



Firthmoor Primary School Newsletter

Date: Friday 13th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's the final newsletter of this half term. It has been a busy 6 weeks in school and we look forward to our disco and e-safety assembly to conclude our final week. 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 20th February for February half term holidays and re-opens on Monday 2nd March.



E-Safety Assembly – Thursday 19th 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 19th February 2026

On Thursday 19th 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 5th 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).

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.

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.



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 Friday

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.

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

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

Clubs

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

Monday – Y3 Games Club with Sporting Futures

Monday – Year 6 Maths club with Miss Jamieson

Wednesday – Mrs Walker's maths club

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)

Event	Date and Time	Year Group	Parents/Carers Invited
Valentines Disco	Thurs 19 th Feb	Rec – Y6	No
E-Safety Assembly	Thurs 19 th Feb	Y1 – Y6	Yes
Nursery Valentines Party	Thurs 19 th Feb	Nursery	No
World Book Day	Thurs 5 th March	Whole School	No

Safeguarding Information for Parents

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

<https://www.darlington-safeguarding-partnership.co.uk/safeguarding-advice-and-guidance/parents-and-carers-advice-and-guidance/online-safety-internet-safety/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/smart-speakers>