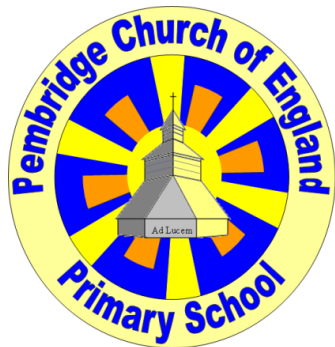




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To the Light: News from Pembroke CE Primary School

Friday 16th January 2026

Inspiring learning
through faith
and values.

Dates for your diaries:

For all clubs, please book
in with Mrs Targett.

Monday 19th January

3.15-4.15 KS1 (R-Y2) sports
Class 3 Forest School

Tuesday 20th January

3.15-4.30 Spotlight Club

Wednesday 21st January

3.15-4.15 Singing Club

Class 2 outdoor clothes

Thursday 22nd January

3.15-4.30 KS2 (Y3-Y6) sports

Friday 23rd January

Wednesday 28th January

NO SINGING CLUB

Thursday 29th January

Friends of Pembroke School

AGM, 7pm at the New Inn – all
welcome.

Friday 30th January

Height and weight measured for
YR and Y6 children

Monday 16th-Friday 20th February

HALF TERM

Wednesday 4th March

World Book Day

9am Class 2 worship:

parents and friends welcome to
'stay and play' afterwards.

Friday 13th March

9am Class 1 worship:

parents and friends welcome to
'stay and play' afterwards.

Wednesday 18th March

9am Class 3 worship:

parents and friends welcome to
'stay and play' afterwards.

Friday 20th March

Reports out.

Dear parents and carers,

This week, school staff were introduced to the work of Brené Brown, an American 'storyteller', whose TED talk is one of the most highly watched. You can find it here: [The Power of Vulnerability | Brené Brown | TED - YouTube](#). In it, she helps us recognise that, "Only when we are brave enough to explore the darkness will we discover the infinite power of our light." This has much to link to our work in education – and for us in our own lives. Every day, we work with your children to help them overcome what can be a struggle, to understand and go beyond the challenges in their learning. Every day, we aim for the children we teach to shine out.

We try to celebrate on a Friday afternoon the different ways children do shine. If your child has a particular skill they practise or an award that they have achieved *outside* of school, please share it with us. Perhaps they learn a music instrument or reached a certain level in gymnastics? We enjoy hearing what your children get up to! It also helps your child build their pride and skills in speaking in front of their peers.

We value the ways you support your child to speak in sentences. We know how difficult it can be for children to talk about their day in school, but perhaps one question around the dinner table might be, 'What made you laugh today'? I wonder what responses you might get.

Have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

THE VALUE THIS MONTH IS

RESPECT



The children were reminded
this week of the school's
foundation quote from the
Bible (Philippians 4:8-9):

Brothers and sisters, continue
to think about the things that
are good and worthy of
praise. Think about the things
that are true and honourable
and right and pure and
beautiful and **respected**. And
do what you learned and
received from me. Do what I
told you and what you saw
me do. And the God who
gives peace will be with you.

Attendance Update: Thinking of Booking a Holiday?

We know this is the time of year when many families start planning trips - just a quick reminder: **please make sure any holidays are booked within the school holidays**. Government guidance is clear that term-time holidays can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances, and these need to be agreed with the school in advance by writing to the headteacher four weeks before the intended absence. Unauthorised absences can lead to fines, and more importantly, missing school can really impact your child's learning and confidence. Before you confirm any bookings, please check our school term dates on the [website](#); it's the easiest way to avoid stress later. If you think your situation might be exceptional, get in touch with us early so we can talk it through. For further information please see our [school attendance policy](#) and this [parent guide](#) to attendance.

Dates for your diaries continued:

Wednesday 25th March

Parent consultations

Friday 27th March

End of term service, St Mary's Church, 1.30pm



What birds can you see?
Sign up for the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch for next weekend: [Big Garden Birdwatch](#)

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Scan this QR code for a one-stop shop for any information regarding SEND.



DON'T FORGET:

Before-School Club

8am-8.45am (daily) £3 a session

After-School Club:

3.15-5pm (Mon-Thu), 3.15-4.30 (Fri)

£7 a session

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL and a week in advance please.

School Uniform

Please can you ensure that uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name.

OUR VISION

Pembridge is a school where our creative teaching and learning is of the highest quality and where we encourage everyone to be inspired through faith in God and to live by Christian values so that our whole community flourishes and we reflect all that is 'worthy of praise'.

We encourage you to share our learning at home.

	This week we have been learning about...	...and what to look forward to.
Nursery	If you visited Nursery this week you would have been greeted by superheroes looking for the evil pea from our focus text 'Supertato'. The children have thought about what their superpower would be. It was wonderful to hear the words of kindness and happiness being shared. The children are such a joy to work with and have been fantastic listening and engaging with their learning. We have thought about rhyming words in phonics and the children have been sounding out CVC words such as cat and hat, dog and log, pen and ten.	Next week, we shall be thinking about repeated patterns and learning the rhyme 'Clap, clap one, two, three'. If you see any repeated patterns in your homes or whilst out please show us on Seesaw. Thank you for your engagement at home it really helps children with their development.
Class 1 (Reception and Year 1)	This week, Class 1 have been continuing with the book, 'The Way Home'. We've been writing speech bubbles and thinking about what questions the characters might ask.	Next week, in science, we will be learning about the 4 seasons and the weather in Winter. Soon, we will be doing the RSPB's, Big School Birdwatch. Perhaps you could quietly start to look around your garden and see what birds are sharing it with you!
Class 2 (Year 2 and Year 3)	We have been continuing to learn about the interesting lives of the Maya by finding out about their religious beliefs. We also had a go at building Maya pyramids and temples! 	Our sessions with Longtown have started so we will be continuing with these on a Wednesday afternoon so please remember outdoor clothes! In Maths, year 2 will be moving onto multiplication and division so please dedicate any spare time to recalling the 2, 5, 10 times tables! Year 3 will be continuing with their multiplication and division unit so please keep practising 3, 4 and 8 times tables! 
Class 3 (Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6)		Well done to the Year 4 football team, who were undefeated yesterday despite the downpour! Everyone will be completing our theme on electricity and preparing for further writing, for example, a letter from Macbeth to Lady Macbeth. Please don't forget forest school clothes for Monday.

PLEASE REMEMBER

- ALL CLOTHING must be labelled with your child's name – it makes such a difference!
- For safety's sake, jewellery (necklaces, bracelets etc) should not be worn to school. Stud earrings must be removed by the child for PE or not worn on days when it is PE.
- Class teachers may not regularly look at their emails during the day. To pass on urgent information, please email the school office where it can be passed on more efficiently
- Please let Mrs Targett know if your child is NOT attending their usual club so that we are fully aware.
- Don't forget your child needs a coat for damp weather or a sunhat for when the sun shines!
- Grapes and cherry tomatoes need to be cut in half lengthways, to avoid choking hazards.
- No popcorn for young children for similar reasons
- We are a NO NUT school – please check ingredients in packed lunches.

CONGRATULATIONS

We enjoy hearing about achievements awarded outside school – do share them with us.
We will include names here of children here who have been awarded certificates in their classes.

Gold certificates: Harry – for joining in with PE. Thea – for sharing her knowledge in writing sessions. Aubrey – for excellent focus when forming letters. Ada – for excellent teamwork in our outdoor sessions. Hannah – for great work in science and maths. Olivia – for such careful and thoughtful work. Arabella – for her contribution in the football tournament this week
Learning Ambassador: Seth
Courtesy Cup: Eva