

Padnell Post



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25th September 2026. Autumn Term No. 4



PIPSA AGM

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our Annual General Meeting on Monday, it was lovely to have a larger turnout and means we can ensure that the children can continue to enjoy the wonderful activities that PIPSA organise. A particularly big thank you to our newly elected committee for volunteering their time and support:

Chair: Sam Evenden

Vice Chair: Gemma Hounslow

Secretary: Rachel Ayres

Treasurer: Charlene Sandy

Don't worry if you weren't able to attend the meeting. **You can still get involved!** There will be plenty of opportunities to lend a hand at events throughout the year, and any help you can offer will be very much appreciated.

Donations needed-Christmas Shopping Day

We know it may seem a little early to be talking about Christmas, but this event takes a great deal of organisation.

One of PIPSA's most popular and biggest events of the year is our magical Christmas Shopping Day, complete with a special visit from Santa!

Children have the opportunity to buy gifts for a few loved ones from a variety of stalls in the

school hall. To help make the day a success, PIPSA would be very grateful for donations of any new, unopened, or unwanted gifts. Please drop donations off at the school office.

All of the events throughout the year are fun and engaging for the children, but they also raise much-needed funds to enhance the opportunities and resources we can provide.

We are incredibly pleased to announce that, together, last year you helped PIPSA raise:

PIPSA FUNDRAISING SUCCESS	
PADNELL INFANT SCHOOL • 2025 / 2026	
CELEBRATING A FANTASTIC YEAR OF FUNDRAISING	
£10,971.86	
TOTAL RAISED • September 2025 – July 2026	
OUR FUNDRAISING EVENTS	
★ School Lottery - £998.20	★ Beat the Blues Cake Sale - £204.44
★ Costume Sales - £88.50	★ Sponsored Bounce - £4,186.90
★ Christmas Shopping - £2,652.18	★ Easter Magic Show - £329.39
★ Christmas Cards - £412.60	★ Summer Fair - £1,863.78
	★ End of Year Magic Show & Yr 2 Disco - £496.16
★ SUPPORTING NSPCC	
From our Sponsored Bounce total of £4,186.90	
£2,080.95 donated	
★ INVESTED IN OUR SCHOOL	
£4,377.50	
Supporting resources, activities, equipment and memorable experiences for every child	
★ THANK YOU! ★	
To every child, family, staff member, volunteer and supporter—thank you for making this year such a success.	
	
MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK	
TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE	

This is a fantastic achievement and one that simply wouldn't be possible without the time and dedication of our PIPSA volunteers and the wonderful support of our families.

Thank you for helping to make our school an even better place for our children.

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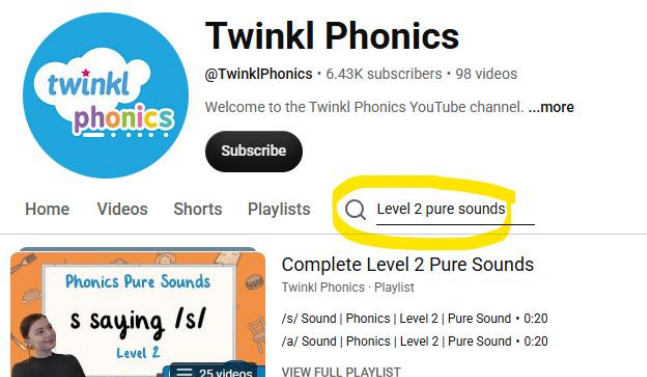


Year R Phonics Workshop

It was wonderful to see so many of our new Year R parents attend the Phonics Workshop this week. We had an excellent turnout and are incredibly grateful for your support.

We hope those of you who attended the workshop on Wednesday found it useful and informative. If you were unable to attend, the presentation is available on our website: [Padnell Infant School - Children & Curriculum](#)

To hear how the sounds are pronounced, please visit the [Twinkl Phonics YouTube](#) channel and search for "**Level 2 Pure Sounds**".



School Photographs

Cardwell & Simons took individual photographs of the children this morning. Your child will bring a card home today with a QR code and access code. The photo will be available to view in a few days but please register your access code online ASAP to get regular updates regarding the final date for ordering.



Whole School Dinner

A reminder that our **Whole School Dinner Day** will take place next **Thursday, 1st October**.

We are aware that there has been an issue with SchoolGrid, but the special menu options are now be available to pre-order.

If you had already ordered a lunch for this date, Dolce have cancelled the original order, so please log in to SchoolGrid and select your child's meal again.

We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.



Harvest Festival

We are delighted to welcome Rev Chris from St Wilfrid's Church back into school on 7th October to lead our Harvest Festival Assembly for Years 1 and 2.

As part of our role as Giving Citizens, we are inviting all year groups to donate items of non-perishable food, if they are able. Suggested donations include:

- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Sponge Pudding (tinned)
- Tomatoes (tinned)
- Cereals
- Biscuits or Snack bars
- Tinned Meat, Fish or Fruit
- Sugar
- Fruit Juice (Cartons)

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- Soup
- Pasta Sauces
- Instant Mash
- Rice
- Pasta
- Tea Bags
- Instant Coffee

Please bring donations directly to your child's classroom on Monday 5th, Tuesday 6th, or Wednesday 7th October.

Every donation will make a difference. All contributions will be donated to our local food banks, helping to support those in need within our community.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.



Flu Immunisations

We sent an email on Tuesday from the NHS School Age Immunisation Service regarding the Nasal Flu Vaccinations.

Please click the link below for the electronic form and information about the vaccine. Access to the form will close two working days prior to the session.

School Code: SH115965

Session date: 4/11/26

Link to website: [Annual Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme - Hampshire - Parents: Health for Kids](#)

Alternatively, if you decide you do not wish your child to receive the vaccine, **please submit the form to record your decision.**

This will enable the Nurses to update your child's health record.



School Nurse Clinic Dates

We are pleased to once again host the School Nursing Team for monthly clinics in our Parent Hub.

The clinics are a friendly and confidential opportunity for parents and carers to speak with the School Nursing Team about any questions or concerns they may have about their child's health and wellbeing. They will be held on:

- 1st October
- 5th November
- 3rd December
- 7th January
- 4th February
- 25th February
- 15th April
- 6th May
- 10th June
- 1st July

If you would like to make an appointment with them please email Jo Foster (admin@padnell-inf.hants.sch.uk).

**OPEN
EVENING!**

2027 Year R Open Evenings

As previously advised, we are holding two open evenings in November for parents of children starting school next September. We would be very grateful if you could share the attached poster with any families who may be interested.

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

Thank you for helping us spread the word.



Year 2 Parents – Padnell Juniors

Applications for year 3 places also open on 1st November. Please see the attached information if you would like to go and look around Padnell Juniors.



Library Reading Challenge

The total number of participants of the Summer Reading Challenge for all of Hampshire Libraries was 16096 starters and 9399 finishers, with 63090 books read.

The total for Waterloo Library was 805 starters and 503 finishers - the numbers were slightly up this year.

Padnell had 33 starters and 22 finishers.

If your child completed the challenge, we would love to celebrate their achievement during one of our Friday Celebration Assemblies. Please encourage them to bring their certificate and/or medal into school so that we can recognise and share their success with the rest of the school community.

Free Online Parent Courses

We are also pleased to share the attached information about two free online courses available to parents and carers: Raising Resilient Children and Positive Parenting. We hope you find these courses helpful and informative.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Paula Young
Headteacher



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Diary Dates 2026 – 2027

Date	Event	Year Group	Info
Thursday 1st October	School Nurse Clinic in Hub	Whole School	Please email Jo Foster to make an appointment
Thursday 1st October	Whole School Dinner Day (Census)	Whole School	
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	
Wednesday 21st October (after school)	PIPSA Costume Sale	Whole School	PIPSA will be selling pre- loved costumes after school
Thursday 22nd October 9.15am	Year R Sharing Assembly	Year R Parents	
Thursday 22nd October (after school)	Thursday 22nd October (after school)		PIPSA will be selling pre- loved 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

**Parent Workshop: Supporting Children
with Anxiety**

Friday 2nd October
9 – 10am

School Nurse Clinics:

1st October, 5th November, 3rd December, 7th
January, 4th February, 25th February, 15th
April, 6th May, 10th June, 1st July

Please email to register your attendance