

Forest Fields Primary & Nursery School

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Friday 26th June 2026, week 35

Hello Parents and Carers,

Well, what a hot week it has been! Huge thanks to all our parents and carers for ensuring children dressed for the sun appropriately, wore hats, had water bottles and sunscreen. The weather forecast for next week seems to be back to our usual temperature. Many thanks to parents and carers for checking our communication through Arbor with any updates. The office is happy to support any parent or carer who needs any help with accessing Arbor.

A message from Mrs Davies

It's finally here!

Earlier in the year, schools across Nottingham were given the chance to contribute ideas towards a song for RSE Day on 25th June called "It Begins With Me." We knew we wanted to be involved. 5BD began by working on some possible lyric ideas and you can hear snippets of our ideas in the song. Once all the ideas from across Nottingham had been collected, they were put together for children to come up with a tune. Working with Miss Cawley, one child in Year 6 came up with a tune while others then added accompanying chords and a string part. This idea is the verse you will hear in the video. Once the tune had been written, 25 children across Year 3-6 gave up lunchtimes to rehearse with me so they could record the song. Myself and Miss Cawley are so proud of what they achieved - what superstars!



'Mutual respect
and tolerance'



I have watched the video with Mrs Davies and some of her pupils today and it was magical! Please click the link below to view the song - we are so proud of all our pupils who grab the opportunities we provide for them to succeed. It moves me to tears to see how engaged, eager and energised they are to learn and contribute! Go Forest Fields!

<https://youtu.be/tUUpf3H5jlk?si=gxOxHzgagd7I78IE>

Summer Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) - Bookings open 29 June

Dear Parent/Carer,

Bookings for the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme open on: Monday 29 June at 7:30am

You can view activities and book here:

<https://eequ.org/nottinghamcityholidayactivitiesandfoodhaf>

What is HAF?

The HAF programme offers free holiday clubs, activities, and healthy meals during the school holidays.



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Who is eligible?

Children must be eligible for, or receiving, benefits-related free school meals.

- Each eligible child can attend up to 12 sessions over the summer
- Places are limited, so early booking is recommended

Booking information

A new, simpler system is in place:

- No codes or vouchers required
- Eligibility is checked automatically when you create an account

If your child is eligible, we strongly encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity.

For more information, please see the flyer.

Summer Holiday Scheme Places for Free

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD (HAF)

Would your child like to attend a **fully funded holiday scheme** during the summer holidays where fun experiences, a meal and snacks are all included?

Children in receipt of, or eligible for, **Free School Meals** can attend up to **12 free holiday activity club** places in the summer holidays.

Further information:
www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/haf
 or scan the QR Code

Questions:
haf@nottinghamcity.gov.uk



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Summer fair

I am deeply saddened to share that the summer fair will not be going ahead this year. Unfortunately, we were unable to find a suitable date in the remaining school calendar, despite exploring all possible options. We know how much families look forward to this event, and we share your disappointment.



Swimming

Classes swimming are Year 6 Boys.
 Bus Collects: 9.00am
 Swim time 9.30am



FRIDAY	Day of the week	First swim session	Last swim session	Which classes are swimming?
Summer 2	Friday	03.07.26	10.07.26	Year 6 Boys

WE NEED YOUR HELP

If you would like to come along as a Parent helper please speak with Mr Sajjad or Ms Hayden.
 Parent helpers please wait at the top gate on Stanley Road (Mount Street end).



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A message from Ms Horton

Thank you to everyone that gets their child here on time every day. Unfortunately we are seeing too many children arriving at school late.

We know that some days things happen however children being late this week has equated to 2023 minutes of lost learning time which is over 33 hrs. This equates to nearly 4 whole school days!

We want to promote positive habits towards punctuality to prepare children for the next stage of education and beyond

Attending school every day and being on time
gives students the **BEST CHANCE OF SUCCESS**

The best way to do this is to get into good habits now.

Please do all you can to get here on time every day, if you need any support please let us know.

Good Attendance at School is very important, every child should be in school EVERYDAY. It is the responsibility of Parents and Carers to notify the school when your child is absent.

Where we have received no communication, home visits will be conducted on that day.



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Illness Guide for Parents

Minor illness such as a headache, tummy ache and coughs and colds are not reason to be absent from school. Please give medication where needed and bring your child into school. If they become unwell, we will call you.

On the occasions that your child is feeling unwell, it can sometimes be challenging to know whether your child is well enough to attend school or whether their illness may spread to others. Please use the simple guide below to assess whether your child is able to come to school.



Come to School

Please send your child to school if they are experiencing any of the following:

- Sore throat
- Cold
- Cough
- Feeling tired
- Hay fever
- Achy or sore limbs

Children can still take part in learning when experiencing any of the above. Give them medication if you feel they need it at the beginning of the day.

We have first aiders on-site for support if needed.

School will always contact you if your child is ill during the school day.

Come to School, But Let us Know

Please send your child to school and inform the office if they are experiencing one of the following:

- Headache
- Feeling sick
- Stomach ache
- Ear ache
- Toothache
- Experiencing feeling of anxiety
- Twisted, sprained or broken limbs

Children can still take part in learning when experiencing any of the above. Give them medication if you feel they need it at the beginning of the day.

Students can speak with their year leader or a trusted adult.

Stay at Home

Unfortunately, there are some rare instances when your child will be too unwell to attend school due to an illness or injury. In the following instances, please keep your child at home:

- Temperature over 38 degrees
- Sickness and diarrhea
- Contagious illness (e.g., Chicken pox, impetigo)
- Operations/medical treatments

Medical evidence should be provided to school wherever possible to ensure that the absence is authorized.

Should your child be absent for more than 5 days, we request that you provide supporting evidence from a medical professional.

Please leave an absence voicemail on the student line as soon as possible if your child is not well enough to attend school that day.



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After School Club at Forest Fields Primary School

We have opened an after-school club for our pupils from Y1- Y6. The After School Club operates on Monday- Friday 3.30- 5.30pm. Currently the cost is £3.00 per day. To book your child/children's place please fill in the booking form accessed through the QR code. Places are limited, so first come, first serve. Bookings are required for every Half- Term. Please speak with the office team if you would like to receive more information and book your child's place.

After School Club

Forest Fields Primary

Monday - Friday
3.30pm - 5.30pm

£3/ day

- Snacks, games, activities, friendly staff

Please contact office if you have any enquiries:
0115 9156872

Book via QR code

Breakfast Club!!!



Breakfast clubs benefit children by improving readiness to learn, behaviour, attendance, and academic attainment (especially reading, writing, and maths) through a nutritious meal and calm start to the day, while also boosting confidence, social skills, independence.

We will provide a healthy meal and a structured, supportive environment with play and social time before lessons begin.

Available every weekday morning 7.50am – 8.40am

£1 per child per day.

Please book Breakfast club and pay (in cash) for your child at the School Office.



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Drinks/ water bottles



Please could we have your continued support with sending your children with a water bottle every day. We would like to promote healthy eating and habits, so juices and other fizzy drinks are not allowed in school.



Milk



A reminder:

If you would like your child to receive milk each day, please ensure you sign up for milk directly with Cool Milk.

www.coolmilk.com



Trips:

Please see a list of upcoming trips and events over the coming weeks. Please can you ensure your child wears appropriate clothing and footwear for a trip and for the weather on the day. Please note, whilst we make every intention for children to attend every trip, there may be a possibility that a trip can be cancelled on the day.



Date	Day	Trip Name	Year
JUNE			
25/06/2026	Thursday	Redwood Camp Residential	Y6
30/06/2026	Tuesday	Year 6 Puppet event	Y6
JULY			
02/07/2026	Thursday	White Post Farm (Reception)	F2
03/07/2026	Friday	Y3 Roman Workshop - In School	Y3
06/07/2026	Monday	White Post Farm (Year 2) - In School	Y2
09/07/2026	Thursday	Area Band Summer Concert - Wollaton Hall	Area Band
09/07/2026	Thursday	Y4 Attenborough	Y4
21/07/2026	Tuesday	Y4 Attenborough	Y4



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Clubs:

CLUBS Overview		w/c 22/06/2026						
Day	Name of Club	Where is the club?	Who is running the club?	Year	Session	Time starts	Time finishes	Date starts
-	Drumming	Library	Mike Moore	KS2	Lunch	12.45	13.15	13-Apr
Monday	Drumming	Library	Mike Moore	Y5/Y6	PM	15.30	16.15	13-Apr
-	Choir	Berridge Hall	Mrs Davies	KS2	PM	15.30	16.30	13-Apr
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	Drumming	Library	Mike Moore	KS2	Lunch	12.45	13.15	14-Apr
Tuesday	Drumming	Library	Mike Moore	4JS/4KJ	PM	15.30	16.15	14-Apr
-	Football Club	Muga and Hall	Aiden	Y5/Y6	PM	15.30	16.30	23-Jun
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wednesday	Songwriting club	Music Room	Miss Cawley	Y5/Y6	Lunch	12.45	13.15	15-Apr
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thursday	Football Club	Muga and Hall	Aiden	Y3/Y4	PM	15.30	16.30	25-Jun

Attendance & appointments

Please could you try to book appointments for children out of school hours to avoid missing school. If this is not possible, please ensure you bring your child into school on the day of the appointment and then come back to pick them up for their appointment nearer to the time. This ensures that children's learning loss is minimized and they can also book their school lunch.

If you return your child to school in the afternoon following an appointment, please be aware the time the afternoon sessions start is 1.15 p.m.

Lateness

Please can you ensure your child is on time. Children are expected to arrive at school between 8.40am-9.00am (RMC time) daily. The school day starts at 9.00am and gates are closed then. Children arriving in school after 9.00am will be expected to sign in at the school office. Children arriving in school between 9.00am-9.15am will be considered late and will be issued with a late (L) mark in the register. The register closes at 9.15am and therefore any child arriving in school after 9.15am will be considered persistently late and will be issued with an unauthorised absence mark (U).



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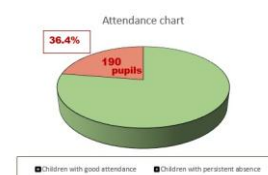


We are having a rise in children arriving late to school, which has an impact on their learning. Regular latecomers are being monitored. If you are experiencing difficulties with punctuality and would like to talk to us about it, please make an appointment with the school office, to see the Deputy Headteacher Miss Hayden, or the Attendance Officer, Meena Rana.

Persistent Absence

An absence is defined as a persistent absence "Where absence escalates and pupils miss 10% or more of school (equivalent to 1 day or more a fortnight across a full school year)" (Working together to improve school attendance Guidance for maintained schools, academies, independent schools, and local authorities, Sept 2022)

The chart shows how many children we have who are persistently absent. Please Parents and Carers, we need your help to reduce the number of children who are persistently absent by bringing your child/ children to school every day.



Attendance

This week, our whole school attendance is 86% and our target is 95% - this is such super news! Well done to Strategists and Scholars for attending school so well this week, reaching 95% and above! Huge thanks to all our parents for bringing your children to school to raise our attendance percentage! We need your help, Parents and Carers, to continue to meet our target of 95% attendance. Our thanks in advance for your continued support. Please help your child's class to be over 95% by attending school every day.

Reception & KS1 Attendance		KS2 Attendance	
Group	% Attendance	Group	% Attendance
Inventors F2AP	88.15%	Architects 3EB	90.8%
Investigators F2KS	90.4%	Trailblazers 3MB	91.52%
Creators F2LC	86.7%	Composers 3ZM	92.44%
Adventurers IBTE	92.11%	Linguists 4CR	93.42%
Designers IMF	87.03%	Curators 4JS	93.08%
Enquirers ISE	92.65%	Philosophers 4KJ	90.68%
Performers 2CR	90.25%	Strategists 5BD	95.42%
Athletes 2KA	94.95%	Innovators 5CU	92.96%
Engineers 2MB	93.02%	Analysts 5MG	93.17%
		Scholars 6EH	95.28%
		Leaders 6MS	87.69%
		Entrepreneurs 6SM	93.25%



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Stay safe and be well.

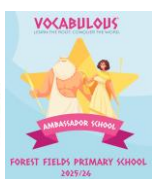
Shahida Chowdhury

Mrs Shahida Chowdhury, Headteacher

Work hard. Be kind. Take pride.

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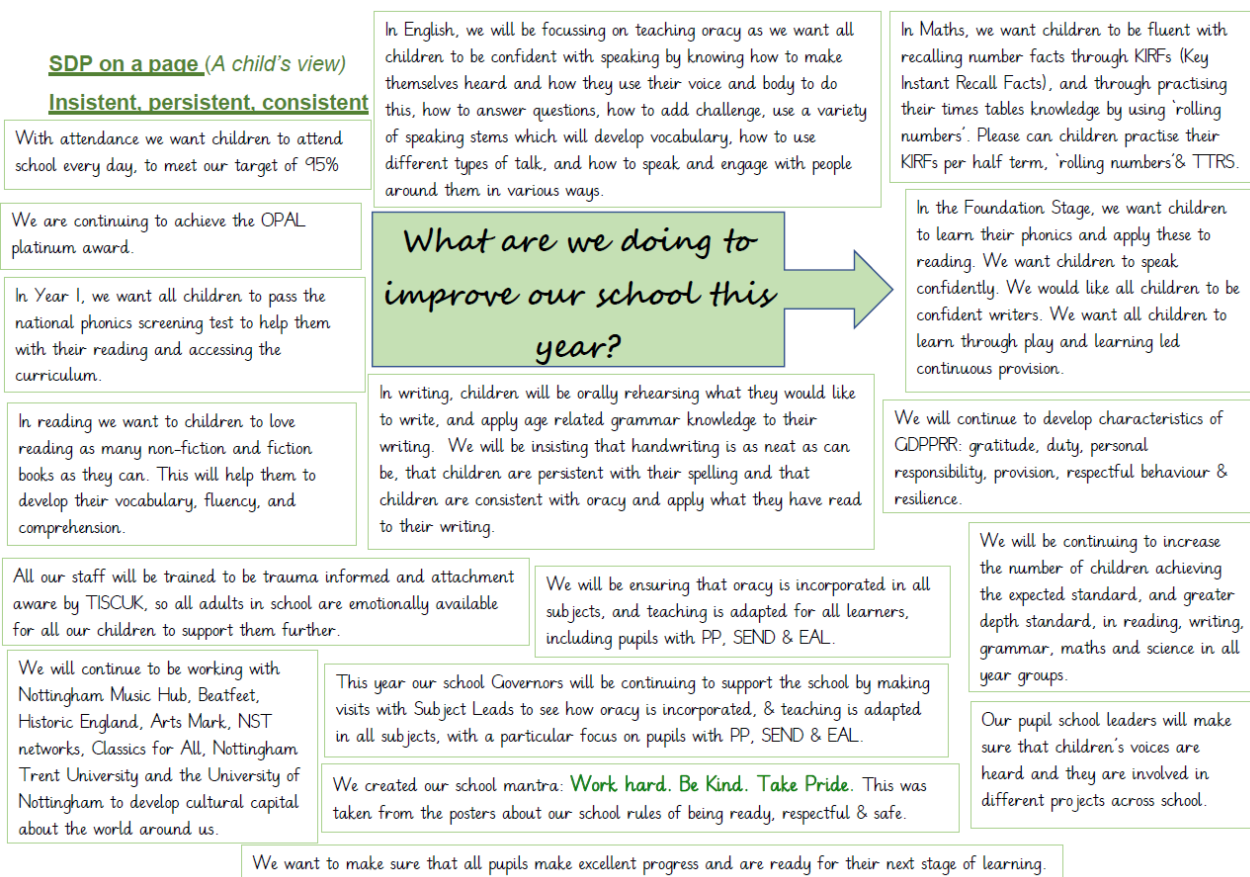
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Our School Development Plan for 2025 - 2026

Every year we create a new School Development Plan, based on improving provision and outcomes for our children. Please see our summary on a page, that shows what we're doing to improve our school this year.



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Our FFPS school vision, values, rules and characteristics

Please ask your children about our FFPS school vision, values, rules and characteristics below, what they are and when they use them.

FFPS vision, values, rules and characteristics

Please remember our school vision, our school values, our school rules and our school characteristics that you can talk to your child about at home. Together at FFPS we belong and achieve.

Our School Vision
We have a vision that shows clearly what we want for our children.

Work hard.
Be kind.
Take pride.

Our School Values

We use values as guides for the way we behave, perform and interact with each other. We live our school values every day.

Family



We care for everyone, include everyone, help each other belong and show kindness.

Focus



We pay attention, listen carefully and try our best in everything we do.

Persevere



We keep going, trying even when something feels hard.

Success



We celebrate effort, progress and achievement and are proud of ourselves and celebrate others.

Our School rules

We use rules to help everyone understand what is expected and to ensure everyone has the chance to learn without interruption.

Ready



Respectful



Safe



Our School Characteristics

We have characteristics to support pupils with developing these attributes within a positive and effective school learning environment which helps both academic and personal growth for their time in school and beyond.



Reminder of Term Dates 2025 - 2026

AUGUST 2025						
M	4	11	18	25		
T	5	12	19	26		
W	6	13	20	27		
T	7	14	21	28		
F	8	15	22	29		
S	2	9	16	23	30	
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SEPTEMBER 2025						
M	1	8	15	22	29	
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T	4	11	18	25		
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OCTOBER 2025						
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NOVEMBER 2025						
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DECEMBER 2025						
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JANUARY 2026						
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FEBRUARY 2026						
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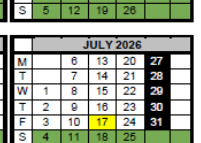
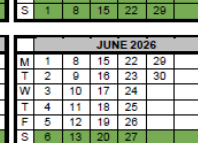
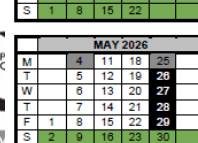
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Key						
	In school					
	School holiday					
	Public holiday					
	In Service Training Day					

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