

Pinchmill Primary School Update

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Upcoming dates

23rd October – Break the Rules Day
Halloween Doughnut sale

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

Back to school
Monday 2nd November

Week beginning 2nd November Year 6
Practice SATs

4th December – Christmas Fayre

End of Autumn Term – Friday 18th December
No after school club

Start of Spring Term Wednesday 6th January 2027

Head Teacher message

Thank you to all of you who attended our Harvest Festival Assembly. We were grateful for the huge support given and it was lovely to see so many proud smiling faces, as children spotted and proudly performed for their parents. These opportunities make memories and bring us together as a whole school community, which is so important for all of us. Thank you to the PSA for yet again providing refreshments for us all, they are always delicious and very much welcomed.

As I am sure most of you know, I am very passionate about reading, particularly developing a love of reading in children. At the weekend, I visited Onley. Tucked away next to the Pancake Parlour is the most magical bookshop. It is floor to ceiling with a wonderful selection of books and the owner Rose is so knowledgeable and helpful. In the end my family left me sat on the floor surrounded by books and came back to collect me an hour later. Even then, I could have spent many more hours just exploring and just immersing myself in the wonderful illustrations and words that the books had to offer.



When speaking to Rose I was delighted to find out that she runs both book clubs and writing clubs for young children. The book clubs are run for different age ranges (6-7 years, 7-9 years and 9-12 years) The groups meet once a week on a Thursday in the Pancake Parlour, I think yummy cake may be involved.

The young writers club runs on Friday evening and is for children aged 9-14 years. The children are encouraged to 'develop their confidence as writers in a dynamic and fun way'. If you would like to find out more please visit:

Thesnugbooks@gmail.com

www.thesnugbooks.co.uk

facebook.com/thesnugbookshopolney

instagram.com/thesnugbookshop

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.

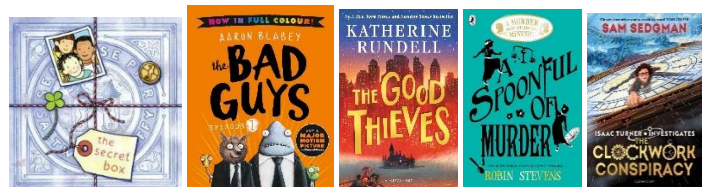


Thank you to those that joined in with the reading challenge last month your pets looked very engaged with story time.

October

Mystery and Adventure Month

Challenge: Read 5 books with an adventure or mystery theme



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 would like to thank all the children who took part in our Sports Captain and House Captain interviews and presentation.

We are pleased to announce the following:

	House Captains	Sports Captain
Red House	Monty Hattie	Theo Eylse
Blue House	Daniel Ralph	Seth Wilfred
Yellow House	Ava-Rose Martha	Milen Indianna

Green House	Felix Naomi Ronan	Felix Ronan
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Librarians:

Head Librarian: Naomi

Rose

Isla

Esme

Francesca



Eco Council



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. Weather permitting our first water testing visit will be on Monday 12th October.

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.

