



Farnborough Road Infant School

'LEARNING, CARING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER'

Newsletter 2 19th September 2025



Our new children have now started school, are settling well and are making new friends.

For some individual children we will continue to work with families to help them settle as we understand the importance of getting this transition right for all our children. At the end of the day, happy children learn. Please do not hesitate to contact me or our Key Stage Leaders Mrs Price, Early Years Lead, Miss Sykes, Key Stage One Lead or our class teachers.

Over the next few weeks parents will be invited to Stay and Learn sessions in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to find out how our children learn in their different year groups. These will be followed by an invite to a Google Meets Parents meeting, which is back by popular demand due to the positive feedback we received over the last few years. This meeting is a 'settling in' Parents' meeting, Key Stage One children will also receive their first 'Going for Green report' of this academic year with comments on attendance, punctuality, effort, behaviour, homework and readiness for school. We look forward to meeting with you over the next couple of weeks. Look out our letters and links on Class Dojo.



PARENT MEETING



I am delighted with how smart the children have looked

returning to school. They are an absolute credit to you and we would like to thank you for continuing to support our uniform policy. <https://primariesite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/farnborough-road-infant-school/UploadedDocument/a8b705c8-e18b-4f55-8050-9457d96f3b6f/uniform-policy-2022.pdf>

Uniform is available to buy at the school office or you can access the online Uniform Shop on the school website from the Parents link. <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=399>

A few reminders about our uniform:-

- * We expect children to wear plain black shoes and NOT trainers no laces unless the children can do them independently.
 - * Pupils can wear a gold polo shirt with a burgundy cardigan/ sweatshirt
- Shirt and Tie and V neck jumpers are for the juniors ONLY.
- * Extremes of hairstyles will not be permitted e.g. tramlines, Mohicans, beaded hairstyles, decorative shavings— these are for holiday times only.
 - * Long hair should always be tied back with school coloured/ neutral bobbles or bows. NO large, colourful bows are allowed.
 - * Trousers/Shorts should be grey, NOT black
 - * Children to wear PE kit for all PE lessons.
 - * Earrings should not be worn for school, but where a child already has pierced ears, only small stud earrings are suitable. These earrings must be removed or covered with plasters (by the child) before he/she will be allowed to take part in any P.E. or Games lessons.
 - * No other jewellery, apart from a watch, may be worn- No SMART watches please.



Would you be interested in a role within our school?

We currently have vacancies for Lunchtime welfare assistants

6.25 hrs per week or supply work.

Please ask for an application form at the school office

We also have many volunteers in school please contact me if you /or grandparents have any spare time.



PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT ALL PROPERTY IS CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME/CLASS.

Whole School Attendance and Punctuality



Attendance at school is statutory except in very exceptional circumstances. It is clear that academic achievement and excellent attendance and punctuality go hand in hand.

We celebrate attendance each week in assembly with the best class attendance receiving the Attendance Bear and a certificate. Individual children who have 100% attendance each term also receive a praise certificate and our children who have 100% for the full year receive their own attendance bear key ring. Our current whole school attendance is 98%. Help us to keep it this high. Good attendance is considered to be 97% and above, any less than this will have a detrimental affect on their learning. Punctuality is also equally important.

Our Whole School Attendance Policy can be found on our school website <https://www.farnboroughroadinfants.co.uk/attendance-policy/>

In our school we have 2 roles which track the children's attendance—Senior Attendance Champion—Miss Sephton and Attendance Officer— Mrs Ashby in the school office. We will have fortnightly meetings to discuss individual, group , class and whole school attendance.

Our first day response routine is

Registers close at 8.55am and texts are sent out by 9.30am if we do not receive a message from a parent.

Phone calls home will then be made where no reply is received to a text.

FRIS and FRJS attendance officers will speak regularly to share information when siblings are absent across both schools.

Headteachers are informed of all children who are absent and for whom we do not have a reason for absence and by 10am and will respond either by phone call or a home visit to establish a child's whereabouts. This is part of our safeguarding routines. In some cases the Local Authority will be notified and a First Response team will visit the family home to ensure a child is seen

Please help us by ensuring the office are informed via the Arbor APP or via a phone call and a message on the Attendance answering machine.

Leave of absence requests should be made 2 weeks prior to the absence using the leave of absence form Holidays in term time can not be autoirsed.

If a child's attendance falls below 95% then you will be contacted to work together to improve attendance. If a child's attendance falls below 90% then this is seen as a persistent absenteeism and a support plan will be put in place to track and improve attendance.

This table illustrates the impact of attendance that is 95% or below

Attendance during one school year	Equals this number of days absent	Which is approximately this many weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9.5 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38days	8 weeks	200 lessons

We expect all children to aim for 100% attendance throughout the academic year, however we also understand that young children do get ill, particularly when they first start school, and do not expect children to attend if they are poorly. Help us to value school attendance and instil those values in our children as they grow up.

Free School Meals



DON'T MISS OUT APPLY BEFORE END OF SEPTEMBER!

Free School Meal vouchers may be issued again for the Half Term and Christmas holidays. You will only receive if you apply at :

Are you entitled? <https://forms.sefton.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals/>

You could be entitled to £15 per child, per week shopping vouchers as well as a Winter Fuel Allowance if you receive any of the following benefits:

Income Support

Income based Jobseekers Allowance

Income related Employment and Support Allowance

Child Tax Credit ONLY (not entitled/receiving Working Tax Credit) and have an income of less than £16,190.00

Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit

Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Universal Credit and have a net household income of less than £7,400 per annum Support under VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act

Harvest



To celebrate Harvest this year we are collecting for the Food Pantry at Liverpool

Road Methodist Church who help many local families. On Tuesday 7th October the Reverend Jennie Hardy from St John's Church, Birkdale will be visiting school to deliver Harvest assemblies for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. If you would like to make a donation on Monday 6th or Tuesday 7th here are some sought after items :

Tinned meats

Tinned vegetables (all varieties)

Baked beans / spaghetti

Pasta

Curry sauces

Children's cereal

Crisps

Coffee

Squash



Extra Curricular Clubs

We are busy organising before/after school and lunchtime clubs. Each term will have a range of FREE staff run clubs and paid clubs with (which will have 3 free places available for children entitled to Free School Meals). We are very lucky to have such a committed staff team to ensure all our children can Graduate from Children's University just from attending our FREE clubs. Credits from ALL school based clubs will be collected in school.

As a Children's University school, we know the value of learning outside of school. If your child attends clubs outside of school or you attend 'Learning destinations' at weekends or in holidays DON'T FORGET to purchase your Children's University passport from the uniform shop. There will also be activities to complete in the holidays for extra credits too!



Look out for notices on the newsletter for passport/CU credit collection throughout the school year.

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THINK ABOUT YOUR PARKING

27 years ago our Farnborough parents fought for a safer Farnborough Road for all our children. As a consequence Farnborough Road became a PERMIT ONLY ROAD between 8am and 4pm.

Please help to continue to keep all our children safe **PARK AWAY AND WALK** to school.

ONLY those parents with **BLUE BADGES** or **FARNBOROUGH PERMITS**, which need to be clearly displayed, are permitted to park in the school car park.

FARNBOROUGH ROAD is a **RESIDENT ONLY ROAD**.

We have contacted Merseyside Police this week who will be visiting and fining parents in the coming weeks.

Please remember if you are permitted to use the school car park to do so respectfully.

REMEMBER NOT ALL DISABILITIES ARE VISIBLE.

THINK BEFORE YOU JUDGE!



Not all disabilities are visible. Please think before you judge!



October is Black History Month

At Farnborough Road Infant School we celebrate Black History Month in our assemblies promoting, celebrating and raising awareness of the contributions of Black people in our communities. The theme this year is 'Standing firm in power and pride' which celebrates the resilience, strength, and unwavering commitment to progress the global Black community

Our very active PTFA will be busy organising many events for the rest of the Autumn term. Please come along and join our PTA meeting on 26th October at 1.30pm or our Coffee Morning/AGM on Friday 3rd October at 9am in the school hall.



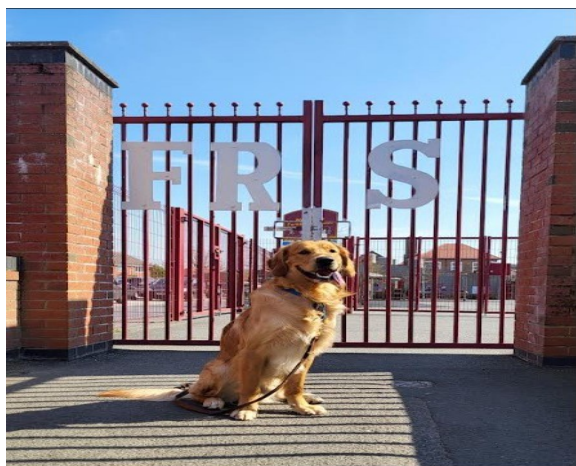
Thanks to this wonderful, dedicated team of parents we were able to pave the way for the contribute to the development our outdoor areas. Please continue to support these events and our team in any way you can pta.fris@schools.sefton.gov.uk.

Fearghal Returns to FRIS

We are looking forward to seeing Fearghal around school again next week as he starts his pre-visits before meeting the children.

Fearghal is a Pets as Therapy Dog and has been working in our school for the last 12 months visiting classes in the library and working with individual children.

Look out for news on your child's class dojo as to when he will be visiting your children.



ARBOR APP

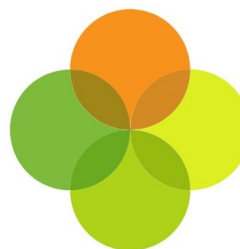
We now have 72% of our parents logged into the Arbor APP. New links have been resent so if you haven't already joined please look in your emails for a link today.

You will need the Arbor APP to book your upcoming parents/carers meeting with us on the 8th October and school based clubs after half term.

Please help us get our uptake up to 100%

If you have any issues please contact

admin.fris@schools.sefton.gov.uk and they will be happy to help.



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IMPORTANT DATES AUTUMN TERM 2025

Wk Beg 22nd September	Y1 Stay and Learn
7th October	Harvest Assemblies
Wk Beg 6th October	Parents Meetings
10th October	World Mental Health Day
Wk Beg 13th October	Reception Stay and Learn
15th October	Individual School Photos
23rd October	PTA School Discos
24th October	Break up for Half term
3rd November	Back to School
Wk Beg 3rd November	School Clubs Start
Wk Beg 10th November	Friendship Week
11th and 12th November	Toast Café- School Council
21st November	Children in Need
25th 26th 27th November	Breakfast with Santa
3rd December	Christmas Fair
6th December	Year 1 singers St John's Church
5th December 2pm	Mrs Andrew's Ladybirds Concert
8th December	Christmas Tree Festival St John's Church
8th December 2pm	Butterflies Concert
9th December 9.15am	Mrs Duckworth's Ladybirds Concert
9th December 2pm	Reception Concert
10th December	Elfridge's Christmas Shop
10th December 9am	Reception Concert
10th December 2pm	Year 1 Concert
11th December 9am	Year 1 Concert
12th December	Christmas Jumper Day, Santa Dash
12th December	Christmas Dinner Day
17th December 2pm and 6pm	Year 2 Concert
17th December	EY Christmas Party Day
18th December	KS1 Christmas Party Day
19th December	Staff Christmas Panto
19th December	Break up for Christmas 2pm