



Firthmoor Primary School Newsletter

Date: Friday 5th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share our new website with you. We hope you will find it more user friendly and up to date: www.firthmoor.org.uk

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend parent appointments last week. If you were not able to attend then please contact the school office so that an appointment can be made with the class teacher. 'Firthmoor's got talent' was a huge success and the children all enjoyed taking part. A huge thank you to everyone involved.

Please can I remind you that children must have hats, scarves and gloves for going outside in the cold weather.

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.

Reminder: School closes on Friday 19th December for the Christmas holidays and re-opens on Monday 5th January.

Car Parking and Idling Engines

Please can you be considerate towards residents when bringing your child to and from school. Where possible, park away from the school site and walk to avoid congestion around school. 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.

Trust Update

We can confirm that Firthmoor Primary School will be part of Northern Lights Learning Trust from the 1st January 2026.

I would like to say a very special thank you to our members and trustees for volunteering their time to support the school over the years. Our Chair of Trustees, Chris Bracken and Vice Chair of Trustees, Valerie Johnston will be stepping down and we would like to thank them for their dedication to the school. Some of our trustees will be remaining with us as governors and we look to a new chapter for the school.

Childcare from January 2026 for Reception to Year 6

We are hoping to provide after school childcare from January 2026 (from 3.30pm until 6pm) with a view to also providing an earlier childcare breakfast club offer. We are in the process of recruiting a member of staff to this position. 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.

Pantomimes



We have sent letters out for the pantomime for both Reception and Nursery and the rest of school. The cost is subsidised by our fund-raising efforts and will be £6 per child. Please contact the school office if you require financial assistance.

Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day on Thursday

11th December

All children can come to school in a Christmas decorated jumper/t-shirt/shirt. They can be homemade and do not have to be shop bought. If you have Christmas jumpers that your children have outgrown that you would like to donate to school for other children to wear then please send them into school by Tuesday 9th December. If you would like a preloved Christmas jumper for your child then please let the school office know and we will see if we can help.



Toy Day and Sweet Shop on Friday 19th December

On our last day of school, we will have a sweet shop that children can visit to purchase sweets and drinks. The money raised from this will go towards subsidising our school visits. Children can bring a non-electronic toy to school to play with.



Please do not send anything precious or valuable as we cannot accept responsibility for lost/broken items.

Christmas Parties:

Year 1 Miss Bujara, Year 1 /2 Mrs Irwin, Year 2 Miss Heslop – Tuesday

16th December

Nursery and Rec, Year 3 Miss Trainer, Year 3 /4 Mrs Blagg and Mrs Howland Year 4 Miss True – Wednesday 17th December

Year 5 Mrs Gibson, Year 5 /6 Mrs Walker, Year 6 Miss

Jamieson – Thursday 18th December

Children can come to school wearing their Christmas party clothes. They will enjoy festive activities and hopefully a visit from Santa if they have been good this year! Please can you ensure that children come to school dressed appropriately (no strappy tops, hot pants, very short skirts). Children will need to wear sensible footwear that they can wear for playtimes and games.



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 2021 and 31 August 2022 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

Autumn 2 – 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.

Diary of Events:

(More information on these events in the next newsletter)

Event	Date and Time	Year Group	Parents/Carers Invited
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 Christmas Performance and Christmas Craft	Thurs 11 th Dec at 9.30am	Nursery and Reception	Yes
Christmas Pantomime Visit	Fri 12 th Dec PM	Year 1 – Year 6	No
EYFS Pantomime visit (Nursery and Reception)	Thurs 18 th Dec	Nursery and Reception	No
Christmas Performance	Mon 15 th Dec at 9.30am and 2pm	Year 3 /4 Mrs Blagg and Mrs Howland Year 4 Miss True	Yes

		Year 5 Mrs Gibson Year 5/6 Mrs Walker Year 6 Miss Jamieson	
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
Toy Day and Sweet Shop	Friday 19 th Dec	Year 1 – Year 6	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.

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/>