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# PMS Newsletter



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Issue #5

## School update



### HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well. Over the past few weeks, we have been talking in school about how wonderfully different we all are and how important it is that we celebrate those differences. Our pupils have really embraced the message that everyone brings something unique to our school community and it has been lovely to see this reflected in their conversations and behaviour around school.

A quick reminder that planners remain an integral part of daily routines at PMS. Please continue to check and sign them each week; they are a key tool for organisation, communication and good learning habits. Alongside this, we encourage you to support your child with regular reading at home—either hearing them read or reading to them. Even a few minutes each day makes a tremendous difference to their confidence and progress.

We were absolutely delighted with the fantastic turnout for the KS2 virtual Parents' Evenings. It was wonderful to see so many of you engage in conversations about how your children are doing and the exciting next steps ahead of them.

Looking forward, we have the KS3 events coming up and we are excited to share the progress of our Year 7 and 8 pupils.

Year 7 also enjoyed a brilliant visit to Tamworth Castle, which really brought their learning to life. The pupils represented the school superbly—polite, curious and enthusiastic throughout. They should all be very proud of themselves.

A reminder that Thursday 13th February is an INSET day, meaning school will be closed to pupils. This is then followed by half term and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 23rd February.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mr Grocutt - Headteacher

### PUPIL SUCCESS

In her first competition of 2026, Emily placed 1st place in U12 champ, Fast & Slow at Alfreton. Also, Winner of Top of The Champs and qualifying to dance the World Freestyle Championships in June! Well done Emily this is amazing and we are all behind you.



Well done to Evie, Kirsten & Jacob (all year 7) who qualified to represent Stafford Schools in the cross-country county finals last weekend. All 3 ran fantastically with some great results and did PMS & Stafford proud. A huge well done to all of them.



We are so proud of Noah, who has been growing his hair for months so he can

donate it to the Little Princess Foundation—a charity that creates real-hair wigs for children and young people who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment or other conditions. Brilliant work Noah.



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### WHAT'S COMING UP

|                         |                      |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Year 8 France Trip      | 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb  |
| Parents Meeting         |                      |
| Year 6 SATs Evening     | 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb |
| Year 7 Progress Evening | 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb |
| Inset Day               | 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb |

### PARENT/CARER REMINDERS

#### The PMS Way

At Penkridge Middle School, The PMS Way is at the heart of everything we do. It captures who we are as a school community and the high standards we expect of ourselves every day. It guides our behavior, our learning and the way we support one another to be the very best we can be.

#### • The Way We Behave

We are kind and responsible. We make positive choices, look after our school environment and treat everyone with fairness and respect.

#### • The Way We Learn

We are curious, resilient and always ready to challenge ourselves. We work hard, stay focused and strive to improve—every lesson, every day.

#### • The Way We Are

We are proud of our school, our community and ourselves. We celebrate differences, support each other and show pride in being part of Penkridge Middle School.

[Parent Bulletin Link](#) – We're excited to share our brand-new *Parents' Bulletin*, packed with insights into what makes our school special. From our values and vision to the everyday moments that shape our pupils' experience, it's a great way to stay connected and informed about the PMS Way

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