



# Pentland Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

## February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting and joy-filled half term it has been! Even though the weather has been more than a little soggy, our school has been buzzing with adventure, curiosity and plenty of smiles. A huge thank you to all our parents and families for your continued support; we truly appreciate everything you do.

This half term has been packed with magical moments. We've had dragons hatching from mysterious eggs, which sparked incredible imagination and storytelling across the school. We learned all about pets and even had a special visit from Miss Tipping's dog, Millie, giving children the chance to learn about caring for living things and to ask some brilliant questions. To end the half term, we have been learning about Online Safety, helping pupils understand how to stay safe and kind in the digital world. We also enjoyed celebrating the Chinese/Lunar New Year, exploring traditions, crafts, and stories from around the world.

Across every class, we've seen children make wonderful progress in their learning - growing in confidence, curiosity, resilience and skill. We are so incredibly proud of each and every one of them. Their enthusiasm lights up our school every single day.

We wish all our families a safe, restful, and happy half term holiday. We look forward to seeing you back soon for another exciting chapter of learning!

Best wishes,

Miss Child and all the staff at Pentland

### Attendance and Extended Leave

Overall attendance this half-term is **93.66%** which is below our 95% target.  
An amazing **55** children achieved 100% attendance this half term; a big well done to them!

Thank you to all our families for your continued support. A significant proportion of absences this term has been due to extended leave and holidays taken during term time. Please ensure that any trips abroad are planned during the school holidays. If your child will be absent during term time, you must inform the school, and please be aware that fines may be issued to both parents for unauthorised leave.

Parental support plays a vital role in ensuring children attend school on time, every day, enabling them to reach their full potential. We appreciate your ongoing partnership in promoting excellent attendance.

## Reporting Absences

Please remember that all pupil absences must be reported by telephoning the school office as early as possible in the morning. If we do not receive a message from you, the school will contact the numbers listed on your child's Emergency Contact information. A text message will also be sent. If we have still not been able to make contact with a parent or carer by lunchtime, a home visit may be carried out to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the child. These procedures form an important part of our Attendance Policy.

## World Book Day

World Book Day is on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**. To celebrate this within school, we will be taking part in the following events:

### Dress Up as a Book Character

Children and staff are invited to come dressed as their favourite book characters. There is no need to buy anything new – simple and creative ideas are perfect. Children can make a mask or small prop at home or use clothes they already have to represent a character they love.

### Bring Your Favourite Book

Pupils are welcome to bring in a favourite book to share in class. This might be a picture book, chapter book, comic, or any story they enjoy.

### Story Sharing

Throughout the day, classes will take part in a range of shared reading activities.

### Reading Mornings

Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us for a morning of shared reading. These sessions will run on a rolling programme throughout the week so all classes have the opportunity to take part. More information about the scheduling of these will be sent after the holidays.

## Scholastic Book Fair

During **5<sup>th</sup> May – 11<sup>th</sup> May** a Scholastic Book Fair will be held in school. Information relating to timings and payment methods will be sent out nearer to the event.

Your support last year helped us raise over £400 towards new books!

## School Photographs

School Photographs will be taken on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April**.

More details will follow nearer the time.

# Dates for your diary

## Upcoming School Holiday Dates

**February Half Term:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

(Last day of term is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026; first day back to school is Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026, 8:45am)

**Easter Holidays:** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026

(Last day of term Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026 and first day back Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026, 8:45am)

**Please note: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026 is an INSET Day. School will be closed.**

## Upcoming Events in School

**Thursday afternoons** – French After School Club (invite only)

**March 2026** - Mother's Day Events in School (details will be sent later)

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> March** – Parent Reading Mornings (timetable to be sent out after the holidays)

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**- World Book Day

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March** – Science Week

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March** – Nursery Ramadan Performance at 11am

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March** – Year Two visiting Headfield (Art themed transition visit)

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March** – INSET Day

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** – Eid Parties in school (non-uniform)

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 9am** – Attendance Assembly

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April** – School Photographs

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May** – Scholastic Book Fair

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 2 Sports Event at Headfield

## Future School Trips

Goldsworthy & Van Gogh - Yorkshire Wildlife Park - Summer 1, 2026 (Date tbc)

Kusama & Hepworth - Whistlestop Valley – Summer 1, 2026 (Date tbc)

**Have a safe and happy holiday!**  
**We will see you all on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026!**