



Firthmoor Primary School Newsletter

Date: Friday 1st May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to our summer term. We have a busy term ahead with lots of events.

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 is closed on Monday 4th May for Bank holiday –
re-opening on Tuesday 5th May.**

**School closes on Thursday 21st May for May half term holidays –
re-opening on Monday 1st June 2026**



SATS Week – Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May

There will be an additional breakfast club on offer to all Year 6 pupils to support their preparation for their SAT tests. This will take place on the 4 days of the test (Mon – Thurs). There will be additional breakfast items on offer for this additional club. It would benefit all Year 6 pupils to come along so that they can get settled into school before the tests begin. If your child is not attending the club then please ensure that they are in school on time. Please ensure all children get plenty of sleep during SATS week so that they come into school feeling energised and ready to go.



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.



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.

School Uniform

It is our expectation that all pupils conform to wearing our school uniform. This includes suitable black trousers, a pale blue polo shirt, a red jumper (this can be with or without a school logo) and suitable black school shoes. Summer dresses are allowed in the warmer months, or with tights in the colder months. If you require any support sourcing our uniform, please enquire any support with Rosie O'Meara, our Inclusion Support Advisor who will be happy to assist. School can of course look at making reasonable adjustments giving consideration to a child's needs, for a discussion around this, please also contact Rosie O'Meara or your child's class teacher.



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 choir 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.

Fake News - https://cdn.literacytrust.org.uk/media/documents/Parent_top_tips_-_fake_news_no_crop.pdf

<https://fullfact.org/toolkit/>

Mental Health - [Darlington BC - Worried about someone](#)

Diary of Events:

Event	Date and Time	Year Group	Parents/Carers Invited
London Residential Visit	Tuesday 19 th May – Thurs 21 st May 2026	Y5 and Y6	No