Penwortham Primary School

Friday 6th November 2026



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an incredible start back we have had this week. Our pupils have fully embraced our Remembrance activities, showing such respect, maturity and enthusiasm throughout the week. From welcoming military veterans into school to learning about the importance of remembrance, it has been wonderful to see our children engaging so thoughtfully with this important part of our history.

I would also like to remind families that our Remembrance Parade takes place this Sunday, with the service beginning at 9.00am at St Leonard's Church, Penwortham. It would be lovely to see as many families as possible joining us as we come together to remember and reflect.

Looking ahead, we are incredibly excited to welcome Pudsey Bear and BBC Radio Lancashire into school on Monday as part of our Children in Need celebrations. We are extremely proud to have been chosen as the only school being featured by Radio Lancashire, and we know it will be a memorable experience for our children. A special thank you and shout-out to Mr Little for helping to make this fantastic opportunity happen.

Finally, please remember to book your Parents' Evening appointment via School Spider. Slots are now available, and we look forward to discussing your child's progress and achievements with you.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Miss Penarski

Key Dates

8th November 2026
Remembrance Parade

11th November 2026
Year 6 Reading Cafe

12th November 2026
Open Afternoon
Reception 2027 Parents

17th & 18th November 2026
Parents Evening

18th November 2026
Year 5 Reading Cafe

18th November 2026
Y6 & Rec Height & Weight Check

19th, 20th, 23rd Nov
Book Fair

25th November 2026
Y4 Reading Cafe

27th November 2026
PTFA Christmas Event

18th December 2026
Last Day of Term 2 (2pm)

4th January 2027
First Day of Term 3

12th February 2027
Last Day of Term 3

22nd February 2027
First Day of Term 4

25th March 2027
Last Day of Term 4 (2pm)

12th April 2027
First Day of Term 5

28th May 2027
Last Day of Term 5

7th June 2027
First Day of Term 6

16th July 2027
Last Day of Term 6

Champions & Readers of the Week

We are delighted to celebrate this week's Penwortham Primary Champions and Readers of the Week!

A huge well done to all our children who have demonstrated our school values, worked hard, shown kindness and made us proud.

Reception

- **Abbie** – for amazing Diwali work
- **Isla** – for amazing artwork

Reader of the Week: Adam

Year 1

- **Benjamin** – for looking after his friends
- **Elizabeth** – for trying her best in English

Reader of the Week: Quinn

Year 2

- **Hollie** – for being always being a wonderful role model in our class and always representing our values of being ready, responsible and respectful.
- **Charlotte** – for being a lovely role model who is so thoughtful, kind and caring.

Reader of the Week: Sammy

Year 3

- **Derin** – a huge improvement with his engagement in lessons and presentation in books
- **Charlotte** – an excellent role model in our school.

Reader of the Week: Ruby

Year 4

- **Amelia W** – for excellent effort and hard work for all subjects
- **Jonah** – for engagement, enthusiasm and effort in all lessons

Reader of the Week: Simon

Year 5

- **Ethan** – being a good friend
- **Tabatha** – making sure everyone feels welcome

Reader of the Week: Jayden

Year 6

- **Xavier** – for showing fantastic enthusiasm and creativity in your homework design project.
- **Devyn** – for sharing thoughtful ideas and suggestions during Geography about population.

Reader of the Week: Emily

Well done, everyone!

We are incredibly proud of you all.

Keep Aspiring, Belonging, Caring and Discovering every day!

PENWORTHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW

THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Reception	100	%
Year 1	94.1	%
Year 2	100	%
Year 3	93.2	%
Year 4	87.4	%
Year 5	92.2	%
Year 6	95.0	%

OUR ATTENDANCE TARGET

Our target for this year is: **97%**

Let's work together so that every child is in school every day and not missing any learning!

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Where possible, medical appointments should be made outside of school hours.

If this is not possible, please notify the school office in advance and provide evidence of the appointment.

HOLIDAYS AND TERM TIME

Holidays must not be taken during term time.

Term time holidays can result in a fixed penalty notice and a loss of learning.

Every school day counts!

GOOD ATTENDANCE MEANS...

100%	0 days missed
99%	2 days missed
97%	5 days missed
95%	10 days missed
90%	20 days missed
85%	30 days missed

BEING ON TIME REALLY MATTERS

In a school year, if you are late every day by...

5 minutes	3.5 school days
10 minutes	7 school days
15 minutes	10 school days
20 minutes	14.5 school days
30 minutes	22 school days

ASPIRE BELONG CARE DISCOVER

A Huge THANK YOU for Your Gambia Donations

During half term, Miss Penarski had the privilege of visiting The Gambia and delivered the wonderful donations kindly collected by our school community.

Miss Penarski visited Banno's Memorial Nursery and Junior School, local clinics, an orphanage and the family we sponsor, and was able to see first-hand the difference your generosity has made. Thanks to your incredible support, we donated books, stationery, clothing, medical supplies, baby essentials, maternity wear and sanitary products.

The children, families and staff were so grateful, and it was truly heartwarming to see the joy these donations brought. We felt incredibly proud to share the kindness and generosity of our Penwortham Primary School community.

Thank you to everyone who contributed. Your support has made a real difference and is greatly appreciated.









Remembrance Week began with a Memorable Visit from Military Veterans

Our school was honoured to welcome Military Veterans and members of the Royal Artillery Association (Fylde) on Monday as they officially opened our Remembrance Week celebrations.

The day provided our pupils with a unique opportunity to learn about the history, traditions and sacrifices of those who have served their country. Throughout a series of engaging workshops, children explored a range of fascinating topics including a World War II artillery gun, the history and significance of the poppy, first aid drills, and military life. The veterans shared their knowledge and experiences, bringing history to life for our pupils in a memorable and meaningful way.

A particular highlight of the day was the opening ceremony led by members of the Royal Artillery Association. The school community was captivated by the impressive Corps of Drums performance, featuring illuminated drumsticks that created a spectacular visual display. Veterans then led a ceremonial march through the hall, raised the military standard, and shared the moving poem and prayer "Thou Shall Remember Them."

Pupils and staff were united throughout the event, demonstrating great respect and enthusiasm as they participated in the activities and reflected on the importance of remembrance. The experience helped deepen the children's understanding of service, sacrifice and the significance of Remembrance Week.

We were delighted to receive kind feedback from the Royal Artillery Association members, who expressed their appreciation for the warm welcome and hospitality shown by our staff and pupils. They commented on how much they had enjoyed the event and how the children's enthusiasm and engagement made the day especially rewarding. "Lest We Forget." 🌺




















Pre-School
READING
CAFÉ
Read
Play
Grow
Together
Sharing Stories • Inspiring Little Learners
• Creating Bright Futures Together








Winnie
Flies Again





CHILDREN IN NEED 2026 - FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER

On **Friday 13 November,** we will be supporting BBC Children in Need with an **Own Clothes Day!**

We will also be taking part in a special Pudsey Fun Run. More details about the event will be shared closer to the day.

This year, all fundraising will be completed online, so there will be no cash collection in school.

If you would like to support our school's fundraising efforts, please visit our Children in Need page:

🔗 School Fundraising Page:
Penwortham Primary School - Run Pudsey

🔑 School Code: 4FC4

Thank you for helping us support this fantastic cause and make a difference to children's lives across the UK. 💛🐻

#ChildrenInNeed #RunPudsey #PenworthamPrimarySchool

Keeping in Touch – Who Should I Contact?

At Penwortham Primary School, we value positive communication between home and school. To help us respond to questions and concerns quickly and effectively, we've put together this simple guide so families know who to contact. For questions about your child's learning, friendships, wellbeing, classroom routines or day-to-day concerns, please contact their class teacher first through ClassDojo.

First Point of Contact - ClassTeachers

Pre-School - Mrs Studholme
Reception - Mrs Barlow
Year 1 - Mrs Hill
Year 2 - Mrs Wilson-Barker
Year 3 - Mrs Day
Year 4 - Mr Noblet
Year 5 - Mrs Harness
Year 6 - Miss Padbury-Hunt

Who Else Can Help?

Mrs Dearden – Office Manager
Reporting pupil absence, school dinners, payments, general administrative enquiries and school office matters.
Mrs Barlow – Assistant Principal SEND and inclusion, Early Years and Key Stage 1 (Pre-School–Year 2)
Mr Noblet – Assistant Principal Behaviour, attendance concerns, Key Stage 2 (Years 3–6)
Miss Penarski – Principal Safeguarding, whole-school matters.

Helping Your Message Reach the Right Person

To make sure we can support you as effectively as possible, we kindly ask that:
Classroom concerns are directed to your child's class teacher first.
Further concerns are directed to Mrs Barlow or Mr Noblet, depending on your child's key stage or the nature of your query.

Safeguarding concerns are directed to Miss Penarski, our Designated Safeguarding Lead.
Please remember that Mrs Dearden's role is to support the smooth running of our school office. Questions about teaching, learning, behaviour or individual classroom concerns should be directed to the appropriate teacher or school leader rather than the office team.

ClassDojo – Our Communication Expectations

ClassDojo is our main communication platform for routine messages between home and school. We aim to respond to messages within two school working days.
To support staff wellbeing and a healthy work–life balance, our communication hours are 8:00am–5:00pm, Monday to Friday, during term time. Staff are not expected to monitor or respond to messages outside these hours. Some concerns may take longer to investigate, but we will keep you updated.

For urgent matters, including immediate safeguarding concerns, please telephone the school office rather than relying on ClassDojo.

Thank you for helping us maintain positive, respectful and effective communication. By directing enquiries to the right person, we can ensure that everyone receives the support they need.

Penwortham allstars

Breakfast Club:
7:30am - 8.45am

After School Club
3.30pm - 6pm







Prices:
Breakfast Club
£5.50

After School Club
£7

Experienced Staff

High Quality Provision

Well Resourced

Fun and Games

healthy snacks

penworthamprimary.co.uk
01772 743321

PENWORTHAM PRIMARY PTFA INVITES YOU TO OUR CHRISTMAS FUN NIGHT!

📅 FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2026 ⏰ 6:30–10:00PM
📍 ST TERESA'S SOCIAL CENTRE, QUEENSWAY, PENWORTHAM
EVERYONE IS WELCOME, SO BRING ALONG FAMILY AND FRIENDS!
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW SHORTLY.
✨ POP THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY AND KICK-START THE FESTIVE SEASON WITH US! ✨



PENWORTHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

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OPEN DAYS
Reception 2027

Happy children who achieve

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
30th September 2026	12th November 2026	8th January 2027
9:15am - 10:15am	1:30pm - 2:30pm	9:15am - 10:15am

★ CAN'T MAKE ONE OF THESE DATES? ★

Contact us to arrange a personal tour with the Headteacher and Head Pupils.

bursar@penwortham-pri.lancs.sch.uk ★ 01772 743321



SCHOOL GAMES PLATINUM

ACCREDITED SCHOOL

- HAPPY, HIGH ACHIEVING CHILDREN
- MYHAPPYMIND WELLBEING, CONFIDENCE AND RESILIENCE
- FOREST SCHOOL OPAL AND OUTDOOR LEARNING
- PLATINUM ECO AND SCHOOL GAMES AWARD
- OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERY CHILD TO LEAD, CONTRIBUTE AND SHINE
- A CARING COMMUNITY WHERE EVERY CHILD BELONGS

WESTHOLME

PREP | SENIORS | SIXTH FORM



YEAR 7 TASTER DAY

Wednesday 2 December 2026 | 09:00 - 16:30

PENWORTHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Reading CAFÉ

All sessions run from 9.00 – 9.30am

COME AND SHARE A STORY!

We would love to invite you into school for a relaxed reading session with your child. Enjoy a book together.

YEAR 6	WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2026
YEAR 5	WEDNESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2026
YEAR 4	WEDNESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2026
YEAR 3	WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2026
YEAR 2	WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2026
YEAR 1	TBC
RECEPTION	TBC

Happy Children Who Achieve

NOVEMBER 2026

Autumn Term 2 • Children return Monday 2 November

DATE	EVENT	WHAT FAMILIES NEED TO KNOW
2 Nov	Children return to school	Welcome back to Autumn Term 2.
2 Nov	Flu Vaccinations	School nursing team administering pupil flu vaccinations.
4 Nov	Reading Café – Pre-School	Families of Pre-School children.
5 Nov	Outdoor Classroom Day	Lots of learning outdoors – please dress children appropriately for the weather.
8 Nov	Remembrance Parade	9am St Leonard's Penwortham, Marshall Brow, Penwortham, PR1 9JA
9 Nov	Diwali Curriculum Focus	Stories, traditions, light and celebration through the curriculum.
11 Nov	Remembrance Day / Year 6 Assembly	Whole-school remembrance focus led by Year 6.
11 Nov	Reading Café – Year 6	Families of Year 6 pupils.
12 Nov	Open Day	1:30–2:30pm – tours for prospective families. Please share with friends and family.
13 Nov	Children in Need	Own-clothes day; further activity details to follow.
16–20 Nov	Anti-Bullying Week	Whole-school focus including Odd Socks Day.
17 Nov	Parents' Evening	Appointments with class teachers – booking details to follow.
18 Nov	Parents' Evening	Appointments with class teachers – booking details to follow.
18 Nov	Reading Café – Year 5	Families of Year 5 pupils.
23–29 Nov	UK Parliament Week	Democracy and citizenship activities across school.
25 Nov	Reading Café – Year 4	Families of Year 4 pupils.

DECEMBER 2026

Autumn Term 2 • Term ends Friday 18 December at 2:00pm

DATE	EVENT	WHAT FAMILIES NEED TO KNOW
2 Dec	Reading Café – Year 3	Families of Year 3 pupils.
9 Dec	Reading Café – Year 2	Families of Year 2 pupils.
9 Dec	Panto in a Day – Dick Whittington	Whole-school panto in the school hall, 1:00–3:00pm.
10 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day	Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper.
11 Dec	Christmas Around the World Day	Children explore Christmas traditions through Geography and RE.
15 Dec	KS1 Nativity	Pre-School, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 – performances at 9:30am and 2:00pm.
16 Dec	Christmas Lunch	Whole-school Christmas lunch provided by the school kitchen.
17 Dec	KS2 Christmas Celebration	Years 3–6 – performances at 2:00pm and 5:00pm.
18 Dec	Star Awards Assembly	9:00am – end-of-term Star Awards Assembly.
18 Dec	Last day of term	School closes at 2:00pm for the Christmas break.