



Firthmoor Primary School Newsletter

Date: Friday 19th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to inform you that from 1st January 2026 we will be part of 'Northern Lights Learning Trust'. We know that our school will continue to grow and build on its strengths as part of a multi academy trust.

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.



Thank you

2025 has been an exciting year for our school and we look forward to seeing what we can achieve in 2026. I would like to say a huge thank you to our pupils for their energy and enthusiasm and for making our school a fantastic place to be. I would like to thank our staff for their hard work, dedication and commitment to giving our children the very best education. I would also like to thank our parents and carers for their continued support with

school. I appreciate the time and energy you put into keeping up with the diary dates and attending events.

I would also like to say a very special thank you to our members and trustees who have invested their time and energy into the school over the years. Thank you for your support.

Special Thank You – to Santa's little helpers – you know who you are! Thank you for wrapping the Christmas presents for the children. We really appreciate your help.

Car Parking and Idling Engines

Please be considerate towards local residents when bringing your child to and from school. Where possible, park away from the school site and walk to avoid congestion. Please turn off your engines when waiting for pupils as an idling engine is harmful to our environment and reduces the air quality in the area. This particularly affects children and adults with respiratory conditions.

Childcare for Reception to Year 6

We are struggling to recruit a Childcare Co-ordinator and we will keep you updated on this in the New Year. We are hoping to provide after school childcare (from 3.30pm until 6pm) with a view to also providing an earlier childcare breakfast club

offer. If you are interested in school-based childcare then please could you contact the school office to notify them of your requirements so that they can make a note of your details and ensure that you get further updates.

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**. [Primary School Admissions Guide](#)

Sports Update

Spring 1 – PE Kit Days

Here are the days that your child will be taking part in PE lessons in **Spring 1**

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 (swimming)** and Wednesday

Y6LJ – Monday and **Thursday**

Please note that pupils in Mrs Walker's class (Y56AW) will be swimming on Tuesdays throughout the Spring 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)

Firstly, can I say a big thank you to anyone who has donated dressing up clothes to the school. We are hoping on setting up our new dressing up zones early in the Spring Term.



As you know we are continuing to develop our playtimes and are always looking at introducing new activity boxes. We are also trying to ensure our playtime boxes are kept safe and dry. Do you have any unwanted tarpaulins we could use to keep our boxes dry?

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 every day.

Safeguarding Information for Parents

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

Social Media - <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/social-media-guides>

Video Chat & Web Cams - <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/video-chat-and-webcams-parents/>

Distressing Online Content - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/inappropriate-explicit-content/distressing-content/>