



Firthmoor Primary School Newsletter

Date: Friday 4th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to another school year. I hope you have all enjoyed the summer holidays with your families. We have had a lovely start to the year with lots of smiles from children and parents.

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.



New starters

We have had lots of children join us from other settings and we are so pleased with how well everyone is settling in. Our youngest pupils who started in Reception this week have made an amazing start to school life and we are delighted.

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. If your circumstances have changed and you think you are entitled to free school meals, then please contact the school office to collect a form.



After School Clubs

We are planning some after school clubs to be available to the children in the next few weeks. We will be sending more information out about this shortly. Upcoming clubs are listed below:

Go Well – Football for Y3&4 pupils – Wednesday until 4pm

Miss Trainer - Dance – for KS2 pupils – Thursday until 4pm

Miss True and Mrs Coad - Choir – for pupils in Y4/5/6 - Tuesday until 4pm

Mrs Gibson/Mrs Banner – Rounders KS2 Thursdays until 4pm (Please sign up on arbor)
20 places for 5 weeks 10.9.26 - 15.10.26

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.

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:

(More information on these events in the next newsletter)

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.

Mobile Phones - <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/phones>

Roblox - <https://swgfl.org.uk/assets/documents/roblox-checklist-new.pdf>

Reporting Online Concerns - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-reporting/>