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23rd October 2026. Autumn Term No. 8

That's my first half term as Headteacher over, and what an incredible eight weeks it has been. I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to our children, families and staff for making my first half term such a special one. Your support, kindness and encouragement have been very much appreciated. Our children have achieved so much already, and seeing their smiles, enthusiasm and growing confidence each day is what makes our school such a special place.



Year R Sharing Assembly

Thank you to everyone who joined us yesterday to capture a little snapshot of what your child has been learning since starting school. It was wonderful to welcome so many of you and to share this little moment of magic together! For children who have only been at school for a short time, they did an amazing job sharing their learning in front of such a large audience. We couldn't have been prouder of them!



Be Bright, Be Seen

Thank you for supporting our Be Bright, Be Seen Day today. It was lovely to see the children coming into school wearing their bright colours! During our assembly this week, we talked about how important it is to be bright and be seen, particularly as the evenings become darker. We reminded the children about staying safe near roads and making sure they can be easily seen by drivers, especially when crossing the road.



Christmas Jumpers/Costumes

Thank you to everyone who supported our sale and helped to raise a fantastic £129.50! We hope you managed to grab a bargain!

A huge thank you to PIPSA for organising the event and for their continued support of our school.



Reading Reward

At the beginning of the half term, we set our children a reading challenge: to read at least four times each week for 6 out of the 7 weeks. We have been delighted to see so many children rise to the challenge and earn their place at today's Reading Treat!

Children from each year group are going to have a fun afternoon playing old-fashioned party games in the hall to celebrate their achievement. A huge well done to all of our fantastic readers, and a big thank you to our parents and carers for supporting reading at home.

Keep up the brilliant reading, everyone. We would love to see even more children earning their place at our next Reading Treat!



School Councillors

This week, our Year 2 children took part in the exciting process of electing their new School Councillors.

A huge well done to all the children who put themselves forward. We are incredibly proud

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of everyone who took part and showed such confidence, courage and a fantastic understanding of the democratic process.

Congratulations to our newly elected School Councillors:

- Finches: Izzy B & Barney G
- Woodpeckers: Cooper & Harper
- Owls: Daisy T & Theo

We look forward to seeing our new School Councillors represent their classmates, share their ideas and help our school community.



Year 2 Trip

Sshhhh... the children don't know yet! Year 2's exciting new topic next half term will be Titanic.

As part of their learning, we have planned a trip to SeaCity Museum in Southampton on 19th November. Please see the attached letter for further details.

Please help us keep this a surprise for now. We are looking forward to revealing their new topic after half term!



Uniform & Footwear **Half-term uniform check!**

Please take a few minutes over half term to check that your child's uniform, coat, shoes and other belongings are **clearly named**, and that nothing has come home by mistake that belongs to someone else. Our lost property mountain grows incredibly quickly, and

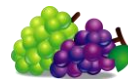
unnamed items are almost impossible for us to return to their owners.

We also want to encourage the children to begin taking responsibility for looking after their own belongings, so please help us by reminding them to keep track of their things and check that they have everything they need before leaving school. **A name really does make all the difference and helps us get lost items back to their owner quickly!**

Don't forget that our Padnell Pre-loved is open three mornings a week, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, in the Parent Hub. Please do pop in and see what is available if you need any additional uniform.

Finally, PE kits and Joey's Field clothes have been sent home this week. Please take the opportunity to check that everything still fits, is clearly named and is ready for the new half term. Please ensure that all items are returned to school on **Monday 2nd November**.

Thank you for your support.



Grapes & other small round fruits

To help keep all children safe, please ensure that any grapes sent into school are cut lengthways and then into quarters. Whole grapes can present a serious choking hazard for young children due to their size and shape. NHS guidance recommends that small round fruits, including grapes, be cut into quarters to reduce the risk of choking.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe environment for all children

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Half-term fun at Waterloooville Library!

If you're looking for something to do with the children next week, Waterloooville Library has a range of activities planned over the half-term break. Please take a look at the attached information for **times and booking details**

Halloween and Allergies 🎃

With Halloween just around the corner, we know that celebrations can sometimes feel more challenging for children with allergies. Please take a look at this helpful [factsheet for parents](#) for ideas to help make Halloween safe and enjoyable for everyone.

Safeguarding

As we head into half term, the PCSO who works closely with the school has asked us to share the following:

We would like to take this opportunity to remind families about staying safe when using local parks and open spaces. Please encourage children to remain aware of their surroundings, stay with friends or trusted adults where appropriate, and speak to a parent, carer, or another trusted adult if anything makes them feel worried or uncomfortable.

Looking ahead to next half term

School Crossing at Junior School

Please be aware that the School Crossing Patrol, Jane, will not be on duty at Padnell Road on Monday 2nd November.

Please take extra care when arriving at and leaving school and when crossing the road with your children.

Flu Immunisations

Will take place in school on Wednesday 4th November. You can opt out or give your permission up until the Monday 2nd November when we return (see in the dates section below for details).



Poppy Appeal – Giving Citizens

As in previous years, we will be supporting the Poppy Appeal, with poppies and other items available to purchase on **one day only, Friday 6th November**, ahead of Remembrance Sunday on 8th November.

Any items purchased will be placed safely in your child's book bag, ready for them to wear for Remembrance Day.

We will send a reminder when we return after half term, including details of the items available and the suggested donations.

Shoebbox Appeal – Link to Hope

On Friday 6th November, we will be holding a **Non-Uniform Day** in support of St Wilfrid's Link to Hope Shoebbox Appeal. This charity initiative provides shoeboxes full of gifts to families and elderly people living in poverty across Eastern Europe.

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Each class will be creating a shoebox for either a family or an elderly person/couple. We will send a separate email to each class with details of their chosen recipient, along with a leaflet outlining the items that can be donated.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Paula Young
Headteacher



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After School Clubs

We are pleased to let you know that our external after-school clubs will be continuing next half term!

Please take a look at the [leaflets on our website](#) for details of the sessions available from Skilful Sports and Southern Karate, including information on how to book.

Year 2 Choir

If your child is in year 2, please keep an eye on your inbox later this afternoon, as we will be sending an email with further information.

Diary Dates 2026 – 2027

Date	Event	Year Group	Info
Friday 23rd October	Last Day of Term		
Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October	Half Term		School Closed
Monday 2nd 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.whealthcareimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/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.whealthcareimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/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	Non Uniform Day- In exchange for a donation to the Link to Hope	Whole School	Shoebox Appeal 2026 – Link to Hope



Padnell Junior Tours

The first of Padnell Junior School's tours is on **Thursday 5th November at 2pm**. If you would like to take your child, please can you let your child's teacher know by **Wednesday morning** so they know to get your child ready. We then ask that you collect them at 1.55pm from the office.



Half Term

Finally, as we reach the end of a busy half term, school will finish at 3.05pm today. We look forward to seeing everyone back, refreshed, and ready for another exciting half term, on Monday 2nd November.

Wishing all our children and families a wonderful half-term break.

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	Shoebox Appeal		
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 Christmas forms	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.
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	

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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		

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



Parent Hub with our Parent Partner

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