



Firthmoor Primary School Newsletter

Date: Thursday 2nd April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy term with lots going on in school. Thank you for your ongoing support with our school events. Easter crafts was enjoyed by everyone and I have loved seeing the imaginative easter egg designs on display. I would like to wish you all a very happy Easter and I look forward to another successful summer term. 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 Thursday 2nd April for the Easter holidays and re-opens on Tuesday 21st April.



Breakfast Club – After the Easter Holidays - New start time – 8.15am - gates will close at 8.25am

Please be aware that we are extending breakfast club so that it is 30 minutes long. This is because we are accessing some new funding from the Department for Education and it is a requirement. This will mean that our gates will close at 8.25am for breakfast club from Tuesday 21st April.



London Visit Meeting for Parents – Thursday 30th April at 4.15pm

We will be holding a meeting in school for parents of pupils attending the London trip. This will be an opportunity to find out more information about the visit and find out about what to pack.

Childcare for Reception to Year 6

Our childcare will begin from week beginning **Monday 11th May**. 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. **Bookings will open after the Easter break on Arbor.**

Arbor

This week we have gone live with our new payment and communication platform Arbor. Currently we have 62% of parents signed up but we would like 100%!! Please take 5 minutes to log on and register – this is a “one stop shop” for all information coming from school. If you need any help please contact the admin team.



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

Summer 1 – PE Kit Days

Here are the days that your child will be taking part in PE lessons in Summer 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 (swimming)** and Thursday

Y56AW – Wednesday

Y6LJ – Monday and Thursday

Please note that pupils in Mrs Gibson's class will be swimming on Tuesdays throughout the Summer 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.



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.

After School Clubs

Maths Clubs with Miss Jamieson will continue for Year 6 pupils –

Wednesday 22nd April

Thursday 23rd April

Monday 27th April

Thursday 30th April

Tuesday 5th May

Thursday 7th May

Monday 11th May

Choir After School Club with Mrs Coad and Miss True

Wednesday - 29th April/ 6th May/ 13th May/ 20th May

Wednesday 3rd June/ 10th June/ 17th June/ 24th June/ 1st July.

We will be looking to do a performance in first/ 2nd week of July for school/ parents. More information will follow nearer the time.

Safeguarding Information for Parents

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

County Lines - <https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/gangs-county-lines>

Premium Rated Content In Apps - <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/premium-rate-content-parents/>