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18th September 2026. Autumn Term No. 3

What a fantastic week it has been at school! From exciting learning experiences in the classroom to children demonstrating our school values every day, there has been so much to celebrate.

Year R started full time on Tuesday and have done incredibly well. They have settled quickly into school life, showing confidence and enthusiasm. We are so proud of how well they are picking up their new routines.

Year 1 showed great resilience when the local walk had to be postponed yesterday, adapting brilliantly to the change of plans. They have also settled into their phonics groups really well and are already showing lots of enthusiasm for their learning!

Year 2 have had a wonderful start to the year and have been leading the way with their excellent behaviour and positive attitudes. They have set fantastic examples in assemblies and have shown what it means to be Giving Citizens, helping our new Year R children settle into life at school.



YEAR R PARENTS **IMPORTANT MESSAGE**

We understand that some parents may choose not to give permission for their child to appear in photographs, printed publications or on the school website. Families make these decisions for a variety of reasons, including privacy concerns and the ease with which images can now be shared online. If you have chosen not to provide permission, we fully respect your decision.

However, we would like to ensure that families are aware that this means your child cannot be included in school photographs used in the media, in printed publications or on our website.

For our Year R children, this also means they will not be included when *The News* photographer visits in the coming weeks to take photographs for the annual **"First Class" supplement**, which will be published on 17th and 18th November. Parents affected by this have been contacted directly by email.

If you would like your child to be included in future photographs, please contact the school office to update your permissions.

Why have we included this notice?

Our aim is simply to ensure that parents are fully aware so that there are no surprises when photographs are taken or published. We respect and support whichever decision is right for your family.



PIPSA AGM

A reminder that everyone is invited to the meeting on Monday morning at 9am. If you can't make it in person and would like to join online, PIPSA have set up 3 Google Meet appointments (there are 3 as there is a 1 hour time limit – it is not anticipated to last for the full 3 hours!)

9am - 10am: PIPSA AGM 1

Google Meet joining info

link: <https://meet.google.com/sxq-kmqr-gwv>

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10am-11am: PIPSA AGM 2

Google Meet joining info

link: <https://meet.google.com/ykq-zwxr-mim>

11am-12pm: PIPSA AGM 3

Google Meet joining info

link: <https://meet.google.com/dxx-hxjc-hwp>

Remember, 'many hands make light work' and without parent helpers PIPSA won't be able to run all the events children enjoy throughout the year.



Whole School Dinner Day

Three times each year we hold a Whole School Dinner Day, and our first event of the year will take place on **Thursday 1st October**. For this event, our catering team will be providing a [special menu](#) for Whole School Dinner Day.

There are several reasons why we encourage all children to take part:

Firstly, we want to promote healthy eating habits and encourage children to make positive food choices. We have found that eating alongside their friends often helps children become more willing to try new foods and develop confidence in tasting a wider range of vegetables and other healthy options.

Secondly, taking advantage of the Universal Infant Free School Meal can help reduce household costs, while also removing the need to prepare packed lunches and clean lunchboxes.

In addition, every school meal ordered **generates additional funding** for the school.

We understand that some children may be unsure about trying a school dinner but if they

are **happy to give it a go**, they are also very welcome to bring their packed lunch in as well. That way, they can try the school meal knowing that **their packed lunch is there if they decide they don't like it or don't eat enough**.

Equally, if you know that your child won't try the school meal, please feel free to send them in with their **usual packed lunch**.

Finally, although all children in Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 currently receive a free school meal through the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme, we encourage all families to check whether they are eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals. Registering can provide additional support for your family and brings valuable extra funding into the school. If you have not already checked your eligibility, please submit an application through the [Hampshire Portal](#)



Parents Evening

As you will have seen from the letter sent on Wednesday, you are now able to book an appointment to see your child's class teacher. This is done on Arbor. If you have any access issues, please contact the office as soon as possible. Thank you to the 199 of you who have already booked!

Year R Baseline Assessment

Children in Year R will shortly be taking part in the Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA). This is a short, practical and age-appropriate assessment, carried out one-to-one with your child's teacher. It is a statutory assessment for all children in Reception and helps establish a starting point from which

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schools can measure the progress children make throughout their primary education.

The assessment takes place through a series of interactive activities and is designed to feel relaxed and enjoyable for the children. There is no preparation required and children are not expected to revise or practise beforehand.

Further information for parents and carers can be found at our Phonics workshop on Wednesday 23rd September 9-10am or on [our website](#).



School Photographs **Say Cheese! School Photo Day** **is next Friday, 25th September.**

Get those smiles ready – the school photographer will be here on Friday to snap individual photos of all the children. Let's see those sparkling smiles and smart uniform.

Parent Workshop: Supporting Children with Anxiety

The NHS Mental Health Support Team will be joining us on **Friday 2nd October, from 9am to 10am**, to hold a parent workshop focusing on anxiety and how you can support your child. The session will take place in our Parent Hub and is a great opportunity to gain helpful advice and practical strategies. If you would like to attend, please email Jo Foster at admin@padnell-inf.hants.sch.uk. We'd love to see you there!



Parking

As always, the safety of our children is our top priority. We kindly remind all parents and carers to help keep everyone safe by parking responsibly and considerately during drop-off and collection times. Please avoid parking on yellow lines, blocking driveways or pavements, and stopping where visibility is reduced.

If you are able to, parking a short distance from school and walking the rest of the way can help ease congestion around the school gates. We also ask that you are mindful of our neighbours by avoiding obstructing access to their homes and showing courtesy when parking nearby.

Thank you for your continued support. By working together and making thoughtful choices, we can keep our children safe and maintain a positive relationship with our local community.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Paula Young
Headteacher



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Diary Dates 2026 – 2027

Date	Event	Year Group	Info
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		
Thursday 15th October 3.10pm - 5.30pm	Parents Evening	Whole School	
Monday 19th October	Deadline for Christmas Card Orders & Art work	Whole School	Children will design a Christmas card in school and bring their artwork home. Parents will have the opportunity to order cards and gifts online if they wish. Please note that the original artwork must be returned to school by the stated deadline , as it will be sent to the printers to process any orders.
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	

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Thursday 22 nd October 9.15am	Year R Sharing Assembly	Year R Parents/Carers	
Thursday 22 nd 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		



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

Friday 2nd October
9 – 10am

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