

Firthmoor Primary School Newsletter

Date: Friday 7th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers.

Welcome back to the second half of our autumn term. This is always a busy time in school with lots of dates for your diaries as we prepare for Christmas. Thank you for your harvest festival donations and joining us for our assembly. The foodbank at Maidendale were really grateful for the donations.

A reminder that newsletters will be emailed to you once a fortnight, uploaded to the school website and put on Facebook in order to ensure that everyone can see it. Please can you keep an eye out for information on all school events.

Staffing Update

We would like to congratulate Miss Murray as she got married recently. She will now be known as Mrs Gibson.

Multi Academy Trust Update

Following our letter at the end of last half term, we are on track to be joining Northern Lights Learning Trust from the 1st January 2026. We will provide further updates in due course.

Children in Need – Non uniform day – Friday 14th November 2025

Children can come to school in non-uniform and make a donation to Children in Need through the link below:

Donate to BBC Children in Need 6

There will also be a special Pudsey menu on Friday 14th November – choose from:

Southern fried chicken wrap/Quorn dippers/Jacket potato with chips, baked beans or garden peas. Dessert will be Chocolate Cookie and ice cream (see poster on Facebook)

Parent Consultations – Week beginning: 24th November 2025

We will be sending out further information for parents next week about making an appointment to see your child's teacher about their progress. We will be offering the choice of a daytime or evening appointment. The evening appointments will take place on **Wednesday 26th November**.

Pupil Attendance

We need to safeguard all pupils in school so when a pupil is absent, and we have not heard from the pupil's family for 3 days then we will call out to the home to check that the pupil is fit and well. If we are not able to make contact, then we may refer this to the local authority safeguarding team. If you are on holiday, then please let the school know so that it does not become a safeguarding issue.

Applications for Reception Class – September 2026

Children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 are eligible to start school in Reception in September 2025. There is a link to a guide

for parents below. The closing date for applications is the **15th January 2026**. <u>Primary</u> School Admissions Guide

Sports Update <u>Autumn 2</u> – PE Kit Days

Here are the days that your child will be taking part in PE lessons in **Autumn 2**.

Y1CB - Monday and Tuesday

Y12HI – Monday and Tuesday

Y2TH – Monday and Tuesday

Y3NT - Monday and Friday

Y34SBRH – Tuesday and Thursday

Y4MT – Wednesday and Friday

Y5DM - Tuesday and Thursday

Y56AW - Tuesday and Wednesday

Y6LJ - Monday and Tuesday (swimming)

Please note that pupils in Miss Jamieson's class (Y6LJ) will be swimming on Tuesdays throughout the Autumn Term. A letter has been sent about further swimming day details.

PE Kit

Pupils should wear a plain red t-shirt, plain black shorts, leggings or tracksuit and trainers.

No jewellery to be worn on PE days.

Children in Year 2 to Year 6 can come to school dressed in their PE kits on their specified PE days.

Children in Reception and Year 1 will continue to change into their PE kits at school. Please bring kits in a school drawstring bag.

OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

We need your help. As you know we are developing our playtimes and would like to add in some new equipment boxes. We would like to introduce a dressing up zone. Do you have any unwanted items that children could dress up in e.g. children's costumes, hats, scarves, dressing up outfits. Please make sure that any donated items are in good, clean condition.

If you do have items that you can donate, please put them in a plastic bag and either bring them to the office or send them to school with your child. Miss True will have a box to collect donated items in.



As part of our OPAL project, we aim to be outside as much as we can for play time and dinner time. Therefore, please can you ensure your child comes to school in a waterproof coat everyday.



After School Choir

Miss True and Mrs Coad will be starting an After-school choir on Tuesdays. The club will start on Tuesday 11th November from 3:15pm to 4pm. The club will initially be delivered for the rest of the Autumn term and for the whole of the Spring Term.

Children who have successfully gained a place have been given a letter on Friday 7^{th} November.

Diary of Events:

(More information on these events in the next newsletter)

Event	Date and Time	Year Group	Parents/Carers Invited
Firthmoor's Got Talent	Thurs 27 th Nov 9:15am	Selected children from Y1-Y6 plus Miss Trainer's dance club	Yes for parents of performers
Christmas Crafts	Tues 2 nd Dec at 9.15am	Year 5 (Mrs Gibson) and Year 6 (Miss Jamieson)	Yes
Christmas Crafts	Tues 2nd Dec at 2pm	Year 5/6 (Mrs Walker) Year 3 (Miss Trainer)	Yes
Christmas Crafts	Thurs 4 th Dec at 9.15am	Year 3 /4 (Mrs Blagg and Mrs Howland) Year 4 (Miss True)	Yes
Christmas Crafts	Thurs 4 th Dec at 2pm	Year 1 (Miss Bujara) Year 1 /2 (Mrs Irwin) Year 2 (Miss Heslop)	Yes
Christmas Journey	Friday 5 th Dec	Year 2 Miss Hesop	No
Christmas Performance	Tuesday 9 th Dec at 9.30am and 2.15pm	Year 1 Miss Bujara Year 1 /2 Mrs Irwin Year 2 Miss Heslop Year 3 Miss Trainer	Yes
Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day	Thurs 11 th Dec	Whole School	No
Nursery and Reception	Thurs 11 th Dec at 9.30am	Nursery and Reception	Yes

Christmas Performance and Christmas Craft			
Christmas Pantomime Visit	Fri 12 th Dec PM	Year 1 – Year 6	No
Christmas Performance	Mon 15 th Dec at 9.30am and 2pm	Year 3 /4 Mrs Blagg and Mrs Howland Year 4 Miss True Year 5 Mrs Gibson Year 5/6 Mrs Walker Year 6 Miss Jamieson	Yes
Christmas Party	Tuesday 16 th Dec pm	Year 1 Miss Bujara Year 1 /2 Mrs Irwin Year 2 Miss Heslop	No
Christmas Carols at Age UK	Tuesday 16 th December 1:30pm	School Choir	No
Christmas Party	Wednesday 17 th Dec pm	Nursery and Rec Year 3 Miss Trainer Year 3 /4 Mrs Blagg and Mrs Howland Year 4 Miss True	No
Christmas Party	Thursday 18 th Dec pm	Year 5 Mrs Gibson Year 5 /6 Mrs Walker Year 6 Miss Jamieson	No
School Christingle	Friday 19 th Dec 2:15pm	Y1-Y6	No

Safeguarding Information for Parents

Please see below some links to useful websites with safeguarding information for parents.

Game Consoles - https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/games-consoles

Snapchat - https://swgfl.org.uk/assets/documents/snapchat-checklist.pdf

Apple Screen Time - https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT208982