

Forest Fields Primary & Nursery School

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Friday 27th February 2026, week 21

Hello Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after our half-term break. We hope you had a good break. This holiday, there were a few special occasions to celebrate and observe.

Ramadan Mubarak



Ramadan Mubarak to all our families celebrating Ramadan this month. From all of us at Forest Fields, we wish all of our families observing Ramadan a blessed month.



'International cultural capital'

Happy Chinese New Year



Happy Chinese New Year to all our families celebrating Chinese New Year this month. From all of us at Forest Fields, we wish all of our families celebrating Chinese New Year prosperity, wealth, and health.



'Mutual respect and tolerance'

Blessed Lent



Blessed Lent to all our families celebrating this month. From all of us at Forest Fields, we wish all of our families observing Lent a blessed month.

World Book Day 2026

Dress up- children are invited to dress up as a

character from, or make/bring a prop to represent, their favourite fiction book. This does not need to cost money. You can use every day items, such as clothes that represent a character, or make something like a badge, a wand or a headband. We are asking that you think about a character from a fiction book so please think beyond football kits and sports clothes – have some fun thinking about a story you have read or heard that you can represent. If you have a copy of the book, you are invited to bring this with you on the day too.



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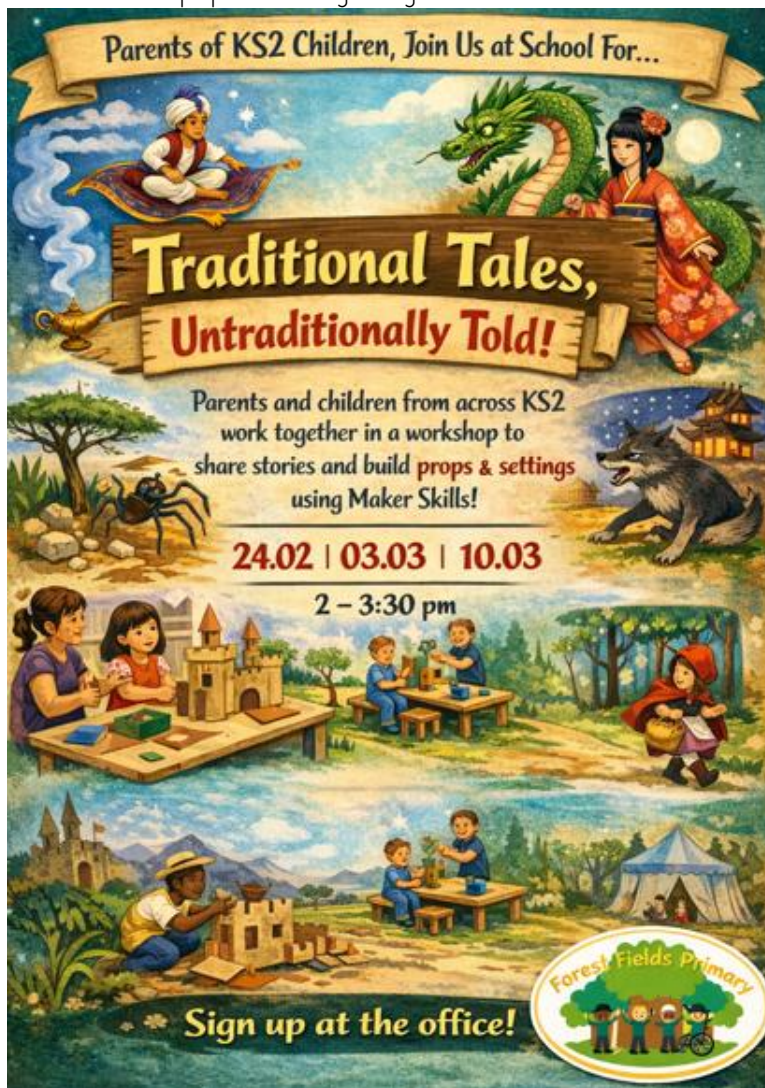
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Traditional Tales, Untraditionally Told! Workshops for KS2 parents

Please see the poster below about our exciting workshops for parents and carers in KS2, to join us in school to share short stories and build props and settings using Maker Skills!



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Goodbye



We are saying goodbye to Mrs Jones in March. We want to say many thanks to her for all her hard work over the past year whilst at Forest Fields. She has worked with many families during her time at Forest Fields and we wish her all the best in the future.

We are saying goodbye to Mr Burdett in March. We want to say many thanks to him for all his hard work over the past year whilst at Forest Fields. He has worked with many families during his time at Forest Fields and we wish him all the best in the future.

Welcome to Forest Fields



We will be welcoming Ms Plesa and Miss Swann to Forest Fields. Both of them are part of our pastoral team. A lot of you will be wondering where Ms Plesa is – she is now part of our pastoral team. They are both based in The Meadows which is situated in our Gladstone Building. We will share some further information via ClassDojo.

Workshops and Meeting

We have trained specific staff through the 'Solihull Approach', now called 'Togetherness' to support parents and carers further with different workshops. Miss Hayden and Miss Bailey have worked hard to prepare materials to support parents and carers with delivering different sessions about your child's development. Please have a look at the poster for the workshops they will be covering. They are so excited to share this with you.

The groups start at 9.00 with refreshments too. Please come and join us! We would love to see you every week.

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FAMILY FOCUS GROUP

An exciting opportunity is happening at Forest Fields Primary School!

We are delivering sessions about your child's development and helping to build your confidence in parenting.

What will we be covering?

- Child development
 - Sleep
 - Anger
 - Tantrums
- Parenting styles
- Feelings
- Self-regulation

Groups will be run by Miss E Hayden and Miss Bailey

- The groups will begin on 18/12/25
- The group begins at 9.15am
- The group lasts for 1.5 hours
- There will be 8 sessions to attend, once a week
- Breakfast and refreshments will be provided from 9am

TOGETHERNESS



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Swimming



Classes swimming are **Architects** and **Composers**.

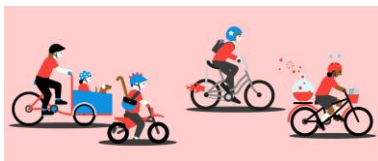
Bus arrives on Mount Street 9.45am – Please ensure children are in school for 8.40am. Swim time 10.15am

FRIDAY	Day of the week	First swim session	Which classes are swimming?
Spring 1-2	Friday	06.03.26	3ZM/3EB

WE NEED YOUR HELP

If you would like to come along as a Parent helper please speak with Miss Bailey.

Bike-ability



Bike-ability cycle training is back at Forest Fields Primary and Nursery School for our Year 6 Students to ensure they are equip with the skills and confidence to cycle on today's roads.



An email via Arbor has gone out this week with a link (also below) to sign your child up to the Bike-ability Program by Rise-Wise. We also have letters with a QR in the office so please come and see us if you are having any problems, we are here to help.

<https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/fee-sin-knee>

Message regarding attendance from Miss Horton

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.

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.



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Illness Guide for Parents

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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Getting our children to school on time



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 34+1 minutes of lost learning time which is 57 hrs. This equates to 8 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.

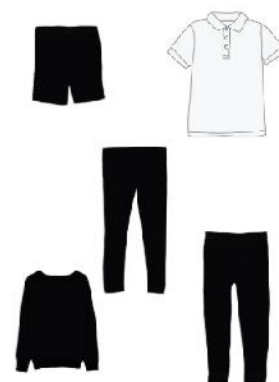
School PE kit

Please can we have your help with ensuring pupils are wearing the correct PE kit.

The indoor PE kit is a plain white T-shirt and black shorts.

Our outdoor PE kit is a plain white T-shirt and black jogging bottoms/ tracksuit bottoms.

Please could you help us by having your children not wear football kits. Our thanks in advance.



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After school clubs

If your child attends an after-school club that is sports related, please can they wear their school uniform all day and please can they bring their PE clothes in a bag and change into this after school – many thanks.

We are a nut free school



Please remember that we are a nut free school. Please do not provide packed lunch that contains nuts. Please be mindful that some chocolate spreads contain nuts. Thank you for co-operation.

Many thanks. Miss Hayden

Late arrival to school

If you bring your child to school after the gate closes at 9am, you need to bring them into the office and give the reason that they are late. It is so important that all children arrive to school on time. When children arrive late, they miss vital learning time. School gates open and learning begins at 8.40am. Please ensure your child is on time every day.

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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A message about Arbor from the Office Team



ARBOR ACCESS

SCAN QR CODE TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT



We have sent out all Welcome messages now for parents join Arbor. Please check your emails, both inbox and junk. If you have any problems or have not received this email please come to the office and we will help you to set everything up.

Welcome to Arbor! Forest Fields Primary School is using Arbor and has set up an account for you.

To finish creating your account, you just need to reset a password.

Your **username** is: the email address we have sent this email too, click '**forgot password**' it will then ask you for your email address again and a password reset link will be sent to your inbox. Once completed you will log in and it will ask for your child's date of birth. You will then be set up.

It is important to set up your parent account as you will receive communications regarding events in school, trips and messages regarding your child. You can now sign your child up to attend trips and clubs on this portal too.

If you have trouble or have general questions about the Parent Portal, please contact Forest Fields Primary School on 0115 915 6872 or come and see us in the office. We will be happy to help.

All the best,
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Food Bank

Dear Parents/Carers, thank you to all who have donated so far. We would like your help by donating food for a charity to help families who are struggling with day to day living. We have a box in the School office, please feel free to come and donate.



Contact details:

Change of details for parent contact:

Pupil	Contact numbers	Who (Name, Dad etc PLEASE GIVE FULL NAMES)
1st Mobile contact		
2nd Mobile contact		
Home landline		
Parents' work ONLY used if we cannot contact someone		
Emergency contact: Please provide email to be authorised to collect your child if you are unavailable		
NEW ADDRESS:		
OFFICE USE: SMS change (Name and Email)		

Please can we strongly advise you to contact the office immediately when your contact details have changed recently (mobile numbers or address). This is really important we have up to date telephone numbers to all Parents/Carers on our system in case of any emergency.

You can call the office on 0115 915 6872, or fill the below form and bring to the school office.

Drinks/ water bottles



As you know, it's been very hot! 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



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Trips:

Please see below 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
12/03/2026	Thursday	Area Band Spring Concert, Nottingham Contemporary.	Y5/yY6
20/03/2026	Friday	Year 5 taster afternoon opportunity - Djanogly - TBC	Y5
24/03/2026	Tuesday	The Great Orchestra Experiment	Y3-Y6
19/03/2026	Thursday	Arboretum	Recep
20/03/2026	Friday	Viking workshop - In School	Y4
26/03/2026	Thursday	Arboretum	Y2
21/04/2026	Tuesday	Y4 Visit to Central Library	Y4
23/04/2026	Thursday	Attenborough - 1 and half classes	Y1
28/04/2026	Tuesday	Y4 Visit to Central Library	Y4
07/05/2026	Thursday	Attenborough - 1 and half classes	Y1
24/06/2026	Wednesday	Opera event at Djanogly School	Y5
25/06/2026	Thursday	Redwood Camp Residential	Y6

		FREE Trip/Event	
		PAID for Trip/Event	
		Sport Events	
		Music/Choir events	
		Residential	
		In School	



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Clubs:

CLUBS Overview		w/c 02/03/2026						
Day	Name of Club	Where is the club?	Year	Session	Time starts	Time finishes	Date starts	Date finishes
Monday	Drumming	Gladstone Classroom	KS2	Lunch	12.45	13.15	23-Feb	
	Drumming	Gladstone Classroom	Y2	PM	15.30	16.15	23-Feb	
	Choir	Berridge Hall	Y3-Y6	PM	15.30	16.30	05-Jan	
Tuesday	Drumming	Gladstone Classroom	Open Invite	Lunch	12.45	13.15	06-Jan	24-Mar
	Drumming	Gladstone Classroom	3ZM/4CR	PM	15.30	16.15	06-Jan	24-Mar
Wednesday	Songwriting club	Music Room		Lunch	12.45	13.15	07-Jan	
	Songwriting club	Music Room		Lunch	12.45	13.15	08-Jan	
Thursday	Area Band	Gladstone Hall	Y5/Y6	PM	15.30	17.00	08-Jan	



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Our School Vision and Values

Please continue to support us by asking your child about our School vision & values, as we will be using these every day, and praising our pupils when we see them use these daily.

There is a table below that shows our FFPS school vision, values, rules and characteristics and how they work together.

Forest Fields Primary School Vision and Values

Together we belong and achieve

What is our vision for our children at FFPS?
 We want our children to:

Work hard. Be kind. Take pride.

What are our school values?
 We use them 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.



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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

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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.



Class Dojo



ClassDojo

Many thanks to all our parents who have signed into Class Dojo. We have decided to use Class Dojo as a way for pupils, parents and carers to see when staff award pupils with points towards their GDPPRR characteristics.

GDPPRR characteristics stand for Gratitude, Duty,

Personal Responsibility, Provision, Respectful. This will enable parents and carers to see when their children have been given points towards each characteristic. When pupils attain 100 points within a given characteristic, we will be inviting parents into school so they can see their child receive a special mention, and their badge!



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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

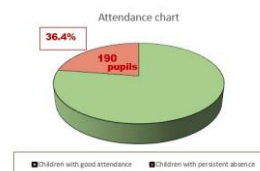
Please can you ensure your child is on time. Children are expected to arrive at school between 8.40am-9.00am (RMC time) daily. The school day starts at 9.00am and gates are closed then. Children arriving in school after 9.00am will be expected to sign in at the school office. Children arriving in school 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).

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 89.1% and our target is 95% – this is such super news! Well done to Strategists & 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.



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Reception & KSI Attendance		KS2 Attendance	
Group	% Attendance	Group	% Attendance
Inventors F2AP	86.02%	Architects 3EB	92.38%
Investigators F2KS	91.36%	Trailblazers 3MB	93.56%
Creators F2LC	88.73%	Composers 3ZM	94.16%
Adventurers IBTE	93.76%	Linguists 4CR	93.85%
Designers IMF	91.07%	Curators 4JS	93.95%
Enquirers ISE	92.73%	Philosophers 4KJ	92.58%
Performers 2CR	89.87%	Strategists 5BD	95.16%
Athletes 2KA	94.71%	Innovators 5CU	92.22%
Engineers 2MB	93.44%	Analysts 5MG	94.1%
		Scholars 6EH	96.12%
		Leaders 6MS	88.09%
		Entrepreneurs 6SM	94.33%

Stay safe and be well.

Shahida Chowdhury

Mrs Shahida Chowdhury, Headteacher

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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.

SDP on a page (A child's view)

Insistent, persistent, consistent

With attendance we want children to attend school every day, to meet our target of 95%

We are continuing to achieve the OPAL platinum award.

In Year 1, we want all children to pass the national phonics screening test to help them with their reading and accessing the curriculum.

In reading we want to children to love reading as many non-fiction and fiction books as they can. This will help them to develop their vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension.

All our staff will be trained to be trauma informed and attachment aware by TISCUK, so all adults in school are emotionally available for all our children to support them further.

We will continue to be working with Nottingham Music Hub, Beatfeet, Historic England, Arts Mark, NST networks, Classics for All, Nottingham Trent University and the University of Nottingham to develop cultural capital about the world around us.

In English, we will be focussing on teaching oracy as we want all children to be confident with speaking by knowing how to make themselves heard and how they use their voice and body to do this, how to answer questions, how to add challenge, use a variety of speaking stems which will develop vocabulary, how to use different types of talk, and how to speak and engage with people around them in various ways.

What are we doing to improve our school this year?

In writing, children will be orally rehearsing what they would like to write, and apply age related grammar knowledge to their writing. We will be insisting that handwriting is as neat as can be, that children are persistent with their spelling and that children are consistent with oracy and apply what they have read to their writing.

We will be ensuring that oracy is incorporated in all subjects, and teaching is adapted for all learners, including pupils with PP, SEND & EAL.

This year our school Governors will be continuing to support the school by making visits with Subject Leads to see how oracy is incorporated, & teaching is adapted in all subjects, with a particular focus on pupils with PP, SEND & EAL.

We created our school mantra: **Work hard. Be Kind. Take Pride.** This was taken from the posters about our school rules of being ready, respectful & safe.

We want to make sure that all pupils make excellent progress and are ready for their next stage of learning.

In Maths, we want children to be fluent with recalling number facts through KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts), and through practising their times tables knowledge by using 'rolling numbers'. Please can children practise their KIRFs per half term, 'rolling numbers' & TTRS.

In the Foundation Stage, we want children to learn their phonics and apply these to reading. We want children to speak confidently. We would like all children to be confident writers. We want all children to learn through play and learning led continuous provision.

We will continue to develop characteristics of GDDPRR: gratitude, duty, personal responsibility, provision, respectful behaviour & resilience.

We will be continuing to increase the number of children achieving the expected standard, and greater depth standard, in reading, writing, grammar, maths and science in all year groups.

Our pupil school leaders will make sure that children's voices are heard and they are involved in different projects across school.



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where "Pupils are proud of their diverse friendships"... "and of the multilingual knowledge they have."

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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	SEPTEMBER 2025	OCTOBER 2025
M 4 11 18 25	M 1 8 15 22 29	M 6 13 20 27
T 5 12 19 26	T 2 9 16 23 30	T 7 14 21 28
W 6 13 20 27	W 3 10 17 24	W 1 8 15 22 29
T 7 14 21 28	T 4 11 18 25	T 2 9 16 23 30
F 1 8 15 22 29	F 5 12 19 26	F 3 10 17 24 31
S 2 9 16 23 30	S 6 13 20 27	S 4 11 18 25
S 3 10 17 24 31	S 7 14 21 28	S 5 12 19 26
NOVEMBER 2025	DECEMBER 2025	JANUARY 2026
M 3 10 17 24	M 1 8 15 22 29	M 5 12 19 26
T 4 11 18 25	T 2 9 16 23 30	T 6 13 20 27
W 5 12 19 26	W 3 10 17 24 31	W 7 14 21 28
T 6 13 20 27	T 4 11 18 25	T 1 8 15 22 29
F 7 14 21 28	F 5 12 19 26	F 2 9 16 23 30
S 1 8 15 22 29	S 6 13 20 27	S 3 10 17 24 31
S 2 9 16 23 30	S 7 14 21 28	S 4 11 18 25
FEBRUARY 2026	MARCH 2026	APRIL 2026
M 2 9 16 23	M 2 9 16 23 30	M 6 13 20 27
T 3 10 17 24	T 3 10 17 24 31	T 7 14 21 28
W 4 11 18 25	W 4 11 18 25	W 1 8 15 22 29
T 5 12 19 26	T 5 12 19 26	T 2 9 16 23 30
F 6 13 20 27	F 6 13 20 27	F 3 10 17 24
S 7 14 21 28	S 7 14 21 28	S 4 11 18 25
S 1 8 15 22	S 1 8 15 22 29	S 5 12 19 26
MAY 2026	JUNE 2026	JULY 2026
M 4 11 18 25	M 1 8 15 22 29	M 6 13 20 27
T 5 12 19 26	T 2 9 16 23 30	T 7 14 21 28
W 6 13 20 27	W 3 10 17 24	W 1 8 15 22 29
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Key
In school
School holiday
Public holiday
In Service Training Day

AUGUST 2026
M 3 10 17 24 31
T 4 11 18 25
W 5 12 19 26
T 6 13 20 27
F 7 14 21 28
S 1 8 15 22 29
S 2 9 16 23 30