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16th October 2026. Autumn Term No. 7



School Photographs

A reminder to order your child's school photograph, the deadline is next **Wednesday 21st October**. Visit: <https://ordering.cardwellandsimons.co.uk/login> and enter the unique code previously sent home to access your child's photographs and place an order.



Parents' Evening

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Parents' Evening this week. It was lovely to welcome so many families into school and to have the opportunity to talk about the children's learning and progress. We hope you found the conversations helpful and informative.



Year R Sharing Assembly

Come and Share Our Learning!

A reminder that Year R Parents are warmly invited to join us on **Thursday 22nd October at 9.15am** for a short 10–15 minute sharing assembly.

The children will be singing some nursery rhymes and proudly sharing some of the phonics sounds they have been learning.

Due to fire safety restrictions, we ask that attendance is limited to a maximum of two people per child. We hope you can join us!



Star Table at Lunchtime

To promote positive behaviour, excellent table manners and kind, respectful behaviour in line with our school values at lunchtime, every Friday we are now holding our special Star Table. Children from each class are chosen to join a member of the Senior Leadership Team for lunch.

Star Table recognises and celebrates excellent manners, positive behaviour, kindness and consideration for others during lunchtime. It is a lovely opportunity to celebrate children who are being fantastic role models to others.



Looking after our Reading Books

At our school, we are passionate about fostering a love of reading and ensuring that every child has access to a wide range of high-quality books. To help us continue providing these valuable resources, we need your support in taking care of reading books at home.

Last year, we sadly lost over 500 reading books through loss or damage. Replacing these books cost the school nearly £4,000, money that could otherwise have been spent on new books and resources for our children.

We understand that, with regular use, books will naturally become worn over time. However, many books are lost or returned damaged beyond repair. To help us look after them, please ensure that:

- Reading books are always kept in the plastic wallets provided by school.

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- Water bottles are not placed inside book bags, as leaks can cause significant damage to books.
- Children take care of their books and return them to school in good condition.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us care for these important resources. By looking after our books together, we can ensure that all children continue to have access to an exciting, interesting and varied selection of books to enjoy.



Christmas Card Designs

Please place your order at shop.cauliflowergroup.co.uk and remember to return your child's artwork to school by **Monday 19th October**. The original artwork is required for production, so if it is not returned to school, unfortunately any ordered products cannot be made.



Christmas Jumpers & Costumes

Every year, we enjoy celebrating Christmas Jumper Day at school. If you would like to pick up a festive bargain in readiness, PIPSA will be selling pre-loved Christmas jumpers after school next Wednesday and Thursday.

They will also have a selection of dressing-up costumes available, so please do pop along and have a browse. You may find just what you need while giving a pre-loved item a new home!

MHST Behaviour Workshop

The Mental Health Support Team will be holding a parent workshop focusing on children's behaviour in the Parent Hub.

 **Thursday 12th November**

 **9.00–10.00am**

If you would like to attend, please email Jo Foster at admin@padnell-inf.hants.sch.uk to book your place.



Dates for Your Diary

We have another busy and exciting half term ahead! Please take a look at the important dates below and make a note of anything relevant to you.

Don't forget that you can link the [website calendar](#) to your phone, helping you to keep all the latest school dates close at hand.



Illness and School Attendance

As we move into the colder months, we are seeing the usual increase in coughs, colds, stomach bugs and other seasonal illnesses. We know it can sometimes be difficult to decide whether your child is well enough to come to school, so we would like to remind families of the current NHS guidance.

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• Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children should remain off school until 48 hours after their last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea.

• Colds, coughs and mild illnesses

Children with a runny nose, sore throat or mild cough can usually continue to attend school as long as they are otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.

• High temperature (fever)

If your child has a high temperature (over 38 Deg C), please keep them at home until their temperature has gone.

• COVID-19 symptoms

If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or slight cough, and feels well enough, they can attend school. If they have symptoms of COVID-19 and either have a high temperature or do not feel well enough to attend school or carry out their normal activities, they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep our school community healthy. By following the guidance above, we can help reduce the spread of illness while ensuring children do not miss school unnecessarily. Thank you.



Headlice

A Reminder About Head Lice

Head lice are very common in children and can affect anyone. Please check your child's hair regularly with a fine-toothed detection comb and treat promptly if you find live lice.

To help minimise the spread, we also ask that long hair is tied back at school.

Cowplain Church Light Party

See attached information for this event on 25th October 2026.



Junior School Sibling Photos

If you have children at **both the Infant and Junior Schools**, you will have the opportunity to have a joint sibling photograph taken on **Thursday 22nd October**.

Please take your infant child to the Junior School hall from 8am, where siblings can have their photograph taken together before the start of the school day.



Be Bright, Be Seen

A reminder that we are inviting children to come to school dressed in brightly coloured clothes next Friday 23rd October. This is to help raise awareness of road safety and spread the "Be Bright, Be Seen" message. The [Road Safety Team Newsletter](#) contains news of their new parent webinar to support parents in setting a positive example to help their child make safer choices when walking, cycling and travelling in a vehicle, now and in the future.

As always thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Paula Young
Headteacher

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Diary Dates 2026 – 2027

Date	Event	Year Group	Info
Monday 19 th October	Deadline for Christmas Card designs to be returned	Whole School	
Wednesday 21 st October (after school)	PIPSA Costume Sale	Whole School	PIPSA will be selling pre-loved costumes after school
Thursday 22 nd October 9.15am	Year R Sharing Assembly	Year R Parents	
Thursday 22 nd October (after school)	Thursday 22 nd October (after school)		PIPSA will be selling pre-loved costumes after school
Friday 23 rd October	Be Bright, Be Seen	Whole School	Non School Uniform (Bright clothes)
Friday 23 rd October	Last Day of Term		
Monday 26 th October to Friday 30 th October	Half Term		School Closed
Monday 2 nd November	Return to School		
Monday 2 nd November	Deadline for Flu Immunisation Consent/Opt out	Whole School	Respond by 2 nd November – complete the online form https://www.hio.wheathcareimmunisations.co.uk/Fo rms/Flu?schoolcode=SH115965
Wednesday 4 th November	Flu Immunisations for all children	Whole School	Respond by 2 nd November – complete the online form https://www.hio.wheathcareimmunisations.co.uk/Fo rms/Flu?schoolcode=SH115965

Thursday 5 th November 2 – 3pm	Padnell Junior School Tour	Year 2 Parents	
Thursday 5 th November	School Nurse Clinic	Whole School	Please email Jo Foster to make an appointment
Friday 6 th November	Remembrance Day – Poppies on Sale	Whole School	
Tuesday 10 th November	Year R to visit St Wilfrid's Church	Year R	
Wednesday 11 th November 6 – 7pm	Prospective Parents evening		Is your child 4 before 31 st August 2026? If so, they will start school in September 2026. Come along to one of our two parent meetings
Monday 16 th November 3.30pm	Padnell Junior School Tour	Year 2 Parents	
Tuesday 17 th November to Tuesday 24 th November	Book Fair	Whole School	Travelling Book Fair will be in the school from the afternoon of Tuesday 18 th November until the morning of 28 th November
Thursday 19 th November	School Nurse Clinic in Hub		All parents invited to make an appointment
Thursday 19 th November	Year 2 trip to Sea City Museum	Year 2	Details to follow Cost will be approx. £18
Monday 23 rd November	INSET Day	Whole School	School closed to children for staff training
Tuesday 24 th November	Deadline for volunteering for Christmas Shopping Day	Whole School	If you are able to help with our Christmas Shopping Day on 4 th December, please complete and return the form by Tuesday 24 th November.
Tuesday 24 th November 6 – 7pm	Prospective Parents evening		Is your child 4 before 31 st August 2026? If so, they will start school in September 2026. Come along to one of our two parent meetings
Thursday 26 th November	SCARF Visit	Whole School	
Friday 27 th November	SCARF Visit	Whole School	
Friday 27 th November	Deadline for Father	Whole School	Please return the form by Friday 27 th November,

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	Christmas forms		indicating whether your child would like to see Santa. If your child would like to take part, please include payment with the completed form.
Tuesday 1 st December	Christingle Service	Children only	
Thursday 3 rd December	School Nurse Clinic in Hub	Whole School	Please email Jo Foster to make an appointment
Friday 4 th December	Christmas Shopping Day	Whole School	Please ensure your child has their 'Shopping list', money, wrapping paper and a named bag to bring the gifts home in
Friday 4 th December	Father Christmas visiting	Whole School	Please return the form by Friday 27 th November, indicating whether your child would like to see Santa. If your child would like to take part, please include payment with the completed form.
Wednesday 9 th December. Doors open at 2.15pm for 2.30pm Performance	Rabbits Nativity	Rabbits Parents	
Thursday 10 th December. Doors open at 8.45am for 9.15am Performance	Squirrels Nativity	Squirrels Parents	
Thursday 10 th December. Doors open at 2.15pm for 2.30pm Performance	Foxes Nativity	Foxes Parents	
Monday 14 th December Doors open 2pm for 2.15pm start	Butterflies Christmas Show	Butterflies Parents	
Tuesday 15 th December Doors open at 8.45am for 9.15am start	Ladybirds Christmas Show	Ladybirds Parents	
Tuesday 15 th December Doors open at 2pm for 2.15pm start	Dragonflies Christmas Show	Dragonflies Parents	

Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School	
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Dinner	Whole School	Must be pre-ordered on SchoolGrid before the day
Wednesday 16 th December 5 – 6pm	Year 2 Carol Service	Year 2 children, parents & carers	
Thursday 17 th December 1.30pm	Whole School Church Service	Children only	St Wilfrid's
Friday 18 th December	Last day of term		
Friday 18 th December	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
Monday 21 st December to Friday 1 st January	Half Term – Christmas holidays		School Closed
Monday 4 th January	Return to School		

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Parent Hub

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
8.40am – 10am

Help & Advice on sleep, eating,
behaviour, support, elationships.

Food bank info, community
events.

Pre-loved Uniform, Coat Swap

Coffee and Chat

School Nurse Clinics: Pleaes email to make
an appointment

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

MHST Behaviour Workshop

Thursday 12th November 9 – 10am
Please email to register your attendance