



Pentland Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

October 2025

Thank you! 😊

Dear Parents / Carers,

The past eight weeks have really flown by! Our children have settled in wonderfully and shown great dedication to their learning. They are a real credit to you all—well done to every one of them... and to you too! ✨🤝

I want to sincerely thank you for consistently ensuring your child is prepared for each busy school day. Whether it's getting to bed and waking up on time, wearing a clean uniform, enjoying a healthy breakfast, arriving happy and positive, remembering their book bag, or being punctual—these everyday habits make a significant difference in their success at school. It's the little things you do without hesitation that really count and support their progress. 🙌

A heartfelt thank you also for the fantastic turnout at our recent parents evening. As part of our drive to work closely with parents we will be running some parent's workshops next half term to support you with your child's learning at home. In the past many of our parents have shared how valuable and insightful they have found these sessions. We truly value our parents as partners in education, and together we can help our children reach their incredible potential. ✨

Enjoy the well-earned rest. All the best, stay safe!

Miss Fauzia Farooq and all the staff at Pentland!

Attendance and Extended Leave

Overall attendance this half-term is **95.30%**, below our **96%** target. **60** children achieved 100% attendance this half term, a big well done to them! ✨ This is a huge achievement, thank you for your ongoing support.

We understand that at times children are unwell and cannot attend school. However, if this becomes a regular pattern, the class teacher and Miss Farooq will meet with parents to support and actively encourage better attendance at school. Home visits will also be carried out if necessary.

Much of the school absence has been because of extended leave. **All trips abroad must be planned in the school holidays.** The school must be informed if any school days will be missed and a fine could be issued. Missing school does impact on children's overall learning and progress and can have a lasting negative impact into the future.

Parental support is crucial to ensure children attend school on time, every day and reach their full potential.

Attendance Matters – Every Day Counts!

We are committed to ensuring every child has the best chance to succeed—and that starts with strong attendance. High attendance reduces lost learning and helps children feel confident, connected, and ready to thrive.

Requesting Leave

In line with our school policy, **all leave of absence requests must be made in advance**, before booking any holidays. A leave request form is available from the school office. Please note: families who have previously received fines for unauthorised absences—whether at our school or another—may face prosecution if further unauthorised leave is taken.

Punctuality Matters Too

Classroom doors close promptly at **8:50am**. Any arrivals after this time must report to the school office, where a **late mark** will be recorded. Persistent lateness is followed up by a member of the **Senior Leadership or Safeguarding Team**, as it can significantly disrupt learning and routines.

Attendance Rewards

This year, we're excited to launch a **whole-school attendance initiative**!

- Pupils achieving **97% attendance or above** by the end of the academic year will be invited on a **free reward trip**.
- Those with **100% attendance** will continue to receive a **voucher** and may also win a **family pass to Tenpin Bowling (Dewsbury)**.

Let's work together to give every child the best possible start—every day really does count.

A Gentle Reminder About Late Collection Fees

We'd like to kindly remind families about our late collection fee policy. To support smooth end-of-day transitions and ensure staff are not delayed or forced to work overtime, the following charges apply:

- **£2** for collection between **3.25pm and 3.30pm**
- **£5** for collection **after 3.30pm**

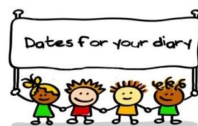
We understand that occasional delays happen, and we appreciate your efforts to collect children promptly. If you were unaware of this policy, especially as a Reception parent, please do speak to the office team for clarification.

*** Outstanding Payments ***

A number of late collection fees remain unpaid on Parent Pay. Despite weekly reminders, we still have a significant number of families with outstanding balances. We kindly ask that these are settled as soon as possible to help us manage our systems efficiently and fairly.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Dates for the diary:



Monday 3rd November 2025 at 8.45am School Reopens

Christmas holiday Monday 22nd December 2025 to Monday 5th January 2026 (Last day of term Friday 19th December 2025 and first day back to school is Tuesday 6th January 2026).

There is an INSET training day on Monday 5th January 2026 (children will not be in school).

Parent Workshops

- **Thursday 6th November at 9.00am** – Year 2 Literacy Parent Workshop with Mrs De'Ath
- **Monday 10th November at 9.00am** – Reception Literacy Parent Workshop with Mrs Denney
- **Monday 10th November at 11.00am** – Nursery Parent Workshop with Mrs Aswat (Nursery Story Room)- Focusing on supporting children in the Prime Areas of Learning
- **Thursday 13th November at 9.00am** – Year 1 Literacy Parent Workshop with Mrs Rushby

Upcoming Events

- **Wednesday 5th November at 9.00am** – Mad Science Assembly (visitors in school)
- **Monday 10th November at 9.00am** – Odd Socks Day
- **Tuesday 25th November**- Music Open Session for parents of children in Goldsworthy, Hepworth and Kusama classes
- **Wednesday 3rd December** – Christmas Lunch
- **Wednesday 10th December at 2.15pm** – Nativity Performance
- **Thursday 11th December at 9.05am** – Nativity Performance
- **Tuesday 16th December AM** – Year 2 Children visiting Headfield to watch performance.
- **Thursday 18th December 9.05am** – Attendance assembly.
- **Friday 19th December** – Whole School Theatre Visit: *Stickman* (am)
- **Friday 19th December** – Christmas Party & Activity Day