



Pentland Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we are in the middle of February already! Yet again, this half term has flown by! Although it was a strange start with the snow, adverse weather and then water supply issues, this half term has been a fantastic one! A big thank you to all our parents and families for their support.

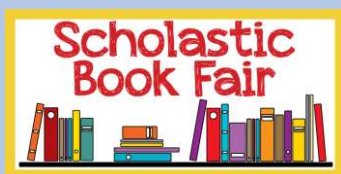
We have had lots of exciting opportunities within school, from learning about Online Safety, to the Chinese/ Lunar New Year, and not to mention the mysterious arrival of a Dinosaur within Reception. Our children have made lots of progress in their learning across all classes and this has been wonderful to see. We are so proud of each and every one of them!

We would like to wish you all a safe and happy half term holiday.

Best wishes,
Miss Heather Child and all the staff at Pentland.

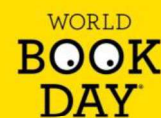
Book Fair

During **19th March – 24th March** a Scholastic Book Fair will be held in school. World Book Day vouchers can be used at this event. Information relating to timings and payment methods will be sent out nearer to the event.



World Book Day

World Book Day is on **Thursday 6th March**. Our focus will be on 'Bedtime Stories' and sharing books together. Children and staff are **invited to wear their pyjamas/ night wear** to school on this day, and can bring their favourite book and teddy to share with their class. We have lots of exciting activities taking place within school, too!



School Trips

We are busy planning our school trips for this academic year.

Parents and carers will be informed about these during the Spring 2 Term.



School Photographs

School Photographs will be taken on **Wednesday 30th April**. There will be an opportunity for sibling photographs to be taken first thing in the morning, before school starts. More details will follow nearer the time.



Attendance and Extended Leave

Overall attendance this half-term is **93.5%** which is below our 95% target.
An amazing **52** children achieved 100% attendance this half term; a big well done to them!

Thank you to all our families for your ongoing support. We understand that the weather has caused a lot of disruption to attendance this half term. However, a high proportion of school absence is still related to extended leave and holidays taken during term time. Please ensure that trips abroad are planned in the school holidays. The school must be informed if any school days will be missed and a fine could be issued to both parents if leave is taken during term time.

Late Arrivals

Pupils should be in class by 8:50am. Pupils who arrive 20 minutes after the start time (i.e. after 9:10am) and are not in class by the end of registration are marked as late and will need to sign into the late book. Lateness will affect a pupil's overall attendance mark, not to mention lots of missed learning opportunities.

Parental support is crucial to ensure children attend school on time, every day and reach their full potential. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Important Reminder: Reporting Absences

Please remember that any pupil absences must be reported via telephoning the school office as soon as possible on a morning. If we do not hear from you, then school will contact the numbers listed on the 'Emergency Contact' list we hold in school. A text message will also be sent.

If we still have not heard from a parent/carer by lunchtime, then a home visit may take place.

This is part of our attendance policy.

Important Reminder: Parking

In recent weeks, we have seen an increase in traffic within the local area, largely due to nearby road closures and road works. On some mornings, this has created an influx of cars on Pentland Road and South Street. Please ensure that you are parking with due consideration to others and helping to consider the safety of children and families accessing school, as well as local residents.

Remember:

- Do not park on yellow zig zag lines
- Do not park on double yellow lines
- Do not park within 10m of a road junction
- Do not park over a driveway or drop down kerb
- Do not park on the pavement, as this causes pedestrians to have to walk on the road.



Car Park Access

This is a polite reminder that only cars with permission to access the car park, should be using the car park. If you have been granted access to the school car park, please ensure your engine is switched off when dropping off and picking up your child/children. Leaving your engine running is a safeguarding risk to children and parents. Thank you.

Daily Timings

School gates will be open in advance of drop-off and collection times.

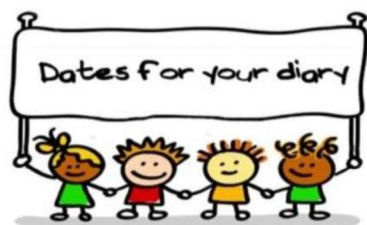
Pre-School and Nursery

Drop off at 8:45am, Collection at 11:45am.

Reception and Key Stage One

Doors open at 8:45am and will close at 8:50am to start registration.

At home time, doors will open at 3:20pm-3:25pm.



Upcoming School Holiday Dates

February Half Term Monday 17th February 2025 to Friday 21st February 2025

(Last day of term is Friday 14th February 2025; first day back to school is **Monday 24th February 2025**)

Easter Holidays Monday 7th April 2025 - Monday 21st April 2025

(Last day of term Friday 4th April 2025 and first day back **Tuesday 22nd April 2025**)

Upcoming Events in Spring 2 Term

Friday 28th February 2025 – “Wonder Dome” experience in school

Wednesday 5th March 2025 - Fair & Funky Fairtrade Conference for School Councilors

Thursday 6th March 2025 - World Book Day (pajama/ sleepwear theme)

Friday 7th March 2025 – ‘Hands Across Wakefield’ Charity Event (sponsored walk –details to follow)

Monday 10th – Friday 14th March 2025 – Science Week

Monday 10th March 2025 – Incredible Eggs Arrival

Wednesday 12th March 2025 – Year Two visiting Headfield (Art themed transition visit)

Wednesday 19th – Tuesday 25th March – Scholastic Book Fair

Thursday 3rd April 2025 (at 9am) – Spring 2 Term Attendance Assembly

Upcoming Events in Summer 1 Term

April 2025 - Mother’s Day Events in School (details will be sent later)

Wednesday 23rd April 2025 – Parents Evening

Wednesday 30th April 2025 – Parents Evening

Wednesday 30th April 2025 – School Photographs

PE Days

The PE days within school are as follows:

Julia Donaldson Class – Friday

Anthony Browne Class – Monday and Wednesday

Oliver Jeffers Class – Tuesday and Thursday

Nadia Shireen Class – Monday and Wednesday

Pupils should wear their PE kits to school on the days in which they will be having PE.

No earrings should be worn during PE; please ensure these are removed before your child attends school, otherwise they will not be allowed to take part in the lesson.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Have a safe and happy holiday!
We will see you all on Monday 24th February 2025!