

Pinchmill Primary School Update

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Upcoming dates

Monday 21st- 25th Sept – Harvest Donations

Wednesday 23rd September Yr 6 SATs meeting after school

Thursday 24th September – Flu Vaccine

Thursday 24th September History Day at the church. Packed lunch needed please.

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
No after school club**

Start of Spring Term Wednesday 6th January 2027

Head Teacher message

Today you will have received a copy of our home school agreement. It is important to us as a school that we work in partnership with parents. A strong school parent relationship that is based on collaboration, communication, trust, shared responsibility and mutual respect is crucial for the success of a child's education. It fosters a supportive environment where students feel valued and understood, leading to better academic performance and behaviour. Once you have read the home school agreement I would ask that you please sign it electronically and then return it to enquiries@pinchmillprimary.co.uk. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

New Before and After School Clubs – Woolfy Sports are running two morning clubs this half term. They are temporarily covering Pauls Tennis club on a Tuesday until his return and they have added a morning Football club on Wednesdays.

If your child is taking part in football club, please provide football boots/spare socks as they will use the field weather permitting.

<https://woolfysport.co.uk/pinchmill-primary-school/>

The importance of reading:

Thank you to all the parents who attended our reading meetings. If you were not able to attend, we will soon be placing the power points on the school website so please have a read.

I have recently read an informative article about the importance of reading and creating a read culture at home. I would like to share with you some of the information it detailed. If you would like to read the whole article it can be found here;

[Why Reading at Home Matters: 15 Stats Every Parent Needs](#)

“Did you know that just 15 minutes of reading per day can significantly improve your child’s mental health? Research shows that those who read regularly demonstrate greater emotional resilience when facing difficulties.”

“Students who read for pleasure perform better in all school subjects, not just English. Mathematics scores are typically 14% higher among regular readers. Reading improves question comprehension, helping students perform better on exams across all subjects.”

“Reading daily has a profound effect on academic achievement and career advancement. Students who read daily are 13% more likely to exceed grade-level expectations in all subjects.”

Reading challenge:

To support yourselves and the children to read at home, we would like to provide the children with an incentive to read three times a week by taking part in our monthly reading challenge. If you would like to send in photographs of the children completing their reading challenges, we will celebrate a selection of these on Dojo and in our celebration assemblies on a Friday afternoon.

September

Read to Someone Month

Challenge: Read aloud to another person at least 12 times.

This could be:

- A younger brother or sister
- A parent
- A grandparent
- A pet (they make excellent listeners!)

History Day:

Owls class have been lucky to be invited to a **History Day** on Thursday 24th September, members of the church and village community organise the day and it is a fun, interactive and interesting learning experience for all the children. This is a whole day event held at the church so the children will need a packed lunch please.

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.

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

Harvest Festival Assembly:

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.

I would like to thank all the children who took part in our Sports Captain and House Captain interviews and presentation. We will be announcing the new Sports and House Captains next Friday in celebration assembly.

I have received a number of carefully designed posters to encourage others to read in the school and we will announce the librarians next Friday in celebration assembly.

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.

As some of you may be aware, the guidance and rules for schools regarding anaphylaxis has 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.