



Farnborough Road Infant School

'LEARNING, CARING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER'

Newsletter 19 4th July 2025



What a day for the annual summer fair this year. Thank you to everyone who has made the event a

success once again. Particular thanks has to go to our Infant and Junior PTFAs who worked tirelessly to make the fair such a special occasion for the children and parents and to our staff who helped run the stalls. We have been overwhelmed by the support from parents. Raffle Ticket winners will be contacted next week if prizes are not collected at the fair. Profits will be split between the Infant and Junior schools. The profit from the day will be announced on Class Dojo next week. Thank you to all our Raffle Prize donators. The winning classes who sold the most raffle tickets in the Infant school and received half an hour free bounce on the bouncy castles was Room 14.



Class of 2025

At the end of the year we say goodbye and good luck to our Year 2s with our school leavers party. Our disco and pizza party will take place on Monday 21st July 3.30-5pm and is free for our Year 2s to attend. We will be very sad to see them go, they have been a super year group, but they are all ready for the next part of their learning journey at Farnborough Juniors. We have also been busy preparing a Year Book for them to keep.

This is also a gift from the PTFA and contains photographs from their years at Farnborough Road Infant School, the children's memories of their time in our school and their class photo. This is a lovely keepsake and a memory of their time at Farnborough Road Infant School.



On Wednesday 4 of our school council representatives attended Stanley High School with Miss Chew to celebrate the work of school councils across the Southport Learning Partnership. This year our School Council has raised an incredible amount of money for both their chosen charity YPAS, and the Air Ambulance, whilst also supporting the ongoing collection for Elsie's Story Charitable Trust.



Children's reports will go out on Friday 11th July - If you require an extra copy please see let the office staff know and arrange collection.



Children's Achievements

'Learning, Caring and Achieving Together'

We have now also confirmed our final data for this year to the Local Authority. This includes Reception Good Level of Development and Year 1 and Year 2 Phonics. This year our Year 2 end of year results are teacher assessment only. We have been overjoyed with the children's achievements across the school and how they compare with our assessments at the beginning of the year and with National percentages. I am sure you will agree staff at Farnborough Road Infant School always go the extra mile for all our children this is clearly apparent in the children's achievements. Mrs Fletcher, our Vice Chair of Governors, and I would like to thank the parents for their continued support with their learning and homework.

Your child's progress is very much a partnership of school and home working closely together to achieve the very best for your child.

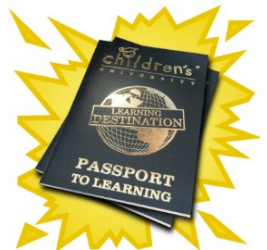
	School 2024-25	National 2023/24
Reception Good Level Of Development	67%	67.7%
Year 1 Phonics	82%	80%
Year 2 Phonics	96%	89%
End of KS1 Reading Expected	78%	68% (2022)
Greater Depth	33%	19% (2022)
Writing Expected	65%	60% (2022)
Greater Depth	16%	8% (2022)
Mathematics Expected	76%	71% (2022)
Greater Depth	22%	16% (2022)

(All data is provisional until confirmed by the Local Authority)

Reception and Year 1 Children's University Passports

The deadline for Reception and Year 1 Children's University Passports is **FRIDAY 11th JULY**.

Please pass passports to your child's class teacher.



DEAF ACTIVE PERFORMANCE—CHANGE OF DATE

Our Year 2 Deaf Active Performance will now be on **Thursday 10th July at 2pm** in the Y2 Playground (weather permitting).

Collage



Sculpture

Painting



Artists



Drama

Music



We have had a fabulous celebration of the ARTS this week with the theme 'Nature at our Finger Tips'

We have had visitors including drama and dance workshops throughout the week as well as our own staff taking lessons across year groups enhancing the planned activities organised by the teachers.

Every day the children have been engaged in classroom ART activities which will be displayed in the Studio and some of our children's work will be entered into the Ainsdale Show - Arts and Crafts children's tent—for a chance to win prizes!

The Ainsdale Show takes place this Saturday the 5th July on the Village Green. Pop long to see our amazing entries.

103rd
AINSDALE
SHOW
Ainsdale Horticultural Society
Saving Ainsdale Green

Saturday 5 July 2025
Music and Carboot Sale Sunday 6 July 2025

AINSDALE VILLAGE GREEN
LIVERPOOL ROAD, AINSDALE, MERSEYSIDE
 FAMILY (2 ADULTS + 2 CHILDREN) = £5
 ADULTS (18 & OVER) = £5
 15 TO 18 = £3
 UNDER 15 FREE ENTRY

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Our school values are:

COMPASSION PERSEVERANCE HONESTY RESPECT and LOVE AND KINDNESS

End of Term



We will finish for the Summer Holiday on Tuesday 22nd July at 2pm.



PTFA END OF YEAR EVENTS

Thank you for all your support

Wednesday
16 July

GOOD TIMES

FRIS PTFA PRESENTS

Ice Lolly Day

yummy

£1 on ParentPay

Children will receive a delicious ice lolly before the end of the school day.



Working in partnership with other schools this year, once again, Key Stage One children and parents were invited to Birkdale High School for our annual Sports Day. Mr Quirk and the Birkdale boys did a fabulous job of



organising a range of events for the infants to take part in. Despite the weather being less than sunny, the event was well attended and the children behaved well and were great sports cheering

each other on and congratulating the winning team. This year the winning Team was the **YELLOWS!**



I only have praise



for the Birkdale boys for being helpful and polite' and showing great maturity in their ability to encourage and support our children so much younger than themselves.

Thank you to Mr Hutton too who also organised Sports Days with our teachers for our Nursery and Reception children



YEAR 2 LEAVERS DISCO

21 JULY **3:30 5PM**

600 DEGREES PIZZAS, TREATS, DRINKS, DISCO & BOUNCY CASTLE!

ALLERGIES WILL BE CATERED FOR.

CHILDREN ARE TO WEAR THEIR PARTY CLOTHES TO SCHOOL.

CHILDREN WILL STAY IN SCHOOL BEFORE THIS EVENT. PLEASE PICK UP AT 5PM.

THIS IS A FREE EVENT, FULLY FUNDED BY FRIS PTFA

Please confirm on ParentPay if your child will attend

600 DEGREES PROVIDING PIZZAS

Online Safety Newsletter

July 2025

ZEPETO

ZEPETO has an age rating of over 13. Users create their own avatars and can design rooms. ZEPETO is a social networking app and therefore users can chat with others. Due to the communication option, there are the usual risks, such as your child seeing inappropriate content or online bullying. In-App purchases are also available on this platform.

Parental controls are not available, but a user can change some settings within privacy and content settings, for example to change who can direct message you.

ZEPETO have published a Guardian's guide here:

<https://support.zepeto.me/hc/en-us/articles/900005874946-ZEPETO-Guardian-s-Guide>

Sprunki

Is your child playing Sprunki? If they are, there are several versions of this game, so it is important to check which version they are playing and to then check its suitability for your child. For example, one version states:

"WARNING: This game contains disturbing images and scenes of explicit violence and gore".

Find out more here:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-topics/esafety-guide/sprunki>

Nintendo Switch 2

The Nintendo Switch 2 was released last month and has a new communication feature that you should be aware of.

GameChat – NEW

GameChat is included within a Nintendo Switch Online membership and allows up to 12 people to chat while playing games. Players can share their screen, even if they are playing different games, chat with the built-in microphone and as the Nintendo Switch 2 allows cameras to be connected (sold separately), even video chat. If your child is using this feature, then ensure they know how to report other users.

You can find out more here: <https://www.nintendo.com/en-gb/Hardware/Nintendo-Switch-2/GameChat/Nintendo-Switch-2-GameChat-2785625.html>

Parental Controls

There is a free Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app that can be linked with your Nintendo Switch to monitor what your child is playing. The app creates a report so you can see which video games your child is playing and for how long. It also allows you to set which games your child can play, based on the PEGI age rating and restricts your child from sending or receiving messages from other users. GameChat settings can also be adjusted. Children under the age of 15 can only use GameChat if allowed by you through the app. They can then only use GameChat with people that you approve. Find out more here: <https://www.nintendo.com/en-gb/Support/Nintendo-Switch-2/How-to-Set-Up-Adjust-or-Remove-Parental-Controls-on-Nintendo-Switch-2-2843839.html>

Check age ratings

PEGI provides age classifications for video games. PEGI considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty. It is important to note that PEGI do not take into consideration user generated content within games (such as on Roblox) and chat facilities within games. <https://pegi.info/>

Further information

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming/>



Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translate tool on our web version: <https://www.knowsleyc.lcs.org.uk/primary-july-2025/>

Online Challenges

According to Ofcom's latest Children's Media Use and Attitudes report "funny videos or those showing pranks or challenges continue to be the most popular type of VSP (video-sharing platforms) content for children, watched by 68% of 3-17-year-olds who watch videos." [source - <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/media-use-and-attitudes/media-habits-children/children-and-parents-media-use-and-attitudes-report-2025>]

If your child is watching this type of content, then you need to chat to them regularly, particularly about online challenges and the risks that they can pose. **There are challenges online that are risky/dangerous.** Sadly, there are reports that children have died as a consequence of attempting online challenges.

Children may not yet have developed the skills and ability to critically analyse that what they see online is not always safe for them to replicate. Make sure your child knows that they should talk to you (or another trusted adult) if they are thinking about trying something that they have seen online.

If your child has not heard about an online challenge, then do not draw attention to it as this may lead to them searching for it out of curiosity, so just talk about challenges in a general sense. Furthermore, reassure your child that challenges that suggest that terrible things will happen if they do not complete the tasks are not real.

The following link will provide you with further information as well as content to help you talk to your child:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-challenges-guide/>



Is your child moving to Secondary school?

Is your child moving to Secondary school this September? Internet Matters have outlined a number of tools and resources, including a Transition Parent Guide to help support you:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/moving-to-secondary-school-online-safety-guide/>

Conversation Starter

Are you struggling to start a conversation with your child about online safety? Why not try discussing this scenario with them. What would they do and how would you help them?

Amira and her classmates have a WhatsApp group. One evening, Amira notices that some group members are sharing unkind jokes and memes about another student, Leo, who isn't part of the group. The messages start as playful but quickly turn mean-spirited. Amira feels uncomfortable but isn't sure what to do. So, what should Amira do?

First, Amira should **not** join in with the mean messages. Then, although difficult, she could **speak up** in the group by saying something kind like: "Let's not be mean. This isn't fair to Leo." Finally, she should **tell a trusted adult**.

Discuss how group chats should be fun for *everyone*, not a place to hurt others. Emphasise that being part of a group chat means we all have a responsibility to keep it respectful. If you see something that doesn't feel right, like Amira did, it's okay to speak up or talk to a trusted adult. Remind your child that they won't be punished if they tell you something like this.

Remember, even if Leo doesn't see the messages, **it's still wrong to be unkind**. Real legends lift each other up — they don't tear others down.

Omegle (and similar platforms)

Whilst the original Omegle no longer exists, there is now Ome.tv, other Omegle copycat sites as well as other sites with a similar concept. **We cannot stress enough that these sites should not be accessed by children due to the potential content and language used, which can be explicit.** As an example, Ome.tv connects you randomly to other people via video chat from across the world. Ome.tv does state that it should only be used by adults.

You can find out more information about Chat apps, including 'randomised chat forums' here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/chat-apps/>