



Pentland Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of this half term, we would like to thank you for your ongoing support. It has been a truly lovely few weeks in school, filled with enthusiasm, creativity, and community spirit.

World Book Day was a real highlight. The children looked brilliant in their costumes, and it was heart-warming to see so many of you joining us for our reading mornings. Sharing stories together created such a positive atmosphere, and your involvement made the events even more memorable for our children. Science Week also sparked great excitement, especially during the paper aeroplane challenge, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. This week's Eid celebration brought even more happiness across school, with music, food, crafts and lots of smiles.

Thank you for everything you do; whether attending events, supporting from home, or cheering your children on. It really makes a difference.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable break when it arrives.

Best wishes,
The Pentland Team

Attendance and Extended Leave

Wow! **73** children achieved 100% attendance this half term; a big well done to them!
Our overall attendance this half-term is **95.17%** which meets our 95% target! A huge thank you to all our families for your continued support.

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.

Please remember that holidays and trips abroad should not be taken during term time. A significant proportion of absences this year has been due to extended leave and holidays taken during term time. 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.

Scholastic Book Fair

During **5th May – 11th 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.

School Photographs

School Photographs will be taken on **Wednesday 29th April**.
More details will follow next half term.

Goldsworthy & Van Gogh School Trip

We will be visiting the Yorkshire Wildlife Park!

A letter will follow shortly, but the date has been set as

Wednesday 24th June 2026.

It will be a slightly longer school day to accommodate travel time.

Kusama & Hepworth School Trip

We will be visiting the Cannon Hall Farm!

A letter will follow shortly, but the date has been set as

Wednesday 13th May 2026.

The trip will leave and return within the school day.

Mother's Day Events

These will be held week commencing 20th April 2026.

The theme will be 'Sunflowers', with a focus on planting, art and craft activities. There will be a small charge per parent to cover the cost of resources and refreshments. A letter will be sent after the half term in order for you to book your place. The dates for your diary are as follows:

Monday 20th April at 9am – Van Gogh Class

Tuesday 21st April at 9am – Kusama Class

Tuesday 21st April at 11:15am – Thomas and Mondrian Class

Thursday 23rd April at 9am – Goldsworthy Class

Friday 24th April at 9am – Hepworth Class

Each session will last from **9am-9:45am**



Dates for your Diary

Upcoming School Holiday Dates

Easter Holidays: Monday 30th March 2026 – Friday 10th April 2026
Back to school on Monday 13th April 2026, 8:45am

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May 2026 (School closed today)

May Half Term: Monday 25th May 2026 – Friday 29th May 2026
Back to school on Monday 1st June 2026, 8:45am

Last Day of the academic year: Friday 17th July 2026 3.20pm finish (11:45 for Nursery/Preschool)

Monday 20th July 2026 – INSET Day

Upcoming Events in School

Thursday 16th April – Balance Bike Session 1

Monday 20th April – Friday 24th April – Mother's Day Events in school (see above)

Wednesday 29th April – School Photographs

Tuesday 5th May – Monday 11th May – Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday 6th May – Year 2 Sports Event at Headfield

Wednesday 13th May – Kusama & Hepworth School Trip to Cannon Hall Farm

Thursday 21st May – Attendance Assembly

Monday 8th June – Friday 12th June – Phonics Check Week for Year One

Monday 15th June – Friday 19th June – Father's Day Events in school (more details to follow)

Wednesday 17th June – Sports Day (weather dependent)

Wednesday 24th June – Goldsworthy & Van Gogh School Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Tuesday 30th June – InHarmony Music afternoon for parents (more details to follow)

Tuesday 7th July – Transition Day

Wednesday 8th July (Am) – Back up Sports Day (if the first date is cancelled due to weather)

Wednesday 8th July – Parents Evening Drop-In

Wednesday 15th July (pm) – Year 2 Leavers Assembly

**Have a safe and happy holiday.
We will see you all on Monday 13th April 2026!**