in a difficult position by asking to come now. Thank you.

The community events that PIPSA organise add to the specialness of our school but without new volunteers they are at risk of not being able to happen. Please consider joining PIPSA in the new school year. As a registered charity a minimum number of members are required. Without the core members it will no longer be able to operate.

If you want your child to have the memories of magic shows, discos, Christmas shopping day etc as well as the extra nice things they have in the classrooms then following in the words of Winston Churchill – **YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!**



Year 2 Picnic

Thank you to everyone who came to the Year 2 Leavers Picnic, we hope you enjoyed this final chance to say goodbye and enjoy this wonderful space for a last time.



Year 2 Leavers Performance

We hope you enjoyed watching your year 2 child in their leaver's performances. They were simply amazing. We wish them all the very best on their next step in the journey.



Hosepipe

Many of the children look forward to being soaked with the hosepipe at the end of term which has become a Padnell tradition. As it is my very last day I would like to be able to

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say goodbye to you all on the playground and so this annual bit of fun will take place on Monday instead this year. See you outside Owls classroom if you want to join in.



GROW Awards Assembly

We are looking forward to our final event on Monday when 36 children will be presented with an end of year GROW award. These are the children chosen by the staff for representing each of the four school core values throughout the year.



MEDICINES

If we are holding any medicines in school for your Year 2 child, your child's class teacher (in sealed envelopes) will return them to you, on Tuesday afternoon. Medication for children in Year R & Year 1 will be passed to their new class ready for September, unless the expiry date is over the holidays, in which case it will be returned to you.



Farewell Farewell

We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Lloyd on Wednesday. We wish her all the best and thank her for all she has contributed to the Padnell community. She will be missed by us all.



Governors

As this academic year draws to a close, we must say a fond farewell to our wonderful headteacher Mrs Grayson. She has worked tirelessly for this community for twelve years and leaves the school in a very strong

position. Thank you Mrs Grayson and we wish you a relaxing and happy retirement.

Our thanks must go to all the staff whose dedication towards our lovely children never falters. Each year group has made super progress and they have achieved very well indeed, demonstrated by the wonderful assessment results in Year R, Year One and Year Two. Well done to everyone!

The Governors have spent much of the year planning for and making new appointments in addition to their regular tasks of monitoring the work of the school, guiding its direction and ensuring it is safe and financially secure. All of the Governors are volunteers and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for the time they give and the service they provide.

The Governors would like to thank all of you, our wonderful families for your continued support for our learning community. As the holidays begin, we wish you all a lovely summer and send Year Two our good wishes as they transfer to juniors. Everyone has worked exceptionally hard, so enjoy the holidays and we look forward to seeing you all again in September for another great year under the expert leadership of Mrs Young.



Thank you

We have had a lot of support from many volunteer parents and helpers from the Community throughout the year both in and out of the classroom, during and after school hours. I know **all** the staff would like to show

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their gratitude to each and every one for giving your time freely to support our children. It is always much appreciated. We hope those of you that came, enjoyed the Tea Party put on for you as a thank you.

AAA Coaching Summer Club

As you can see from the attached leaflet, AAA coaching are holding a Summer Club.

"MyDentist" Havant

This dentist have some NHS dental appointments available during the holidays. See the attached leaflet for details.



End of term

School will finish on Wednesday afternoon. Kids Club will not be open after school, but the Breakfast Club will run as normal.

The Big Future



As only a handful of you have completed this survey I have been asked once again by the Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza to ask you again. [About this survey : The Big Future survey - have your say!](#)

Looking ahead to September.....



Diary Dates 2026 – 2027

Please see the attached list of dates for next year. Whilst we try to plan to give you as much notice as possible, we appreciate your understanding if some events need to be changed.

All events will be on our website calendar in September ([Padnell Infant School - School Calendar](#)), which you can link to your personal calendar.



Uniform and Dress Code

Thank you to all of you who follow our school policy regarding uniform. Please can I remind you that all children need a PE Kit in school from the first day of term (black shorts, white t-shirt). Also, shoes should be hardwearing, black shoes, which support the children's feet when running about on the playground. Fashion shoes with thin soles are not suitable, and in line with the Junior School, boots are not permitted.

Please, please, please ensure all items are named.

We also ask you to provide an old pair of joggers or waterproof trousers, in a named carrier bag, for children to use in Joey's Field.

Lastly, please can we ask that all long hair is tied up, preferably in plaits, and that any accessories are in school colours of black, white or purple.

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Pre-Loved uniform

Don't forget that we have pre-loved uniform available in the Parent Hub.



After School Clubs

We will continue to host a variety of after school clubs in September.

Monday – Years 1 & 2 – Football

Tuesday – All years – Karate

Wednesday – Years 1 & 2 – Gymnastics

Thursday – Years 1 & 2 – Football

Leaflets will be on our website with full details. Please note, only Karate is open to children in year R.

Price Increase – Wraparound Care



Due to increased operational costs, we will be adjusting our prices for our wraparound care services (Breakfast Club & Kids Club), from 1st September 2026. We have researched the costs of other providers locally to ensure that we are still providing the community with value for money.

New Pricing Structure:

- Breakfast Club: £5.50
- Kids Club: £7



Price Increase – Water Bottles

We also need to increase the cost of Water Bottles to £1.60.

Summer Holiday Support & Savings

Please see the attached information we have been asked to share with you.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Mandy Grayson
Headteacher



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Diary Dates 2025 – 2026

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		
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