



Farnborough Road Infant School

'LEARNING, CARING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER'

Newsletter 1 5th September 2025

www.farnboroughroadinfants.co.uk



It's the start of the Autumn Term

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our children and parents. It is lovely to see our school excited for the term ahead.

A special welcome to all the new families, who have joined us in the Caterpillar class, in Nursery, in Reception and other classes throughout the school. I hope that your child's first days at Farnborough Infants are happy ones and they quickly feel at home in their new environment.

We are all committed to our school ethos 'Learning, Caring and Achieving Together' and look forward to working with the whole school community and building on the children's and school's successes.

I see the relationship between parents and school as a very important partnership, my door is always open and I welcome wholeheartedly your comments, ideas and suggestions during the coming year.

Communication with Parents

This is key to our success and to our children's learning:-

Our Arbor APP

- * Please make sure you download the Arbor APP - Use the Arbor App to inform us of any change of contact details, fill in medicine forms and free of charge school clubs

Parent Pay

- * For payment for uniform and events.

Our School Website

- * The school website has a lot of useful up to date information readily available for parents eg Term dates, School Meal choices and upcoming events. You can also order uniform via the online shop on the website.



* Pupil Absences

To report any pupil absence please email absence.fris@schools.sefton.gov.uk for planned absences please complete the application form via the link below <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/farnborough-road-infant-school/UploadedDocument/6cab09e3-9947-4eb5-92e8-7568e8dd49e3/application-for-leave-during-termtime.pdf>



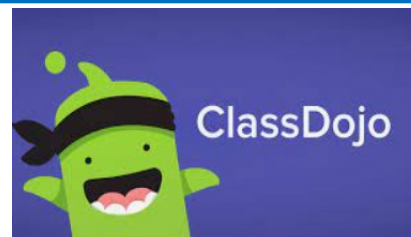
ISABELLA CLARK
2003 - 2025

As a school, we are deeply saddened to hear about the passing of one of our former, much loved Farnborough pupils.

She will be remembered for her kindness and loving nature to all her friends.

I have lovely memories of Isabella in my own class many years ago.

Our heartfelt condolences go to Isabella's family and her friends at this very sad time.



We were able to transfer our children and parents who have already attended

FRIS this week. If you are new to our school please make sure you stay connected with everything that we do by joining your class on Dojo .

As you know my staff at Farnborough Road Infant School work very hard. Please help me to ensure they enjoy a work/life balance and maintain all their energy for the classroom by following the guidance they have sent out for the use of Class Dojo.

Please remember to respect staff quiet hours between the hours of 5.30pm and 8am Mon-Fri and weekends.

Thank you for your continued support. Our full Class Dojo Policy is available on our school website.



Jason Williams and the Southport Flower Show Garden



Over the last few weeks we have very busy working with Jason Williams, also known as the Cloud Gardener, and a team of volunteers both at Southport Flower Show and at school.

The Forest School Garden was designed by Trawden Forest Primary School in Colne and created by Jason Williams won a Large Gold Medal at the Southport Flower Show and the People's Choice Award too was in its entirety donated to Farnborough Road Schools.

I would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to volunteers who supported the relocation of the garden in the Infant School:

Tracy Watkinson, Lindsey Bridge, Helen Jones, Mark Halsall, Laura Bell, David Cahill, Busayo Martin, Josiah Lambert, Nia-Mae Lambert, Phil Davis, Arthur Amos-Smith, Genevieve Amos-Smith, Arthur's Grandmother, Lee Bibby Building Services and Massams Supplies, Network Rail volunteers and a number of volunteers who worked with the Junior School too.

We are also so thankful to @bannisterhalltd @notcuttsuk @garden.centre.plants @bluediamond.homeandgarden @hedgesdirect.co.uk and Laburnum Nurseries for donating all the fabulous plants and Elsie's Story for donating a £5,000 Bupa Grant for the development of outdoor learning at the school.

WOW! We couldn't have achieved this fabulous enhancement to our outdoor resource without each and every one of you! HUGE FARNBOROUGH THANK YOU!

The donations the infant school received have really made a difference to our Forest School Garden. The Forest School Garden is used by all our children from Caterpillars to Year 2. All of our Year 1 children also participate in a 5 week Forest School programme with our Forest School Lead—Miss Iddon.

Please check out the information about Outdoor Learning and our Forest School on our school website <https://www.farnboroughroadinfants.co.uk/outdoor-learning-at-farnborough-road-infant-school/>

What will the next year bring?

Over the next 12 months Jason Williams and Victoria from Northern Lilly will be continuing to work with Farnborough Road Schools. If you would like to be involved in the development of our Forest School or development of our Community garden venture please contact us on admin.fris@schools.sefton.gov.uk. We are really looking forward to developing a team of volunteers to continue to develop our FRIS ambition for Outdoor Learning and a Community Garden project.

Free School Meals

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Don't delay apply today!

Are you entitled?

Deadline END OF SEPTEMBER for schools funding

<https://www.sefton.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

We are aware that for many families, there have been some changes at home during the last 6 months due to the cost of living crisis and that this might have had an impact on your eligibility for free school meals. If you qualify for free school meals not only will your child receive free meals worth £15 but our school will receive additional funding too. In addition to this, during the school holiday period **vouchers (up to £15 per child)** may be continued to be allocated to spend at any supermarket to support with food shopping over the holidays.

IMPORTANT Please apply even if your child currently gets a free dinner because they are in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 as the school will still receive additional funding which is spent on giving your child extra 1:1 learning time in school.

If you need support with applying please contact me or the Family Wellbeing Centre and we will be happy to help.

As a Sefton resident, you are eligible for free school meals 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 £16190.00

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 £7400 per annum

Support under VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act

Starting School



2025-26 Places Available

We have a number of School places available in Year 1 and Year 2 classes. If you know anyone new to the area or would be interested in a school place at Farnborough Road Infant School please advise them to contact me directly for a school tour.

Applications for Nursery and Reception 2026-27 are NOW OPEN.

We are now taking application for our 2 year old and 3 year old Nursery for September 2026. Places are limited and allocated on a first come first served basis. Don't forget we can offer 15 hour and 30 hour places plus top up places and wrap around care with breakfast, after school and holiday club for our 3 year olds.

Applications for Reception 2026 are also now open. Please complete online at https://emswebaccess.sefton.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

The deadline for applications is 15th January 2026. Please contact me if you have any problems completing the online form or you would like a school tour.



FARNBOROUGH ROAD INFANT SCHOOL
HOLIDAY DATES - 2025/26
 (including INSET days)

2025		
AUTUMN TERM		
INSET	Monday 1 st September	School Closed for pupils Teachers and TAs in school
INSET	Tuesday 2 nd September	School Closed for pupils Teachers and TAs in school
Half Term 1	Start of Term: Wednesday 3 rd September at 08.45am School finishes for half term on Friday 24 th October at 3.15pm	
Half Term	Monday 27 th October to Friday 31 st October [one week]	
Half Term 2	Return to school Monday 3 rd November at 08.45am School Finishes for end of term on Friday 19 th December at 2.00pm	

2026		
SPRING TERM		
Half Term 3	Start of Term: Monday 5 th January at 08.45am School finishes for half term on Friday 13 th February at 3.15pm	
Half Term	Monday 16 th February to Friday 20 th February [one week]	
Half Term 4	Return to school Monday 23 rd February at 08.45am School finishes for end of term Friday 27 th March at 2.00pm	

2026		
SUMMER TERM		
Half Term 5	Start of Term: Monday 13 th April at 08.45am School finishes for half term on Thursday 21 st May at 3.15pm	
Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th May	School Closed for all
INSET	Friday 22 nd May	School Closed for pupils Teachers and TAs in school
INSET	Monday 1 st June	School Closed for pupils Teachers Report Writing
Half Term	Friday 25 th May to Monday 1 st June [one week and 2 days]	
Half Term 6	Return to school Tuesday 2 nd June at 08.45am School finishes for end of term on Friday 17 th July at 2.00pm	
INSET	Monday 20 th July	School Closed for pupils Teachers and TAs in school

**AT FARNBOROUGH ROAD
TIMETABLE**

SEPT - OCT 2025

First Steps Family Wellbeing Centre
Farnborough Road Infant School,
Farnborough Road, Birkdale, PR8 3DF.
Tel: 01704 572 579

c.horton.fs@schools.sefton.gov.uk

FACEBOOK – first steps family wellbeing centre
INSTAGRAM – first.steps.fwbc

Please ask us about...



MONDAY

TODDLER RHYME TIME
9.30-10.00 10.15-11.00

At the Birkdale Hub Station
Master's House **Booking Required**

BABY YOGA 1.30-2.30
22/9 - 13/10 6m-12m

4-week course. Helps with nurture and bonding. Promotes balance, co-ordination and motor skills.
£10 to pay - Booking Required

TUESDAY

JO JINGLES 9/9 - 21/10
18m -3yrs 9.30-10.15
3m-18m 10.45-11.30

amazing music and movement session
With Fran **£42 for 7 weeks**
Booking Required

BABY WEIGH IN 1.00-3.00
Contact your Health Visitor

WEDNESDAY

DANCING SONGBIRDS 9.30-10.10
Come and join Aimie for dancing, singing and rhymes. 18m-3yrs

BABY RHYME TIME 10.30-11.00
Birth to crawling
Enjoy rhymes and songs with your baby

FRIDAY

BABY MASSAGE 1.30 - 2.30
26/9 - 17/10
6 weeks-6months

4-week course. A chance for you and your baby to bond **£10 to pay - Booking Required**

**AT KINGS MEADOW
TIMETABLE**

SEPT - OCT 2025

First Steps Family Wellbeing Centre
Kings Meadow Primary School,
Meadow Lane, Ainsdale, PR8 3RS

Tel: 01704 571606

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MONDAY

BABY WEIGH IN 1.00-2.00
Contact your Health Visitor to book on

TUESDAY

Little Treasures 10.00-11.00
Support your child's early learning through treasure baskets, songs and stories! For babies birth to crawling, **no booking required.**

TOP TOTS 1.30-2.30

A physical fun activity session to encourage large motor skills suitable for aged 18month+
NO BOOKING REQUIRED



WEDNESDAY

***NEW* TODDLER GROUP**
1.00 - 2.00

Discover imaginative play with your little one.
Songs and Stories to finish. Suitable for children aged 18months
NO BOOKING REQUIRED

FRIDAY

Little Chefs 10.30-11.30
19/9 - 24/10

Suitable for aged 2-5
A brilliant activity to do with your child. A chance for your child to experiment with food.
£15 for 6 week course.
BOOKING REQUIRED

SATURDAY

Dad's Club 10.00-12.00
Join Scott for fun and games
NO BOOKING REQUIRED
6th 20th Sept. 4th 18th Oct