

Padnell Post



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Welcome to the first Padnell Post of the new academic year. As I begin my role as Headteacher, I am also delighted to welcome Mrs Barnes, who will be working Monday to Wednesday as our new Assistant Headteacher, and Mrs Whitmore, who joins our team of HLTAs from Wednesday to Friday.

As we begin a new school year, there are many systems, routines and administrative tasks to put in place as we settle back into school life after the summer break. We would like to thank you in advance for your support, patience and cooperation during these first few weeks.

To support everyone's wellbeing, we aim to send school communications together on a Friday wherever possible, rather than contacting families throughout the week. This means key information is shared in one place and is easier to keep track of.

If I could ask for your support with just two things this year, it would be:

- **Read the Padnell Post each week.** This ensures you stay up to date with important information, events and opportunities across the school.
- **Read with your child at least four times a week.** Just ten minutes of shared reading can make a significant difference to your child's confidence, enjoyment and success in learning.

Thank you in advance for your continued support. By working together and focusing on these two simple things, we can help make this a happy, successful year for every child.



Year 1 & 2 Meet the Teacher

On Monday we are offering you the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and view their new classroom. You will also gain useful information about the year ahead from the team and have an opportunity to ask any questions you may have:

Year 1 – 5pm

Year 2 – 5.30pm

Please enter through the office for a short presentation in the hall, followed by time in your child's classroom. Please allow approximately 45 minutes for this. **As the session focuses on important information about the year ahead, we encourage parents and carers to attend without children where possible. However, we understand that this is not always practical and children are welcome if necessary.**



Year R Information & Parent Coffee Morning

We have really enjoyed meeting our new Year R families and welcoming the children in for their "Getting to Know You" sessions this week. **Please see the [presentation on our website](#) for a summary of the information shared.**

Starting school is an exciting milestone for children and families alike. As a new family joining our school community, we would like to invite you to meet other parents, find out a

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little more about life at Padnell, ask any questions you may have and begin building the relationships that make our school such a supportive community. To help with this, we will be holding an informal coffee morning in the Parent Hub on **Thursday 10th September, from 8.45am to 9.45am.**



Reading

'If you read you will succeed.'

We passionately believe in this mantra and will continue to encourage children to develop a love of reading both at school and at home. Giving every child the gift of reading is one of our highest priorities.

As a result, we ask that you read with your child at least four times a week for around 10 minutes and record this in their reading record. These reads are counted each Thursday and the class that has the greatest number of children who have achieved this is celebrated in our weekly assembly on Friday morning.

Our reading rewards will begin next week, starting on Monday 7th September. To help everyone get off to a great start, we will count any reads completed since the start of the academic year towards the first week's total. Class teachers will check reading records on Thursday 10th September, so there is still plenty of time to get reading!

In addition, we will be continuing our reading treats, these will be held on the last day of each half term for those children who have managed to read at least 4 times each week.

We understand that family life can be busy and that illness, appointments and unexpected events can sometimes get in the way.

To support children and families, and to make the challenge achievable for everyone, children will need to complete the reading challenge in 6 out of the 7 weeks to receive their reading reward this half term.



Celebration Assembly

As many of our current parents know, we hold a Celebration Assembly every Friday. Traditionally, Celebration Assembly has taken place on a Friday afternoon. However, to better accommodate working parents and to maximise children's learning time, we will be moving the assembly to Friday mornings at 9:05am, straight after drop-off.

During this assembly, each class teacher selects one child to receive a Padnell Promise award in recognition of demonstrating one of our four school values. These parents will be invited to attend and celebrate these achievements with us. Please note that our Year R children do not join Celebration Assembly until after Christmas, once they have fully settled into school life.

We look forward to continuing this special opportunity to recognise and celebrate our children's successes with you.

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PIPSA AGM

As previously advised, our PTA, PIPSA, will be holding its AGM on **Monday 21st September at 9am.**

We would love to welcome new members. PIPSA is a small but dedicated group of parents who help provide additional opportunities for our children

To ensure this can continue, we need more volunteers. Whether you can help at events, share ideas or lend a hand occasionally, every contribution makes a difference. As the saying goes, "many hands make light work", and even a small contribution can make a big difference. Together, we can continue to provide valuable experiences for all of our children.

If you are unable to attend the AGM but would like to get involved in any way, please email PIPSA: pipsapadnell@gmail.com

We look forward to welcoming you and thank you for your support.

Reminders, Rules & Regulations

A school runs effectively on systems, routines and policies. Attached you will find some key information and reminders which help our school run smoothly and safely for everyone. Please take a few moments to read through them.

After School Clubs

We hire the hall out to after school clubs Monday to Thursday.

Full details of all our clubs, who can join them and the club's contact details and how to book can be found on our [website](#).

Finally.....

Thank you for taking the time to read this first newsletter of the academic year. We appreciate your support as we settle into the new term and look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year.

If you need a quick word with your child's teacher, we kindly ask that this is done at the end of the school day where possible, as mornings are focused on welcoming and settling the children ready for learning.

If you need to discuss anything further, please email the office (admin@padnell-inf.hants.sch.uk), as your first point of contact and a member of staff will arrange a convenient time to call or meet with you.

Wherever possible, a member of the leadership team will also be available on the school gate at the beginning and end of the day and will be happy to help with any questions or concerns.

Many thanks.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Paula Young
Headteacher



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Diary Dates 2026 – 2027

Date	Event	Year Group	Info
Monday 7th September	Year R's in for a morning or afternoon Session	Year R	Individual times
Monday 7th September 5pm	Year 1 Meet the teacher	Year 1 Parents	
Monday 7th September 5.30pm	Year 2 Meet the teacher	Year 2 Parents	
Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th September 8.40 - 11.45am	All Year R's in for a morning session	Year R	
Thursday 10th September 8.45am - 9.45am	Headteacher Coffee & Chat in Parent Hub	Year R Parents	Join us in the Parent Hub for an informal coffee morning
Friday 11th & Monday 14th September 8.40am - 1.15pm	Year R's in for morning and lunch	Year R	
Tuesday 15th September	Year R's start Full Time	Year R	
Monday 21st September 9am	PIPSA AGM	All Parents	

Wednesday 23rd September 9 - 10am	Year R Phonics Workshop	Year R Parents	
Friday 25th September	School Photographer Individual Photographs (Cardwell & Simons)	Whole School (Children only)	
Tuesday 29th September	SCARF Visit	Whole School	
Wednesday 30th September	SCARF Visit	Whole School	
Thursday 1st October	School Nurse Clinic in Hub	Whole School	Please email Jo Foster to make an appointment
Friday 2nd October 9-10am	MHST - Anxiety Workshop	Whole School	Please email Jo Foster to make an appointment
Wednesday 7th October 2.45pm	Harvest Assembly	Whole School (Children only)	St Wilfrid's Church visiting the school.
Thursday 8th October	School Nurse Clinic in Hub	All parents invited to make an appointment	
Wednesday 14th October 3.10pm - 7pm	Parents Evening	Whole School	3.10pm - 7pm
Wednesday 14th October	No Gymnastics		

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Thursday 15th October 3.10pm - 5.30pm	Parents Evening	Whole School	
Thursday 22nd October	Junior School Photos	Whole School	
Friday 23rd October	Be Bright, Be Seen	Whole School	Non School Uniform (Bright clothes)
Friday 23rd October	Last Day of Term		
Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October	Half Term		School Closed
Monday 2nd November	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