



## Firthmoor Primary School Newsletter

**Date: Friday 30th January 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers,

The weather continues to be cold and wet so please make sure children come to school in appropriate clothing.

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 20<sup>th</sup> February for February half term holidays and re-opens on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.**

### **Newby Wiske – Parent Meeting Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 4.15pm**



We will be having a meeting in the school hall for the parents of the pupils attending Newby Wiske in March. This will be an opportunity to find out a little more about the visit and we will also be able to give information on what to pack etc. Please confirm your attendance with the school office.



### **E-Safety Assembly – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February – 2.15pm (Y1 – Y6)**

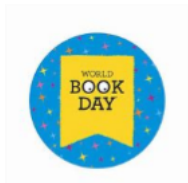
Parents are invited into school to find out about the e-safety work that has been happening this half term. Please contact the school office to reserve a seat.



### **Valentines Disco (Rec – Y6) – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February, there will be a Valentines Disco for the children to attend. Mrs Smith (Rec), Mrs Coad (Rec), Miss Bujara (Year 1), Miss Heslop (Year 2) and Mrs Irwin (Year 1/2) pupils will attend from 3.30pm – 4.45pm. Reception pupils to come to school in disco clothes as they will be having a friendship themed day.

Miss Trainer (Year 3), Mrs Blagg/Mrs Howland (Year 3/4), Miss True (Year 4), Miss Jamieson (Year 6), Mrs Walker (Year 5/6) and Mrs Murray (Year 5) pupils will attend from 5.00pm until 6.15pm. Tickets will be £2 and will include a cake and a drink. This needs to be paid online via ParentPay. Children can bring money to buy sweets from our sweet shop (please put this in an envelope with their name on). The funds raised from this event will go towards subsidising our planned end of year beach trip.



### **World Book Day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March (first week back after half term)**

We will be celebrating World Book Day across school and we are inviting children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character or in their pyjamas ready for a cosy story time in class.

### **Birthday Celebrations**



A reminder that parents can make a payment of £2 via Parent Pay if they wish to have their photo taken with 2 friends next to the birthday flag. They will need to let the school office know in advance so that we can arrange to have the flag raised. Children can bring sweets in for their class if they wish to on their birthday. These must be in sealed packets that can be sent home with the child (e.g. mini rolls, haribos, fun size chocolates).

### **Car Parking and Idling Engines – Thank You for Supporting Our School Community**

Our pupil parliament children have been discussing this issue in school and asked if I could remind parents about parking away from school and walking whenever possible. The children are really concerned about the traffic and pollution around the school site at drop off and collection times. They are planning to deliver an assembly on this and to create posters to remind adults.

### **Childcare for Reception to Year 6**

We are delighted to inform you that we have appointed a Childcare Co-ordinator. We will get our childcare up and running as soon as all our preparation is completed. After school childcare will run from 3.15pm until 6pm with a view to also providing an earlier childcare breakfast club offer if we have sufficient need. 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**

As we are now part of Northern Lights Learning Trust, we will be working towards following their guidance for attendance. We will update you in due course on how these changes will affect you.



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### Spring 1 – PE Kit Days

**Y1CB** – Monday and Tuesday

**Y2TH** – Monday and Tuesday

**Y34SBRH** – Tuesday and Thursday

**Y5DM** – Tuesday and Thursday

**Y6LJ** – Monday and Thursday

**PE Kit**

No jewellery to be worn on 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.

Our Spring Clubs are now up and running. This term our Clubs are:

Monday – Year 6 Maths club with Miss Jamieson

Wednesday – Singing club with Miss True and Mrs Coad

Thursday - Dance Club with Miss Trainer

Friday – Y6 Games Club with Sporting Futures

If your child is unable to attend their club, please could you let the office know so the coach/ teacher is aware.



## **OPAL** (Outdoor Play and Learning)

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.

### **Diary of Events:**

(More information on these events in the next newsletter)

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Parents/Carers Invited</b>
Newby Wiske – Parent Meeting	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February at 4.15pm	Year 3 and Year 4	Yes
Valentines Disco	Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Rec – Y6	No
E-Safety Assembly	Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y1 – Y6	Yes
Nursery Valentines Party	Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Nursery	No
World Book Day	Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School	No

### **Safeguarding Information for Parents**

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

Smart TV's - <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/smart-tvs>

Live Streaming - <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/livestreaming-parents/>