Issue: 1 Term: Autumn 2 Date: Friday 6th November 2026

Pinchmill Primary School Update

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Upcoming dates

Monday 16th November
Squirrels – Year 1 / 2 Sports Festival
Packed lunch needed
Come to school in PE Kit

Parents Evening
Tuesday 17th November
Thursday 19th November
Booking link will be sent out shortly

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

This half term is an exciting but busy one so please keep an eye on the upcoming dates. These can also be found on the website. Christmas Play dates and times are confirmed!!!! I have heard singing practices staring in the classrooms.

School reports will be coming home next week and Parents Evenings will be on the Tuesday 17th November from 3:30-5:30pm and Thursday 19th November 5:30-7:30pm. As some of you may already know, as a school we are trying to raise funds to replace the IT equipment across the school.



Poppy Appeal

We have a poppy box in school and the House Captains are taking it in turns to take the box round the classes at 3pm each day. If you would like to give a donation and allow your child to choose either a poppy or a gift from the box, please can you ensure that they bring their money to school in a purse or envelope so that they can choose the items they would like.



Librarians:

We would like to encourage all children to change their library books. Our helpful librarians will be in the library to offer suggestions of books they have enjoyed and help you navigate the library system. **The library will be open** on a Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime for the children to change their library books.

November reading challenge – **Kindness through stories**
Read books about Friendship, Courage, Kindness, Respect, Helping others.

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Eco Council



Water Testing:
The next Water testing will be on Monday the 16th of November. Please may the children bring some outdoor shoes or wellies with them on that day.



Forestry School

During the half term holiday, despite the rain and windy weather, I had great fun with the children who attended Forestry Club. We all enjoyed the campfire and managed to keep it burning for the whole day.
It has been great to see all the children in Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Owls enjoying forestry school this week. I have seen many dens built, in varying shapes and sizes and the children having great fun making mud pies and potions.



Pinchmill Music

This week we had a number of children start different music lessons including recorders, piano and guitar. Research results indicate that there are many advantages of music listening. Among them, the theory that music facilitates the reduction of the psychological stress response. Science shows that if you play an instrument, it is likely that you will possess better communication skills. There are multitudes of studies that have found a correlation between the benefits of playing an instrument and improved memory. In addition, when learning to play an instrument, your brain will work in new, creative ways, with the use of sound, sight, and physical feeling. If your child is interested in learning how to play the piano, guitar, violin or recorder, please contact enquiries@pinchmillprimary.co.uk for further information.



Pinchmill Sport

Years One and Two have a Sports Festival on the 16th November. Please ensure that all children come to school in their **PE kits.** Thank you. On the 23rd November the Year Five and Six children will begin their Sports Leadership training. After this, they will be running different sports clubs at lunchtimes. All the children are encouraged to join in and enjoy the fun.





Owls

Well done to all the Year 6 children for their sensible approach to our practice SATS this week. We are all very proud of you.
The Owls have enjoyed Forestry School this week and have been learning all about creating art using a one-point perspective. I am really looking forward to seeing their finished artwork.



Foxes

Foxes Class have been riding and scooting around the world, tasting lots of delicacies including, green tea, marshmallows, croissants and more. Yummy!





Squirrels

Squirrels have had some very exciting letters delivered from Fairyland and have used their features cauldron to write their own letter to George to tell him not to keep bugs in jars! The children have also been learning magic tricks in Mathematics. If you want to know more please ask the children.



Hedgehogs and Ducklings



Hedgehogs and Ducklings have been thinking about Diwali and Fire Works Night this week. They have created some beautiful Divas and Rangoli patterns









Pinchmill School Association

A huge thank you to everyone that took part in our Break the Rules day fundraiser on Friday 23rd October.

If you are yet to pay for breaking the rules or the after school doughnuts, please send payment to **Natwest – Pinchmill Primary School - 80975879 600213**

The Christmas Fayre is booked in for Friday 4th December straight after school, this is always a fun packed afternoon full of festive games and delicious treats.

Information regarding food in school.

Polite reminder - 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 (including hummus)

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.