



Pentland Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another wonderful academic year, I would like to thank all our parents and carers for your continued support, encouragement and engagement.

The partnership between home and school is incredibly important and we are grateful for the many ways you have worked alongside us this year. From attending parent meetings and school events to joining us for performances, celebrations and special visits, your involvement has helped make our school community such a positive and supportive place.

This year has been filled with exciting learning opportunities for our children. They have enjoyed educational visits, themed learning days, creative projects, sporting activities and memorable performances. It has been a joy to see their confidence grow, their curiosity flourish and their achievements celebrated.

We are immensely proud of everything our children have accomplished this year and thank you for the vital role you play in supporting their learning and development.

At this time of year, we also say farewell to some of our pupils and families who are moving on to new schools and settings. While they will be greatly missed, we are excited for the opportunities that lie ahead for them and wish them every success and happiness in the next stage of their educational journey. Good luck to you all.

We would also like to share that Mrs Z Patel, who has been on maternity leave throughout this academic year, has made the decision not to return to Pentland as she wishes to spend more time with her young family. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Patel for all her hard work, commitment and contribution to our school over the years. We wish her and her family every happiness and success for the future.

On a personal note, I would like to express my sincere thanks for the kindness, encouragement and support I have received during my time as Acting Headteacher. It has been a privilege to lead our school community and work in partnership with such supportive families.

On behalf of all the staff, thank you once again for your continued support throughout the year. We wish you a happy, restful and safe summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Best wishes,

Miss Child and The Pentland Team

Attendance and Extended Leave

Wow! **60** children achieved 100% attendance this half term; a big well done to them!
Our overall attendance this half-term is **93.3%** which is below our **96% target**.

For the whole 2025/2026 academic year, we have achieved **93.5%** attendance.
42 children achieved 97% or higher attendance over the academic year, including **2** individuals who achieved 100%. All children who achieved over 97% attendance took part in a special event with our sports coaches on Thursday 16th July, enjoying an afternoon of fun games and a picnic.

Parental support is essential in helping children attend school regularly and achieve their full potential. Thank you for your continued support in promoting good attendance. Please remember that holidays and trips abroad should not be taken during term time. If your child is absent during term time, you must notify the school.

Please note that unauthorised leave may result in fines being issued to both parents.

Next year we will continue to work hard, in partnership with parents, to improve our attendance across school.

Diary Dates 2026/2027

Autumn Term	INSET Day: Tuesday 1st September 2026 (school closed to pupils) INSET Day: Wednesday 2 nd September 2026 (school closed to pupils) First day back for pupils after the summer holidays: Thursday 3rd September 2026* <i>*Preschool/ Nursery/Reception – separate information about start dates has been sent to you individually</i> School Autumn 1 Term: Thursday 3 rd September 2026 – Thursday 22 nd October 2026 INSET Day: Friday 23 rd October 2026 (school closed to pupils) Autumn Half Term Holiday: Monday 26th October 2026 – Friday 30th October 2026 School Autumn 2 Term: Monday 2 nd November 2026 - Friday 18 th December 2026 Christmas Holidays: Monday 21st December 2026 – Friday 1st January 2027
Spring Term	INSET DAY: Monday 4 th January 2027 (school closed to pupils) School Spring 1 Term: Tuesday 5 th January 2027 – Friday 12 th February 2027 Spring Half Term Holiday: Monday 15th February 2027 – Friday 19th February 2027 School Spring 2 Term: Monday 22 nd February 2027 – Thursday 25 th March 2027 Easter Holidays: Friday 26th March 2027 – Friday 9th April 2027
Summer Term	School Summer 1 Term: Monday 12 th April 2027 – Friday 28 th May 2027 May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 3 rd May 2027 Summer Half Term Holiday: Monday 31st May 2027 - Friday 4th June 2027 School Summer 2 Term: Monday 7 th June 2026 – Tuesday 20 th July 2027 Last day of the academic year: Tuesday 20 th July 2027, 3:20pm. INSET DAY: Wednesday 21 st July 2027 (school closed to pupils)