



Friday 4th September 2026

PITMASTON POST

Welcome BACK TO SCHOOL

It is lovely to see all of the children back in school looking so smart. A huge well done to all the new pupils who have settled so well this week in Pre-School, Reception and across school. Let's hope the weather improves next week for us all. Please can we remind parents to name all uniform as we already have lost property that has been handed in with no names on it.

Meet the teacher sessions.

We are holding 'Meet the Teacher' sessions on Wednesday 9th September in School for Reception - Year 5. There are sessions at 5:30pm and repeated at 6:00pm. You will only need to attend one session. Please come through the main School Office. Many thanks.

As pupils in Year 6 will be working more frequently with all of the Year 6 teachers, we would like to invite parents and carers to meet the team. Do come along at 5pm on **Tuesday 15th September** to find out about the year ahead and to answer any questions you may have. This will also provide an opportunity to learn more about our residential visit - whether you've signed up already or are still thinking about it.

Parents evening will be held in school on Wednesday 4th November 4-7pm and Thursday 5th November 4-7pm. Information about booking appointments will follow later this half term.



CHRISTMAS PLANS



Pre-School and Reception Nativity (in school)

Tuesday 8th December at 9.15am

Thursday 10th December at 2pm

Year 1 and 2 Nativity performance (in school)

Friday 11th December at 9.30am

Monday 14th December at 1.45pm

KS2 Carol Service in Worcester Cathedral

Tuesday 15th December at 7.30pm

Whole School Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 16th December

Last day of the Autumn term is Friday 18th December.
The children return to school after the Christmas break on
Tuesday 5th January



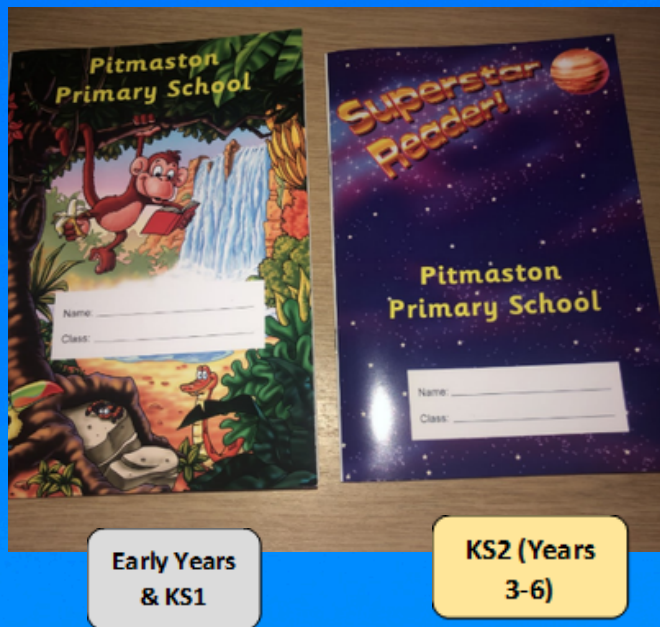
Premises Update

Lots of work has gone on around school over the summer holidays but the highlights for the children are the new timer trail on the KS1 playground, improvements in the KS2 playground calm area and new benches. A huge thank you to the PTA for contributing £10,000 towards the cost of the new timber trail - the children are loving it!



Pitmaston Reading Diaries for 2026 – 27

This week, children will have brought home their new reading diary. It is important to help your child record how many nights that they have been reading throughout the year as we endeavour to promote a love of reading and the children's regular entries are recognised through a class sticker chart where they will receive certificates at the following milestones each term; 30 & 60 nights of reading. Our very own Reading Ambassadors designed the certificates.



Each term, children who have achieved 60 nights of reading towards the end of each term, will be invited to wear home clothes to school and receive 'golden time' (extra play time) as a special reward – dates to be confirmed. If they manage to achieve 180 nights of reading by the end of the year, they will be invited to an additional special reward with Mrs Wilcock to celebrate their hard work and commitment to reading. We have set the 'cut-off' dates ahead of time, so that you know when children must have read 60 nights by to achieve their certificate and end of term reward and when we will restart counting the nights for the term ahead:

	Beginning Date	Cut-off Date
Term 1	Wednesday 2nd September 2026	Friday 11th December 2026
Term 2	Monday 14th December 2026	Friday 19th March 2027
Term 3	Monday 22nd March 2027	Friday 9th July 2027



There will also be various other awards throughout the year to achieve; motivating children to read and parents to share books. One entry each day is encouraged with the children and this can be a book your child has read or a book that has been shared together. EYFS & KS1 children, particularly, rely on the support of their grown-ups to ensure the diaries are recorded in daily and brought into school. Please help with this; all children enjoy receiving their stickers, certificates and rewards. In order to keep track of nights read, please support your child with writing the number of nights they are currently on in the 'Date' column like this:

Date	Book title and page number	Parent/Teacher/Pupil Comments
① 7/1/20		
② 11/1/20		
③ 14/1/20		

The class teacher or teaching assistant will check the diaries fortnightly. When your child has completed their first reading diary, they will be given another one to continue with recording how many nights they have reached. All staff are looking forward to hearing about all the fantastic books that will be read this year. Don't forget, books can be borrowed from our school library, book corners, St John's Library and The Hive.

Please aim to read with your child as much as you can (we recommend that children read at least 5 nights per week) and encourage them to explore a range of books. For lots of tips about how to effectively read with your child, visit the reading section on our school website. Happy reading! Miss Wakelam, Mrs Watson and Mrs Wilcock.

