



**Firthmoor Primary School Newsletter**  
**Date: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all enjoyed the sunny weather during our half term break and that you are returning feeling refreshed and ready for our final summer half term. There is a lot going on in school so please keep a close eye on the dates for your diary at the bottom of the page.

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.

### **Fidget Toys**

We kindly ask for your support in helping us maintain a calm and focused learning environment for all pupils. We have noticed an increasing number of children bringing in toys and fidget items from home. Unfortunately, these can often become a distraction in class, get lost or damaged, and can sometimes lead to unnecessary upset.

Please be assured that where children need access to fidget tools or additional equipment to support their learning, this will be carefully planned and provided through their individual support plans, in consultation with the class teacher and SENCo.

To help us manage this effectively, we ask that toys or fidget items are only brought into school if this has been agreed in advance with your child's class teacher or the SENCo.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

### **Parent Questionnaires**

We have sent out a link to our parent questionnaire this week and we look forward to hearing your responses. If you would like to be included into the prize draw to win a £25 shopping voucher then please include your name and email address. Questionnaires need to be completed by 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

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



Our after-school childcare is now up and running and we are delighted that it continues to be a great success. 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 (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).

If you would like to register your child for after school childcare then please book the sessions via the clubs/wraparound care section – any queries contact the admin team.



### **Beach Visit to South Shields**

**Nursery with a parent/carer – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

**Reception, Year 1, Year 1/2 and Year 2 – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

**Year 3, Year 3/4, Year 4, Year 5, Year 5/6, Year 6 – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

We are delighted to announce that we have organised a visit for all our pupils to the beach at South Shields. Letters went out on arbor this week.



### **Summer Fair – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 4pm – 5.30pm**

We are planning a school fair for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July to take place after school from 4pm until 5.30pm. We will be preparing for this over the coming weeks, and we would welcome any help from parents and carers. Please let the school office know if you are able to help.

We will also be holding some non-uniform days (a reminder that children need to be appropriately dressed – no hot pants or strappy tops) where the children can bring an item for the fair in return for wearing their own clothes for school. Funds raised from this will go towards subsidising school visits and events for our children.

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June** – Bring a Bottle (this will be for our bottle tombola stall and donations of alcohol or soft drinks can be made for this)

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June** – Bring a Thing (this will be for our tombola stall and we welcome donations of unwanted gifts, smellies, chocolates etc)

We would welcome any other donations that you may have.

We will also be looking to collect raffle prizes. If you have contacts with local businesses or organisations, then please see if they would be willing to donate any prizes for our raffle.



### **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.





## **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**

**Coding-Microbit Club** with Mrs Gibson & Mrs Banner on Thursdays starting 11<sup>th</sup> June.

**Explorers Club** with Miss Lee on Mondays

**Choir After School Club** with Mrs Coad and Miss True  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June/ 10<sup>th</sup> June/ 17<sup>th</sup> June/ 24<sup>th</sup> June/ 1<sup>st</sup> July.

We will be looking to do a choir performance in first/ 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/13-great-apps-to-keep-your-kids-amused-in-the-school-holidays/>

Staying safe online over Summer - <https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/staying-safe-online-in-the-summer-holidays-advice-for-parents-and-carers>

### **Diary of Events:**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Parents/Carers Invited</b>
Year 6 Leavers Concert Durham Cathedral	10 <sup>th</sup> June Pick up 12 noon return approximately 4.15pm	Year 6	No

Quadkids event Eastborne Sports Complex	15 <sup>th</sup> June pick up 12.15pm return 2.45pm	Miss Heslop's class	No
Eastbourne Sports Complex	19 <sup>th</sup> June pick up 9.15am return 11.45am	Miss Jamieson's class	No
Eastbourne Spors Complex	19 <sup>th</sup> June pick up 12.15pm return 2.45pm	Mrs Gibson's class	No
School Fair	2 <sup>nd</sup> July 4pm		Yes
Sports Day – Years 1,2 and 3	6 <sup>th</sup> July 2pm	Classes: Miss Bujara Mrs Irwin Mrs Heslop Miss Trainer	Yes
Sports Day – Reception	7 <sup>th</sup> July 2pm	Reception	Yes
Lightwater Valley	9 <sup>th</sup> July pick up 9am coach leaves at 3pm estimated to be back for 4.15pm	Year 6 children	no
Grinton Moor	9 <sup>th</sup> July pick children to be in school for 8.30am coach leaves 2.45 estimated to be back for 3.45	Year 3 and 4 children	No
Nursery Sports Day	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 11am	Nursery	Yes
KS2 Sports Day	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2pm	Classes: Mrs Blagg and Mrs Howland Miss True Mrs Gibson Mrs Walker	Yes
South Shields beach trip	13 <sup>th</sup> July pick up 9am return in time for end of school day	Nursery	No
South Shields beach trip	14 <sup>th</sup> July as above	Reception, Years 1 and 2	No
South Shields beach trip	15 <sup>th</sup> July as above	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	No

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	16 <sup>th</sup> July 2.15pm	Year 6	Yes (details to follow)
School closes for the summer	17 <sup>th</sup> July 3.15pm	All years	No