

Pinchmill Primary School Update

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Upcoming dates

Tuesday 8th September School photos

Tuesday 15th Sept – Squirrels Reading meeting 3:30pm

Wednesday 16th Sept – Hedgehogs Reading meeting 3:30pm.

Monday 21st- 25th Sept – Harvest Donations

Friday 25th September 9:20am Harvest Assembly

Half Term – Monday 26th Oct – Friday 30st October

**Back to school
Monday 2nd November**

Week beginning 2nd November Year 6 Practice SATs

End of Autumn Term – Friday 18th December

Start of Spring Term Wednesday 6th January 2027

Head Teacher message

Welcome back! I would first like to welcome Miss Dowd and Miss Spavins and all our new children to our Pinchmill family. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday. It is wonderful to see all the children back in school and hear all their news. The first two days have run very smoothly, the children seem settled and happy and they never fail to put a smile on my face seeing them for the first time after the summer break. I am also reminded how lucky I am to be Head Teacher of such a special school with amazing pupils, great staff team and supportive parents. Please remember that our doors are always open if you need a quick chat or would like to discuss any element of school life.

PE Lessons:

Like before please may we ask that all the children (except Pre-school) come to school in their PE Kit on a Wednesday.

Pre-school: Tuesday am (Please ensure the children are clothes that they can move freely in and that they have on suitable footwear.)

Hedgehogs: Tuesday and Wednesday

Squirrels: Monday and Wednesday

Foxes: Tuesday and Wednesday

Owls: Wednesday and Thursday

Library Sessions:

Please may we ask you to check at home as we have rather a list of children that have not returned their library books.

Pre-School and Hedgehogs: Friday

Squirrels: Friday

Foxes / Owls: Will have an opportunity to change their library books each day. To develop their independence, they will be encouraged to manage this themselves. The library will also be open on a Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime for the children to change their books and explore the books we have on offer.

Free Readers:

As you may be aware, last year one of the school priorities was to develop a love of reading for the children. As a part of this we worked with the Key stage 2 children to create a bank of books that they would like to read and that offer them exciting and high quality texts. All of these books have silver and gold free reader labels on them and they are also stamped with Pinchmill Primary School. **Unfortunately, a number of these books have not been returned and as a school we are not able to replace them.**

Please may I ask that all parents of children who are free readers, have a look at home for these books so that we can continue to offer the children the same choice.

I am looking forward to the year ahead. Please check the calendar as there are already dates for your diaries. The **Village Show** is on the 6th of September at half past two in the Pinchmill hall. There will be a display of the children's art work and the PSA will be providing lashing of hot tea, coffee and cake so please pop along.

School photographs will be on Tuesday 8th of September. If you have siblings that are not in school but you would like a photograph of them together, please may you come to school for 8:50am.

This year we have chosen to join with St Mary's Church and support the Food Bank. Our **Harvest Festival Assembly** will be held at school at 9:20am on Friday 25th September. We will be sending the Food Bank suggested shopping list home with each child and you can also find this on their website. If you would like to make a donation, please may we ask that these be sent into school between the 21st and the 25th September.

It is once again time for the children to vote for their **House Captains**. If your child is in KS2 and would like to run for House Captain, they will need to prepare a presentation as to why they feel they would be good in the role. Each nominee will also put forward a local charity that they would like to support and ideas as to how the school can raise money to support their chosen charity. This can be in person or can be pre-recorded at home and sent to school on a named data stick. The voting will take place in our house assembly on Friday the 18th of September.

Last year we had a fantastic **librarian** team, they did a great job keeping the library tidy and helping other children to find books that they would like. If your child would like to be a librarian, please may they create a poster to promote a love of reading, encourage children to use the library. These should be submitted by Friday the 18th of September.

Children in Year 6 will be joining Sue and Malcolm Whitehouse to monitor the quality of the river. The **Eco Council** members helped test the water and the data that was collected was then sent as part of a research survey to try to improve the quality of the Great River Ouse.

Miss Wren and I will once again be interviewing for Sports Captains. The House Captains are responsible to support other children during sporting activities and helping out at Sporting events such as Sports Day. The Sports Captains will also be responsible for helping at sports day and organising school sports events. Any child who would like run for Sports Captain should speak to Miss Wren who will give them the interview questions. The interviews will take place the week beginning the 14th of September.

We have changed the reading treat reward for reading three times each week. If your child reads 3 times in a week, and this is evidenced in their reading record book, they will receive three house points.

Miss Wren will be holding a reading meeting on Tuesday 15th September and Miss Spavins and Miss Wren will be running a reading meeting for the Reception parents on Wednesday 16th of September at 3:30pm.

Mrs Meehan will be holding a SATS meeting for the year 6 parents on Wednesday 23rd September.

Owls class have been lucky to be invited to a **History Day on Thursday 24th September**. This is run by members of the church and village community this is a great day for all the children. This is a whole day event held at the church so the children will need a packed lunch please.

As some of you may be aware, the guidance and rules for schools regarding anaphylaxis have changed. As of September 2026 all adults working within schools have to complete anaphylaxis training and we have to hold spare auto immune injector pens in school. I am pleased to tell you that we have all completed our training and the auto immune injector pens have arrived. As a result of new guidelines I will soon be posting our allergies policy on the website. Until then please may I ask that you refrain from providing your child with

Packaged nuts

Cereal, granola or chocolate bars containing nuts

Peanut butter or chocolate spreads containing nuts

Peanut-based sauces, such as satay

Sesame seeds and foods containing sesame seeds

If a pupil brings these foods into school, they will be removed and given back to parents directly at the end of the school day. Thank you with your cooperation with this.

Hopefully you can all access Class Dojo and have enjoyed the posts that have been shared. Can I please remind all parents that as a school we do not use Dojo as a communication tool, this is to safeguard both the children and staff. Therefore, I would please ask parents to not use Class Dojo to message teachers. If you would like to talk to your child's teacher please email enquiries@pinchmillprimary.co.uk or ring the school on 01234 781371. Or even better, if possible, pop in to see us. Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this.

Please ensure that all fees for Before / After School Club and Pre School are paid up to date.