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Giving Citizen **R**esilient Learner **O**riginal Thinker **W**ise Worker

20th November 2026. Autumn Term No. 11

It has been another busy week at Padnell, with the Book Fair and an exciting trip for Year 2. Thank you for your continued support and for helping to make these experiences special for our children. As we look ahead to the festive season, please take a moment to read the reminders and diary dates below, including Monday's INSET day. We hope you all have a lovely weekend.



Year 2 Trip

The children in Year 2 had a fun filled, informative trip to The SeaCity Museum in Southampton yesterday. Thank you to all the staff and parents who escorted the children off site to provide this enrichment experience.



Parking

Yesterday's Year 2 coaches struggled to stop safely and leave because of cars parked on corners and double yellow lines.

By working together and parking considerately, we can keep our children safe and the school entrance and surrounding roads clear. Please help keep access clear for emergency vehicles at all times, including drop-off and pick-up, and leave our neighbours' driveways and entrances unobstructed.

Thank you for your care and cooperation. It helps us maintain a safe, respectful environment for our children, families and neighbours.



INSET Day

Just a final reminder that school will be closed to children on **Monday, 23rd November**. We look forward to welcoming pupils back on Tuesday.



Book Fair

A huge thank you for supporting our Book Fair this week!

If you haven't had a chance to visit yet, there's still time. The Book Fair will be open for the final time on **Tuesday morning** in the hall.

Every purchase helps us earn new books for our school library, supporting children's love of reading. Thank you for your continued support and for helping us bring the joy of books to our school community.



Year Group Christmas Events

As promised in last week's **Padnell Post**, attached are the letters for each year group's Christmas celebration. These include details of the relevant **Nativity, Performance or Carol Service**, including dates and times.



Christmas Dinner

If your child would like to join us for our Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 16th December (complete with crackers and festive tunes!), please ensure that you pre-order their lunch on **SchoolGrid** by **Thursday 10th December at the latest**,

as Dolce must confirm meal numbers and place their order ahead of the event.
Thank you for your support.



Christmas Jumper Day.
As outlined in the attached letter, children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniform on **Wednesday 16th December** for a **£1 donation**.

As Giving Citizens, we encourage our children to reflect on the importance of kindness, generosity and supporting those less fortunate than ourselves. This year, donations will support **Home-Start**, a charity that helps families facing challenging circumstances, giving us an opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of local children and their families.

SCARF Visit/Kids Club
We are looking forward to welcoming SCARF next Thursday and Friday. SCARF is a programme from Coram Life Education that supports children's learning about **Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship**, helping them to develop the skills, knowledge and confidence they need to lead healthy, happy and safe lives.

Please note that, due to the visit, **Breakfast Club will be held in the Hall and Kids Club will be based in Owls Class** on both days. Thank you for your understanding as we make these temporary arrangements to accommodate the sessions.



Christmas Cards
Cards and mugs were sent home yesterday. If you have not received all of your items, please don't worry. PIPSA is checking whether another delivery is due and will confirm this as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience and for supporting this event.



Photographs
If you ordered your child's school photograph before the deadline, it should be arriving home today in their book bag. Please check for it this evening.



Free Coats
Coats can be expensive, especially as children grow so quickly. Why not take a look at our **Pre-Loved Coat Rail** in the Parent Hub? You're welcome to help yourself to a coat for your child at **no cost**.

If your child has outgrown a coat that is still in good condition, we would be very grateful if you could donate it to the rail so that another family can benefit. Thank you for helping us support one another and reduce waste within our school community.

Santa Reply Slips

A reminder that the reply slip for the Santa visit should be returned by **Friday 27th November**, **including if you do not want your child to visit Father Christmas**. Please ensure all

reply slips are returned so that we can plan accordingly.

Holiday Activities & Food (HAF)

Funded by the Department for Education, the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme provides free activity sessions and healthy meals throughout select school holidays. Over 160 HAF schemes will be running across Hampshire this Christmas, each offering a variety of fun activities and tasty meals for free to children who receive **benefits-based Targeted FSM.**

Bookings for winter 2026 open at 2pm on Monday 23 November.

Parents/carers can browse and register their interest in schemes now via the: Hampshire HAF · Eequ webpage – further guidance on how to book is available here: How to use Eequ | Eequ Help Centre

Further information about the HAF programme is available on the connect4communities website: Hampshire Holiday Activities and Food (HAF)

Important changes have been made to benefits-based FSM and discretionary eligibility, which may affect HAF-eligible families:

There are now two types of benefits based FSM eligibility and not all children who receive free school meals are eligible for the HAF Programme.

Only children who receive benefits based Targeted Free School Meals are eligible for free HAF places. Children who receive Expanded Free School Meals are not eligible for funded HAF places.

We encourage Parents/carers to check their FSM eligibility via the Online FSM Application. Even though your child already receives a universal infant free school meal, registering for FSM may provide additional funding for the school through **Pupil Premium**, helping us to fund extra support, resources and enrichment opportunities.

Active8 Holiday Clubs & HAF

Please see the attached information from Active8 about their holiday and Holiday Activities & Food clubs.

Toys & Lip Balm

To help minimise distractions and prevent personal items from being lost or damaged, we kindly ask that children do not bring toys from home into school unless specifically requested by their class teacher for a special activity or event.

We would also ask that children do not bring lip balms, lip glosses, or other cosmetic products into school. If your child requires a medical cream or treatment, please speak to the school office so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe and focused learning environment for all children.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Paula Young
Headteacher

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Diary Dates 2026 – 2027

Date	Event	Year Group	Info
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 Christmas forms	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.
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	Kids Club	Please be aware that on the last afternoon of each

	session) Closed		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