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To the Light: News from Pembridge CE Primary School

Friday 25th September 2026

Dates for your diaries:

For all clubs, please book in with the office.

Mondays
Gymnastics collect 4.20pm.
Bring PE kit

Tuesdays
Spotlight Club collect 4.30pm

Thursdays
Hockey Club collect 4.20pm
Bring PE kit

Fridays
Piano/Keyboard Lessons

2nd October
Individual School Photos

13th October
Year R Vision Screening

19th October
Flu Vaccination Day

22nd October
Harvest Service

Home – School Agreement

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have taken the time to respond to our Home-School Agreement form, which was emailed out earlier this week.

We really appreciate your support and engagement. If you have not yet completed the form, please could you do so at your earliest convenience.

Dear Parents and Carers

This week, we have started an important conversation about reviewing the rules we want to have in our school. On Monday, I set the children the task of thinking carefully about the rules they feel are important to us as a school community. Rather than simply thinking about what we should or should not do, I asked them to consider rules that describe how we want to be and how we want our school to be. We want our rules to reflect the kind of school we are proud to belong to and to help everyone feel happy, safe, respected and ready to learn. The children have already shared some thoughtful ideas, and their voices will play an important part in shaping the rules and expectations that we agree together. I look forward to seeing what they come up with!

Katie Froggatt

Individual Photos – Friday 2nd October

We are pleased to let you know that our individual school and nursery photographs will take place on Friday 2nd October.

We ask that all children come to school wearing their full school uniform on this day.

Sibling photographs will also be available from 8:30am for families who would like their children to have a photograph together. If you would like a sibling photograph, please bring your children to school from 8:30am to have this taken before the school day begins.

The Value this month is: Unity

Class Attendance

This week's class attendance has been positive!

Class 1 - 98.7%

Class 2 - 98.4%.

Class 3 – 95.5%

Well done to everyone for making the effort to be in class and keeping attendance high!

Our friendly goal for next week: let's see if we can keep those numbers high and aim for **97%+ attendance across every class**.

Every day counts, so let's keep up the great work!

Illnesses – Should I Keep my Child off School?

It can be difficult to know whether your child is well enough to come to school. The NHS has useful guidance to help parents and carers make the right decision. As a general rule, children with a minor cough, cold, runny nose or sore throat can usually attend school if they are otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.

Children should stay at home if they have a high temperature, and they should remain off school until it has gone. If your child has vomiting or diarrhoea, they should stay at home until they have been free from these symptoms for 48 hours. Some infections have specific exclusion periods. For example, children with chickenpox should stay off until all the spots have crusted over, while children with scarlet fever can return 24 hours after starting antibiotics. If in doubt, please visit: Is my child too ill for school? - NHS or call the school office.

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.

Please Remember:

- Please ensure all items of school uniform are named.
- 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.
- 8 hour suncream should be applied before children come to school on sunny days.
- 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 quarters 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:
Nursery- Erin
Class 1 – Emma
Class 2 – Bertie & Elliarna
Class 3 – George

We encourage you to share our learning at home.

	This week we have been learning about...	...and what to look forward to.
Nursery	A super week of learning has been achieved. The children have been busy creating 'The Gingerbread Man' story maps and chanting the phrase 'run, run as fast as you can'. We have been exploring the concept 'more than' with lots of different objects. Often, I shall post on Seesaw some of the brilliant learning which happens at Nursery, so please take a look and feel free to respond.	Next week, we will begin to explore shapes and use 3D shapes to build some tall towers. The rhyme of the week will be 'Build it up.' If you have any junk model items (boxes, kitchen roll tubes etc) to bring in for us to make some creations, we would be grateful.
Class 1 (Reception and Year 1)	Year 1 have been busy in Maths exploring greater than, less than and equal to, using practical activities to compare numbers and quantities. Reception have been developing their understanding of patterns by identifying, continuing and creating their own repeating patterns. In Geography/KUW, we have continued learning about Autumn, with a special focus on hedgehogs. We explored what hedgehogs look like, where they live and how we can help and care for them as the seasons change.	Next week, we will be planning and creating our own versions of The Gingerbread Man, using our imaginations to develop new characters, settings and adventures.

If Key Stage 1 children have lace up trainers for their PE they must be able to tie these themselves. If not, please can they have Velcro trainers.

Class 2 (Year 2 and Year 3)	At Forest School, we have been busy working towards our DT projects where we have been joining wood using a traditional pegging method. Have you seen any buildings in Pembridge that use this method? Did you know there used to be a castle in Pembridge? Ask the children where it was and why it was built. 	We will be completing our own designs of Medieval tiles before bringing them to life using clay! In English, we will be adding to some shared writing before planning out our own ideas ready for our independent pieces. Children now have My Maths logins that they can use at home to access games and tasks of their choosing. Times Table Rockstar logins will be sent home next week.
Class 3 (Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6)	In art this week, we have been trying to use contour lines to convey the form of an object. 	Next week we will be exploring what happens when we add watercolour paint to wax. How can this technique be used to make an object look realistic? In maths, the Year 4s will be rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000. The Year 5 & 6 group will be working with negative numbers.