



Pentland Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a busy and rewarding term, we would like to thank you sincerely for your continued support. Your encouragement and partnership make such a positive difference to our school community and we truly value the role you play in your children's learning and development.

It has been a pleasure to reflect on the many highlights we have enjoyed together. Our Mother's Day celebrations were a particularly special moment, giving the children a chance to share their learning with you. We were also delighted with the success of the Kusama and Hepworth Class trip, where the children showed great curiosity, enthusiasm and excellent behaviour throughout.

Another memorable highlight was our fun and creative "Dress as an Animal" day, which brought so much joy to the school. The children fully embraced the theme with fantastic costumes, and it was wonderful to see their confidence and imagination shine.

We are incredibly proud of all the children for their continued hard work, kindness and positive attitudes this term.

We hope you all enjoy a well-deserved break with your families. For those celebrating, we wish you a very happy and blessed Eid.

Best wishes,
The Pentland Team

Father's Day Events

These will be held week commencing **15th June 2026**. It will be a games-themed morning.

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 15th June at 9am – Van Gogh Class

Tuesday 16th June at 9am – Kusama Class

Tuesday 16th June at 11am – Thomas and Mondrian Class

Thursday 18th June at 9am – Goldsworthy Class

Friday 19th June at 9am – Hepworth Class

Each session will last for 45 minutes.

Attendance and Extended Leave

57 children achieved 100% attendance this half term. What a fantastic achievement — a huge well done to all of them! Our overall attendance for the half term is **92.14%**, which is below our school target of 95%. Thank you to all our families for your continued support in helping children attend school regularly.

A notable number of absences this term have been due to extended leave and holidays taken during term time. We kindly remind parents and carers that holidays and trips abroad should not be taken during term time. If your child needs to be absent, school must be informed in advance, and please be aware that unauthorised absences may result in fines being issued to both parents.

Your support is crucial in ensuring that children attend school every day and arrive on time, giving them the best possible opportunity to succeed. We really value your ongoing partnership in promoting excellent attendance.

Dates for your Diary

Upcoming School Holiday Dates

May Half Term: Monday 25th May 2026 – Friday 29th May 2026

Back to School: 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

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 Morning

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

Wednesday 8th July – Parents Evening Drop-In

Thursday 9th July – Nursery Graduation (more details to follow)

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

Friday 17th July – the final day of the academic year

**Have a safe and happy holiday.
We will see you all on Monday 1st June 2026!**