



Firthmoor Primary School Newsletter

Date: Friday 18th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so pleased that our new starters have settled in well into school life. Please be mindful that the weather is set to be much cooler next week so children will need coats for school. We have the Harvest Festival and Halloween Disco to look forward to this half 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.

Little Wandle Phonics Workshop for Reception Parents

Parents of Reception pupils, come and join us for our **Little Wandle Phonics Workshop** and discover how phonics is taught at Firthmoor Primary School, along with practical ways you can support your child at home.

 **Wednesday 23rd September**

 **2:30pm**

 **Firthmoor Primary School**

We look forward to welcoming you and working together to help every child become a confident reader! 📖 ✨

The Reception Team ☀️



Peppa Pig Open Day – Saturday 3rd October 2026

Do you have a child who will be ready to start nursery or school soon? Do you have friends or family who may be interested in looking at our Nursery or School setting? We welcome you to our open day where you can bring your child to look around our school. Peppa and George will also be there to meet and greet children along with a bouncy castle to keep little ones entertained.



Ford Castle Meeting for Parents and Children – 4pm Thursday 1st October 2026

We will be holding a meeting in school where we will be sharing information about the upcoming visit in October and offering the opportunity to ask any questions. If you are unable to attend this meeting then please let the school office know.



School Site Reminders

Please could parents follow our one-way system when collecting pupils from school. Parents need to come in via the main entrance to access the yard and then leave via the Key Stage 2 gate. This ensures that home time runs as smoothly and as safely as possible for everyone.

A reminder that we are encouraging all children to arrive to school promptly as we do not want children to miss out on their learning. The KS2 gate (near to the main entrance of the car park) closes at 8.50am as staff need to return to class to focus on teaching and learning. The Reception and KS1 gate will also close at 8.50am to enable staff to return to class. Once this gate is closed anyone arriving after 8.50am will need to use the main school entrance gate and sign in at reception.



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.

Uniform

Thank you also for your support with ensuring our pupils attend school in the correct uniform. If anyone needs any additional uniform, then please let the school office know as we have lots of spare second-hand jumpers.



School Meal Prices – Year 3 and above

The Local Authority increased the price of school meals. We have subsidised this price increase so that parents will pay £3 per meal. This reflects the rising costs in food. This charge applies to all pupils in Year 3 and above who are not in receipt of free school meals.



The government introduced new eligibility for free school meals from September 2026. All households receiving Universal credit are eligible. If this applies to you please contact the school office.



Sports Update

Autumn 1 – PE Kit Days

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

Autumn 1

Nursery- Friday

Reception- Friday

Y1CB – Tuesday and Friday

Y12HI – Tuesday and Friday

Y2TH – Thursday and Friday

Y3NT - Monday and Wednesday

Y34SBRH – Wednesday and Friday

Y4MT – Tuesday and Friday

Y5DG– Tuesday and Thursday

Y56AW – Wednesday and Friday

Y6LJ – Monday and **Tuesday (swimming)**

Please note that pupils in Miss Jamieson's class (Y6LJ) will be swimming on Tuesdays throughout the Autumn Term. A letter has been sent about further swimming day details.

If PE days change in Autumn 2, we will inform you nearer the time.

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.

All children should come to school dressed in their PE kits on their specified PE days.

Please note, this now includes children in nursery and reception to help maximise PE times.

Water bottles

This is a reminder that children are encouraged to bring a water bottle into school to have in class. It is important that children stay hydrated throughout the day, especially in warm weather which hopefully is not over yet! This must be water and not juice. We don't bring large water bottles into school as we don't have space.



Please check outstanding consents on Arbor. These are the annual consents that were previously sent home as paper copies but are now on Arbor. Please look in the notices section.



Grapes

Please can you ensure that grapes are cut from top to bottom if you are sending them in packed lunches for pupils. This is because they can pose a choking hazard for children. Further information can be found in the link below.

[What age should you stop cutting up grapes? | Child Accident Prevention Trust](#)

School Bags

Please can you ensure that children bring a book bag or small alternative bag instead of large rucksacks to school. We don't have the space in school to keep larger bags.

Diary of Events:

Event	Date and Time	Year Group	Parents Invited
Nursery Stay and Play	Tuesday 6 th October	Nursery : AM group 10:30-11:45 PM group 2:00 – 3:15	Yes
Halloween Disco	Wednesday 21 st October	Rec, Y1, Y1/2 Y2 – 3.30pm – 4.45pm Y3, Y3/4, Y4, Y5, Y5/6, Y6 – 5pm – 6.15pm	No
Harvest Festival	Thursday 22 nd October	Nursery – Year 6	Yes
Early Years Halloween Day – Come dressed up if you like!	Wednesday 21 st October	Nursery and Rec pupils	No



Safeguarding Information for Parents

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

Online Wellbeing - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-wellbeing/>

Facebook - <https://swgfl.org.uk/assets/documents/facebook-checklist.pdf>

Parent Controls - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

National Crime Agency's [CEOP Education Programme](#) provides information for the children's workforce and **parents and carers** on protecting children and young people from online child sexual abuse.

[Childline/IWF Report Remove](#) is a free tool that allows children to report nude or sexual images and/or videos of themselves that they think might have been shared online