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Welcome back to an exciting new half term!

We have so much to look forward to over the coming weeks, including school trips, nativities, PIPSA Christmas events, carol singing, church visits and much more. The weeks are sure to fly by, and Christmas will be here before we know it!

We know how busy family life can be, so we will do our best to ensure that most school communications continue to be shared in our weekly *Padnell Post*. Please take a few minutes to read it each week so that you stay up to date with everything happening across the school.

As we move into what can be a very busy time of year, please remember that support is always available. If you have any worries, concerns or questions, please do come and have a chat with me or our Parent Partner who is available in the Hub on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at school drop-off.

Curriculum Newsletters

This half term's Curriculum Newsletters outline the topics, key learning and vocabulary that the children will be exploring in class. We encourage all families to take a look, as they provide a helpful overview of what your child will be learning and how you can support them at home. These can be found on our website: Padnell Infant School - Curriculum Newsletters



Year 2 Trip to SeaCity Museum

A reminder that contributions for the Year 2 trip to SeaCity Museum should be made via Arbor by 12th November. Your payment will act as permission for your child to attend the trip.

As this is a voluntary contribution, we must receive sufficient contributions for the visit to go ahead.

If we do not receive enough funding, we will unfortunately have to cancel the trip and refund any payments received. If you are experiencing difficulties meeting this deadline, please do come and speak to me as soon as possible.

Titanic Dress-Up Day & Parent Session

As part of our exciting Titanic topic this half term, Year 2 families are invited to take part in a special Titanic Dress-Up Day and Parent Session. Please see the attached letter for full details and important information. We look forward to sharing this memorable learning experience with you and the children.



Flu Immunisations

The children showed tremendous resilience during their flu immunisations on Wednesday. We were incredibly proud of the calm and positive way in which they approached the experience. Many children demonstrated great courage and kindness, supporting one another and showing our school values. Well done to all of our children.



Poppy Appeal & Shoebox Appeal Giving Citizens

Thank you to everyone who supported our Poppy Appeal and Shoebox Appeal. We were overwhelmed by the incredible response from our school community. The children thoroughly enjoyed being Giving Citizens,

carefully preparing their special shoeboxes and thinking about others. Thanks to your generosity, we received so many donations that we were able to create several additional shoeboxes, helping even more people experience the joy of receiving something special. We are incredibly proud of the kindness, empathy and generosity shown by our children and families.

Attendance Matters

Thank you for working with us to help your children attend school regularly and arrive on time, ready to learn. Every day in school is an opportunity to build friendships, grow in confidence and enjoy learning.

In line with the Department for Education's attendance guidance, our approach is to listen, understand any barriers families may be facing and work together to provide support. Our current whole-school attendance for Autumn 1 was **96.73%** which is slightly lower than at this time last year.

Please let the school office know promptly if your child is absent and do come and speak to me if getting your child to school is proving difficult. We understand that, particularly at the start of the school year, even a few days of illness can have a significant impact on attendance percentages.

If your child's attendance falls below 90%, we will contact you to discuss their individual circumstances and agree how we can work together to support improvement. By working in partnership, we can ensure every child has the very best opportunity to thrive, succeed and make the most of their time at school.

Admissions for Year R and Year 3

Applications are now open for children joining **Year R** or **Year 3** in September 2027. Applications can be made through Hampshire Admissions. The closing date for applications is **15th January 2027**.

If your child is currently in Year 2, please take a moment to read the attached letter regarding the applying for a junior school place.

If you know any families with a child due to start school next year, please share our attached **Padnell Infant School Open Evening flyer** with them. We would be delighted to welcome prospective families and give them the opportunity to discover all that our wonderful school has to offer.

Year R NCMP & Vision Screening

If your child is in Year R, on Tuesday you will have received an email regarding the School Entry Health Checks (National Child Measuring Programme and Vision Screening). If you do not want your child to participate, please email the office (admin@padnell-inf.hants.sch.uk), by Tuesday 17th November.

Christmas Shopping Day and Santa Visit

We are incredibly fortunate that our wonderful parent volunteers are once again organising the Christmas shopping day and Santa Visit for the children. Yesterday, your child should have brought home three

different coloured letters from PIPSA. Please take note of the following return dates:

- The **cream helper letter** should be returned by **24th November**.
- The **green Santa visit slip** should be returned by **27th November**, although the sooner the better.
- The **peach Christmas Shopping Day form** should be sent in with your child on the day itself, **4th December**.

All of these dates can be found in each *Padnell Post* and on the school calendar. Copies of the letters are also available on the school website under PIPSA (PTA).

Please ensure that you return forms by the deadlines, a huge amount of hard work goes into organising these special festive events. They provide wonderful experiences for our children and help make the Christmas season such a memorable time at school.

Year R visit to St Wilfrid's

Next week, our Year R children will be taking a short walk to St Wilfrid's Church on Tuesday as part of their learning. The children will visit in their classes and will be out of school for approximately one hour.

The children will leave and return to the school site via the Junior School grounds and will be accompanied by school staff throughout the visit. We are sure they will enjoy this special opportunity and look forward to hearing all about their experiences when they return.



Congratulations

We are delighted to share some wonderful news with our school community. Mrs Searle is expecting a baby!

Mrs Searle will continue to be with us for the coming months, and we will keep parents updated about maternity leave arrangements nearer the time.

We are sure you will all join us in wishing Mrs Searle and her family every happiness as they prepare to welcome their new arrival.

Online Safety Newsletter

Please see this half term's Online Safety Newsletter.

SEND Survey

Hampshire is currently undergoing a **Local Area SEND Inspection** led by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC). The inspection considers how effectively education, health and social care services work together to support children and young people aged 0–25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

As part of the inspection, Ofsted and CQC want to hear from parents & carers. Please **Complete the Ofsted/CQC Area SEND survey** It closes at 9am on Tuesday 10th November 2026.

The survey responses go directly to Ofsted/CQC rather than being collected by Hampshire. The views shared will help inspectors understand people's experiences

of the SEND system, including what is working well and where improvements may be needed.

For further information about Hampshire's Local Area Partnership please visit the **Local Area Partnership – Hampshire** and for further information about the Local Area SEND Inspection, you can visit: **Area SEND inspections: information about ongoing inspections - GOV.UK**

The News "First Class"

Finally a quick reminder that The News First Class supplements will be published next Tuesday and Wednesday.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support. Working in partnership with our families is what makes our school community so special, and we are incredibly grateful for all that you do to support your children and the school. We look forward to another exciting and memorable half term together.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Paula Young
Headteacher

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Diary Dates 2026 – 2027

Date	Event	Year Group	Info
Tuesday 10th November	Year R to visit St Wilfrid's Church	Year R	
Wednesday 11th November 6 – 7pm	Prospective Parents evening		Is your child 4 before 31st August 2026? If so, they will start school in September 2026. Come along to one of our two parent meetings
Monday 16th November 3.30pm	Padnell Junior School Tour	Year 2 Parents	
Tuesday 17th November	Deadline to opt out of NCMP and Vision Screening	Year R Parents	See letter emailed on 3/11/26 for details
Tuesday 17th November to Tuesday 24th November	Book Fair	Whole School	Travelling Book Fair will be in the school from the afternoon of Tuesday 18th November until the morning of 28th November
Thursday 19th November	School Nurse Clinic in Hub		All parents invited to make an appointment
Thursday 19th November	Year 2 trip to Sea City Museum	Year 2	Details to follow Cost will be approx. £18
Monday 23rd November	INSET Day	Whole School	School closed to children for staff training
Tuesday 24th November	Deadline for volunteering for Christmas Shopping Day	Whole School	If you are able to help with our Christmas Shopping Day on 4th December, please complete and return the form by Tuesday 24th November.
Tuesday 24th November 6 – 7pm	Prospective Parents evening		Is your child 4 before 31st August 2026? If so, they will start school in September 2026. Come along to one of our two parent meetings
Thursday 26th November	SCARF Visit	Whole School	
Friday 27th November	SCARF Visit	Whole School	
Friday 27th November	Deadline for Father	Whole School	Please return the form by Friday 27th 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 1st December	Christingle Service	Children only	
Thursday 3rd December	School Nurse Clinic in Hub	Whole School	Please email Jo Foster to make an appointment
Friday 4th 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 4th December	Father Christmas visiting	Whole School	Please return the form by Friday 27th 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 9th December. Doors open at 2.15pm for 2.30pm Performance	Rabbits Nativity	Rabbits Parents	
Thursday 10th December. Doors open at 8.45am for 9.15am Performance	Squirrels Nativity	Squirrels Parents	
Thursday 10th December. Doors open at 2.15pm for 2.30pm Performance	Foxes Nativity	Foxes Parents	
Monday 14th December Doors open 2pm for 2.15pm start	Butterflies Christmas Show	Butterflies Parents	
Tuesday 15th December Doors open at 8.45am for 9.15am start	Ladybirds Christmas Show	Ladybirds Parents	
Tuesday 15th December Doors open at 2pm for 2.15pm start	Dragonflies Christmas Show	Dragonflies Parents	
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School	
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Dinner	Whole School	Must be pre-ordered on SchoolGrid before the day
Wednesday 16th December 5 – 6pm	Year 2 Carol Service	Year 2 children, parents & carers	
Thursday 17th December 1.30pm	Whole School Church Service	Children only	St Wilfrid's
Friday 18th December	Last day of term		
Friday 18th 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 21st December to Friday 1st January	Half Term – Christmas holidays		School Closed
Monday 4th January	Return to School		

Parent Hub with our Parent Partner

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
8.40am – 10am

Help & Advice on sleep, eating, behaviour, support, relationship, food bank info, community events.

Pre-loved Uniform, Coat Swap, Coffee and Chat

School Nurse Clinics: 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