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*To the Light:* News from Pembridge CE Primary School

## Friday 2nd October 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**

**13th October**
**Year R Vision Screening**

**19th October**
**Flu Vaccination Day**

**22nd October**
**Harvest Service at 2pm**

**4th November**
**Parents Meetings starting 1.30pm**

### Flu Vaccinations

You should shortly receive a consent email for your child to receive their Flu Vaccination on the 19th October. This email will come directly from NHS/Vaccination UK.

Please ensure you complete this form by the date on the email.

Any questions, please contact Vaccination UK-Herefordshire directly.

**Dear Parents and Carers**

It was wonderful to see our children looking so smart for their school photographs this morning. They represented our school brilliantly and should be very proud of how well-presented they were for their special photos.

We are also excited to share that our brand-new school website will be launching over the next few days. The new site has been designed to be more user-friendly, making it easier for families to access key information, keep up to date with school news and celebrate the fantastic learning taking place across our school. Please keep an eye out for the launch and take some time to explore the new website once it goes live.

***Katie Froggatt***

### Arriving at School on Time

Good punctuality is an important part of the school day. Arriving on time allows children to settle into their classroom, take part in morning routines and begin learning alongside their classmates.

The school gate opens at 8.45am and is locked promptly at 9.00am. Please ensure children arrive in plenty of time to enter school before the gate closes.

We understand that occasional delays happen. If your child arrives after 9.00am, a parent or carer must bring them to the school office, sign them in and provide a reason for their lateness. Children arriving late should not enter school unaccompanied.

### The Value this month is: Stewardship

### Class Attendance

What a fantastic week for attendance! On Wednesday and Thursday, we achieved an incredible 100% attendance across the whole school. Thank you to all our children and families for your support.

👏 **Class 1: 99.42%**
👏 **Class 2: 99.38%**
👏 **Class 3: 98.81%**

### Healthy Snacks at School

Healthy snacks are an important part of the school day, helping children stay energised and ready to learn, play and grow. We encourage families to choose simple, nutritious snacks that will keep children going throughout the day.

Good choices include fresh fruit, vegetables, yoghurt, cheese, oatcakes, rice cakes and wholegrain snacks. Where possible, please choose snacks that are lower in added sugar and avoid sending sweets, chocolate, crisps, biscuits, sugary snacks or sugary drinks.

Nut-Free School - A reminder that we are a nut-free school. Please do not send nuts or products containing nuts into school, including in snacks and packed lunches. This helps us to support a safe school environment for everyone.

## 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- Bella
Class 1 – Ethan & Caspar
Class 2 – Thea & Robyn
Class 3 – Emanuel & Holly

## We encourage you to share our learning at home.

| | This week we have been learning about... | ...and what to look forward to. |
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| **Nursery** | It's been a busy week building in Nursery. We have built towers, new houses and lots of super models using the construction resources. The children have begun to look at 2D shapes and name them along with counting their sides or corners to introduce early geometric concepts and pattern recognition. Can you see any shapes when out and about?<br> | Next week, we will be learning the rhyme 'Twinkle Twinkle Little star' and reading the story 'Littke bear's special wish' by Gillian Lobel. If you have any books or artifacts about stars, please can we borrow them.<br> |
| **Class 1** (Reception and Year 1) | To start this week, we explored our sense of smell during our outdoor learning session. Miss Adams foraged lots of herbs and collected spices for us to smell, crush and mix together to create scented 'potions'. Ots of children were able to describe what the smells reminded them of.<br> | Next week, we will continue with our Gingerbread man story. We will start to plan our own innovated version, changing parts of the story to make it our own! |

**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.**

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| **Class 2** (Year 2 and Year 3) | While thinking about light sources and whether light is natural or artificial, we made sunglasses to see which material would protect our eyes against light in the most effective way!<br> | Next week: We will be continuing to innovate our own stories using our class story map. In PE, we will be developing our movement in gymnastics and exploring different ways to travel across the space. We have moved onto our 'addition and subtraction' unit in Maths and have been looking at fact families. If 4 + 6 = 10 then we know that 6 + 4 = 10, 10 - 6 = 4 and 10 - 4 = 6. Keep practising these fluency facts - especially number bonds within 20. |
| **Class 3** (Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6) | This week, we have continued with the reading of "The Butterfly Lion" and "Holes". Year 4 have been enjoying reading about Africa's wildlife and years 5 & 6 are becoming immersed in the intriguing life of Stanley Yelnats as the story of "Holes" unfolds. In Maths, Yr 4 have been working on finding the perimeter of rectangles & rectilnear shapes. Yr 5 & 6 have been working on finding the area of compound shapes and estimating areas. We have planned & carried out an investigation in science into the effect caused by varying the size of a parachute as part of our studies on air resistance. | Next week: In maths, Yr 4 will be finding the missing lengths in rectilinear shapes and Yr 5 & 6 will be finding out how to calculate the area of a triangle. In science, we will be considering our results from the investigation and starting to look at water resistance. |