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11th September 2026. Autumn Term No 2

Welcome to our second weekly newsletter of the year. Hopefully, this one will be slightly quicker to read.

It has been wonderful to see the children settle so quickly into their new classes. We are particularly proud of our Year R children, who have made an amazing start to their school journey. They have approached each day with enthusiasm, confidence and a smile, and have settled into school life brilliantly.



Year 1 & 2 Meet the Teacher

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Monday evening for our *Meet the Teacher* sessions. It was lovely to see so many of you there and to have the opportunity to share key information about the year ahead.

As promised, and for those who were unable to attend, the PowerPoints summarising the key information shared are now available to view on our website and can be found here: [Padnell Infant School - Letters Home](#)



Year R Information & Parent Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Year R Coffee and Chat session. It was lovely to have the opportunity to chat informally about how the children have settled into school. We hope you found the session helpful and enjoyed getting to know other families and members of the Padnell team.

For those who were unable to attend, please remember that our Parent Hub is open every Wednesday to Friday from 8:40am to 10:00am. Our Parent Partner is on hand if you would like to pick up some pre-loved uniform, have a chat, or ask any questions you may have. Everyone is welcome, and we look forward to seeing you there.



Curriculum Newsletters

Our Curriculum Newsletters and Vocabulary Mats are published half-termly to keep you informed about your child's learning journey and the exciting topics they will be exploring throughout the term. These resources provide an overview of the curriculum, key learning objectives and important vocabulary that your child will be learning. They also include ideas and suggestions for how you can support your child's learning at home.

You can find the latest Curriculum Newsletters and Vocabulary Mats on our website: [Padnell Infant School - Curriculum Newsletters](#).



School Lunches

Please don't forget to order your child's lunch on SchoolGrid.

If you are super organised and have pre-ordered meals for the weeks ahead but then decide to send your child in with a packed lunch, we would be very grateful if you could cancel the pre-booked meal on SchoolGrid. This helps us to reduce food waste and avoid unnecessary costs, as we are still charged for

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any meals that have been ordered but not cancelled.

Thank you for your support in helping us manage our school meals efficiently.

Keeping Records up to Date

Hopefully, this is one of the final pieces of housekeeping for the start of term! Please find the attached letter for your attention.

We would be grateful if you could take any necessary action by next Friday, 18th September. Thank you for your support.

Year R Phonics Workshop **Phonics**

If your child is in Year R, please see the attached letter inviting you to our Phonics Workshop on 23rd September.

We would encourage all parents and carers to attend if possible, as the workshop will help you to understand how phonics is taught in school and how you can support your child's reading progress at home. Working together to encourage and promote a love of reading from an early age can make a significant difference to the progress your child makes.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Home Learning (Year 1 & 2)

Alongside reading, practising key skills little and often at home can make a big difference to your child's confidence and progress in school. Therefore, each Monday, your child will bring home their weekly

spellings and maths fluency slips in their book bag.

We ask that you spend a little time practising these at home throughout the week. Regular, short practice sessions are a great way to build confidence and help children remember their learning. There is no need to return the slips to school. Your child will be given the opportunity to show what they have learnt through a short quiz on Friday.

Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning at home.



Parent Governor Vacancy

We are extremely fortunate to have a dedicated and supportive Governing Board whose commitment, expertise and guidance play a vital role in promoting high standards and ensuring the very best outcomes for our children.

As you can see from the attached letter, we currently have a vacancy for a **Parent Governor**. This is a rewarding opportunity to become involved in the strategic development of the school, contribute to its continued success and represent the views of our parent community.



Online Safety Newsletter

Please find attached our Online Safety Newsletter, packed with helpful tips and guidance to support your child's safety and wellbeing online.

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Kind Regards,

Mrs Paula Young
Headteacher



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2027 Year R Open Evenings

Do you know someone with a child who will be turning 4 before 1st September 2027? If so, we will be holding our two Open Evenings on:

Wednesday 11th November and Tuesday 24th November from 6pm until 7pm.

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

If, you have friends or relatives with a child starting school then please let them know. They need to email or call to register their attendance.

A school place can be applied for from 1st November 2026 at: [Hampshire Admissions](#).
The closing date is 15th January 2027



Library Reading Challenge

Finally, we hope that all the children who have taken part in this year's **Summer Reading Challenge, Read to the Beat**, have enjoyed their summer reading and discovered lots of wonderful books along the way.

The challenge ends tomorrow, **Saturday 12th September**, so if your child has not yet completed it, there is still time! Please visit your local library to finish the challenge, collect their medal and certificate, and celebrate their fantastic achievement. Good luck to everyone taking part, and happy reading! 📖

Diary Dates 2026 – 2027

Date	Event	Year Group	Info
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	

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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		
Thursday 15th October 3.10pm - 5.30pm	Parents Evening	Whole School	
Wednesday 21st October (after school)	PIPSA Costume Sale	Whole School	PIPSA will be selling pre-loved dressing up costumes after school
Thursday 22nd October	Junior School Photos	Whole School	
Thursday 22nd October 9.15am	Year R Sharing Assembly	Year R Parents/Carers	

Thursday 22nd October after school	PIPSA Costume Sale	Whole School	PIPSA will be selling pre-loved dressing up costumes after 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		

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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