



Firthmoor Primary School Newsletter
Date: Friday 3rd July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who has supported our school fair. We were delighted with all the contributions and it was lovely to see so many of you there. We will update you with the amount of money we have raised once the final counts have been completed. Due to the wind, we were unable to have our inflatables (including bouncy castle) at our fair yesterday. We have organised for all pupils to have a turn on the inflatables on Thursday 16th July to make up for this. This will be part of our celebration of Northern Lights Learning Trust 10th Birthday! We will also be selling sweets during the afternoon.

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.

A reminder that school closes for the summer holidays on Friday 17th July 2026.

A polite reminder for parents and carers:

Our administration apprentices have completed their course and moved onto permanent roles – we wish them every success for the future!

As our office team is now made up of just two staff members, we kindly ask that any messages regarding early collections, appointments, or changes to pick-up arrangements are phoned through **before 3.00pm** wherever possible.

Messages received just as the children are leaving school cannot always be guaranteed to reach them in time. Please be assured that we will always do our very best to pass on any information, and we appreciate your support and understanding in helping us keep all children safe and informed.



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.

2 year olds in Nursery

We are delighted that we will be able to take 2 year olds in our nursery next academic year. If you require any further information then please contact the school office or complete the form on the school website.



Beach Visit to South Shields

Nursery with a parent/carer – Monday 13th July 2026

Reception, Year 1, Year 1/2 and Year 2 – Tuesday 14th July 2026

Year 3, Year 3/4, Year 4, Year 5, Year 5/6, Year 6 – Wednesday 15th 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 so please can you complete the consent form and make the payment online.

Toy Day and Sweet Shop – Friday 17th July 2026

On our last day of school, we will have a sweet shop that children can visit to purchase sweets, drinks and some small toys. The money raised from this will go towards subsidising our school visits. Children can bring a non-electronic toy to school to play with. Please do not send anything precious or valuable as we cannot accept responsibility for lost/broken items.



Pupil Attendance

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 2 – PE Kit Days

Here are the days that your child will be taking part in PE lessons in Summer 2

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 Wednesday

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.

Safeguarding Information for Parents

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

Keeping your child safe on line – BBC guidance:

[Parents/Guardians](#)

Diary of Events:

Event	Date and Time	Year Group	Parents/Carers Invited
Sports Day – Years 1,2 and 3	6 th July 2pm	Classes: Miss Bujara Mrs Irwin Mrs Heslop Miss Trainer	Yes
Sports Day – Reception	7 th July 2pm	Reception	Yes
Lightwater Valley	9 th July pick up 9am coach leaves at 3pm estimated to be back for 3.30pm	Year 6 children	No
Grinton Moor	9 th 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 th July 11am	Nursery	Yes
KS2 Sports Day	Friday 10 th July 2pm	Classes: Mrs Blagg and Mrs Howland Miss True Mrs Gibson Mrs Walker Miss Jamieson	Yes
South Shields beach trip	13 th July pick up 9am return in time for end of school day	Nursery	No
South Shields beach trip	14 th July as above	Years 1 and 2	No

South Shields beach trip	15 th July as above	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	No
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	16 th July 2.15pm	Year 6	Yes (details to follow)
Bouncy Castle and Sweet Shop	16 th July	Rec – Y6	No
Toy Day and Sweet Shop	17 th July	Rec - Y6	No
School closes for the summer	17 th July 3.15pm	All years	No