



Pentland Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of our first half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents and carers for your continued support. It has been a wonderful start to the year and we are incredibly proud of how well the children have settled into their new classes and routines.

Over the past few weeks, it has been lovely to see so much enthusiasm for learning, new friendships forming, and children growing in confidence each day. There have been many positive moments across school and our children continue to impress us with their kindness, resilience and eagerness to take part in all aspects of school life.

I would also like to thank you for your support with attendance. Ensuring children attend school regularly gives them the very best opportunity to learn, thrive and be part of all the exciting experiences we offer. We greatly appreciate the efforts families make to help children arrive on time and ready for the day ahead.

We wish all of our families a happy, restful and enjoyable half-term break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for an exciting second half term.

Best wishes,

Miss Child and the Pentland Team

Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you for your continued support with attendance this half term. Our **overall attendance was 95.51%**.

We are delighted that **74 pupils achieved attendance of 96% or above**, showing a strong commitment to their learning. Within this, **51 pupils achieved 100% attendance** - a fantastic achievement. Well done to all of these children!

While illness has affected some families this half term, we continue to see absences due to holidays and extended leave during term time. Wherever possible, please arrange family holidays during school holiday periods. Unauthorised term-time leave may result in a penalty notice being issued.

Children should be in class by **8:50am** each morning. Arriving on time helps them settle quickly and ensures they do not miss important learning. Even small amounts of lateness can have a significant impact. Arriving just 30 minutes late each day for two weeks results in more than a full school day of learning being missed. Every minute counts and helps children make the best possible progress.

Thank you for your support in helping children attend regularly and arrive on time each day. It makes a real difference to their learning and success.

Class Blogs

We love sharing the exciting learning that takes place in school each week. Staff regularly update their class webpages with a summary of the learning that has taken place, along with photographs of the children taking part in activities and experiences.

These blogs are a great way to keep up to date with what your child has been learning and to celebrate the wonderful opportunities taking place across the school.

To access your child's class blog, please follow the links below:

Mondrian Class:

<https://app.seesaw.me/#/blog/mondrianclass/>

Thomas Class:

<https://app.seesaw.me/#/blog/thomasclass/>

Kusama Class:

<https://app.seesaw.me/#/blog/kusama/>

Hepworth Class:

<https://app.seesaw.me/#/blog/hepworth/>

Goldsworthy Class:

<https://app.seesaw.me/#/blog/goldsworthyclass/>

Van Gogh Class:

<https://app.seesaw.me/#/blog/vangogh/>

Fundraising

Over the next year there will be a number of fundraising events taking place in school. Our School Council already has some exciting ideas for how they would like to use the money raised, including purchasing new classroom resources and playtime equipment.

We will keep you informed about upcoming events and how the funds are being used. Thank you in advance for your support - it is greatly appreciated and makes a real difference to our children.

Mobile Phone Use

We have recently noticed an increase in the use of mobile phones around our drop-off and collection areas. To help ensure a safe and smooth handover at the beginning and end of the school day, staff and governors kindly ask that parents and carers refrain from using mobile phones in the areas outside classrooms.

This allows staff to communicate effectively with families when needed and helps us maintain our safeguarding procedures for all children. Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us keep our school community safe.



School Council

We are pleased to share that our new Key Stage 1 School Council has now been selected. The children have already started working on their plans for the year ahead, which include promoting good attendance, contributing to school improvement projects and supporting fundraising activities across the school.

We would also like to recognise the fantastic work of last year's School Council, who recently helped to select a range of exciting new books for our library. These were purchased using funds raised through the Scholastic Book Fair.

Thank you to all the families who supported the event. Your contributions have helped us further enrich our library and provide even more opportunities for children to develop a love of reading.

School Diary Dates

Wednesday 4th November (9am) : Reception Parent Workshop: Phonics & Reading

Thursday 5th November (9am): Year 1 Parent Workshop: Phonics & Reading

Friday 6th November (9am): Year 2 Parent Workshop: Phonics & Reading

Tuesday 17th November 2026 (am) – Year 2 at 'Big Sing' Event, Dewsbury Town Hall

Wednesday 18th November 2026 (am) - Science Assembly in school (pupils only)

Wednesday 18th November 2026 (2:45pm) – Parents Invited to Year 2 Assembly – Big Sing Songs

Tuesday 24th November 2026 (pm) – InHarmony Music Showcase:

1:15 - 1:45pm Hepworth Class

1:50 – 2:20pm Goldsworthy Class

2:25 – 2:55pm Van Gogh Class

Tuesday 24th November (10.30-11.30am): Nursery Stay and Play Session

Wednesday 25th November (10.30-11.30am): Nursery Stay and Play Session

Tuesday 1st December (9am): Year 1 Parent Worksop: Writing

Thursday 3rd December (9am): Reception Workshop: Writing

Friday 4th December (9am): Year 2 Parent Workshop: Writing

Wednesday 16th December (2:30pm): Winter Performance

Thursday 17th December (9am): Winter Performance

Friday 18th December: Winter Parties

School Holiday Dates 2026-2027

Autumn Term	INSET Day: Friday 23rd October 2026 (school closed to pupils) Autumn Half Term Holiday: Monday 26th October 2026 – Friday 30th October 2026 School Autumn 2 Term: Monday 2nd November 2026 - Friday 18th December 2026 Christmas Holidays: Monday 21st December 2026 – Friday 1st January 2027
Spring Term	INSET DAY: Monday 4th January 2027 (school closed to pupils) School Spring 1 Term: Tuesday 5th January 2027 – Friday 12th February 2027 Spring Half Term Holiday: Monday 15th February 2027 – Friday 19th February 2027 School Spring 2 Term: Monday 22nd February 2027 – Thursday 25th March 2027 Easter Holidays: Friday 26th March 2027 – Friday 9th April 2027
Summer Term	School Summer 1 Term: Monday 12th April 2027 – Friday 28th May 2027 May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May 2027 Summer Half Term Holiday: Monday 31st May 2027 - Friday 4th June 2027 School Summer 2 Term: Monday 7th June 2026 – Tuesday 20th July 2027 Last day of the academic year: Tuesday 20th July 2027, 3:20pm. INSET DAY: Wednesday 21st July 2027 (school closed to pupils)