

# The Padnell Press – Feb 1



## Swimming Pool at Padnell

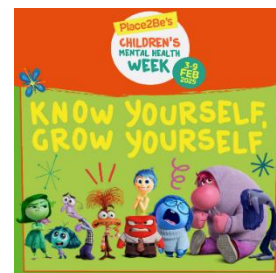
In a change to previous years, we are delighted to announce that our swimming curriculum for Year 4 will be provided by a pop-up swimming programme SWIM:ED. Swimming lessons will take place at the pop-up swimming pool which will be situated on our lower school playground.

The programme aims to give your child the skills and knowledge to perform safe self-rescue and acquire the lifelong skill that is swimming. Pupils will be taught by qualified swimming instructors supported by our staff, and lessons will be supervised by qualified lifeguards. The programme provides a perfect opportunity for your child to learn swimming and self-rescue skills in a controlled safe environment. As previously sent home, SWIM:ED will also be running an after school swimming club for all year groups. Places are limited and on a first come, first serve basis. Letters will be sent home to those children who have secured a place.



## Children's Mental Health Week

It's Children's Mental Health Week 2025, and our school is embracing the empowering theme "Know Yourself, Grow Yourself." This special week invites everyone to reflect on their thoughts, emotions, and strengths while fostering personal growth. Throughout the week, classes will dive into this theme, building on the inspiring activities from last year's 'Hello Yellow' Mental Health Day. Our goal is to promote self-awareness and nurture mental well-being, creating a supportive environment where every student feels empowered to thrive with confidence.



## Year 5 and 6 Hall Athletics

A huge congratulations to our Year 6 athletics team, who put in a fantastic performance at the recent indoor athletics competition! Competing against 12 other schools, our talented athletes showed determination, teamwork, and skill across a range of challenging events, including sprinting, throwing, speed bounce, and jumping.

Their hard work and dedication paid off, as they secured an impressive 3rd place overall, earning bronze medals for their efforts. Every member of the team gave their all, demonstrating great sportsmanship and resilience throughout the event.

We are incredibly proud of their achievement - well done to all who took part! 🎉👏



## Year 5 and 6 Golf Festival

Padnell Junior School's Year 6 students excelled at a fun golf event held at HTC, where they participated in various activities that tested their skills and teamwork. The students supported each other brilliantly, offering encouragement and celebrating each other's successes. Their teamwork and positive attitude were key to their victory, as they scored the most points out of any school. Their fantastic representation of the school, combined with their dedication and sportsmanship, made Padnell Junior School proud.



We would love to hear about and celebrate the amazing things you get up to out of school. Please let Mrs Luker know about these so we can share and celebrate them.

## STARS VALUES

<b>S</b>	Y6 Athletics Team
<b>T</b>	Y6 Golf Team
<b>A</b>	Teddie Clark
<b>R</b>	Connie Speight
<b>S</b>	Hendrix Prowse

### TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

#### Most Improved Scores

1 <sup>st</sup>	Emma Johnson	5.42
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jaxon Head	3.08
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Calvin Trotman	1.77

### ATTENDANCE

1 <sup>st</sup>	Carina	98.7%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Columba/Cygnus	98% 1 late
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Leo/Aquila	98% 2 lates

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Reggie Craig** (Y3) for achieving his orange belt at karate.

**Immy Pearson** (Y6) for achieving a merit in her grade 2 ballet exam.

**Florence Thompson** (Y6) for achieving a merit in her grade 2 ballet exam.

**Molly Norman** (Y6) for achieving her orange level in gymnastics and level 8 in swimming.

**Willow Beale** (Y4) for achieving grade 6 in swimming.

**Joshua Dinenage** (Y4) for receiving golfer of the week.



### GROWTH MINDSET

Darcie Skyrme



Dates for your diary ...

#### **February**

11<sup>th</sup> Internet Safety Day

13<sup>th</sup> Y5 Ancient Greek Day

24<sup>th</sup> Y4 Swimming begins - Aquila and Columba Classes

25<sup>th</sup> Y5 Ancient Egyptian Workshops

#### **March**

4<sup>th</sup> Y3/4 Dodgeball (selected children)

6<sup>th</sup> World Book Day

6<sup>th</sup> Author Visit - Matt Beighton

10<sup>th</sup> Science Week

10<sup>th</sup> Whole School Test Week

13<sup>th</sup> Girls Indoor Football (selected children)

17<sup>th</sup> PTFA Wear PJs to School Day - cake donations

17<sup>th</sup> PTFA Cake and Bake Sale

19<sup>th</sup> Y4 Parent's Evening - 3:30m-7pm

20<sup>th</sup> Y4 Parents' Evening - 3:30pm - 5:30pm

20<sup>th</sup> Y6 Boys' Football Final



### INSET Days 2024-25

Friday 14/02/25

Monday 07/07/25

Tuesday 08/07/25