



Farnborough Road Infant School

'LEARNING, CARING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER'

Newsletter 18 20th June 2025



HUGE FRIS THANK YOU!

A HUGE FRIS THANK YOU for all your support for our school



community event. It really has brought everyone in our community together to raise money for our

Southport Community

And enabled us to highlighted the important work that Elsie's Story are doing for the benefit of everyone in Southport.

So far we have raised £16,014.00 from Parent Pay and Just Giving contributions. This includes £565.12 raised by the PTFA.

Our school community has thoroughly enjoyed the Break the Rules Day today and we hope the sun will shine on the Skydive and Colour Run events tomorrow. Staff will be taking part and supporting both of these events.



Thanks go to

Lee Bibby Building Services and Rigby's Group for paying for the Skydive

MD Travel for providing a free coach for the school supporters

Elsie's story for contributions from their T-shirt sales.

Promodirect for making and providing the wristbands free of charge so profits from sales went straight to Elsie's Story.





Wally Cain Dance Festival 2025

On Friday 13th June 16 of our Year 2 children participated in the Wally Cain Dance Festival at the Atkinson Arts Centre. Each year schools enter the festival with an overarching theme. This year the theme was 'Great works of Literacy' The children took their inspiration from Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland. They thoroughly enjoyed performing in

front of a large audience and shared their dance, with the rest of the school in assembly too.

Thank you to Miss Chew and all our dancers who have dedicated hours of time to lunchtime practices this term and Miss Sinclair who supported back stage on the night.

You made Farnborough Road Infant School, your headteacher and parents extremely proud.



On Monday 16th June 75 children graduated in Year 2 from Children's University. The children who are graduating this year have done incredibly well gaining "credits" by attending clubs,

accredited outside activities, learning destinations or completing the holiday challenges (which are advertised on our newsletters) Children needed to collect 30 credits during their time in the Infant School in order to graduate. Thanks go to Miss Sanders for organising this part of our extended school activities, staff who run the free clubs in school and parents for supporting their children in wider activities. If you are interested in your child collecting Children's University credits so they can graduate in Year 2 or Year 6 please purchase a passport online from the school shop and start collecting now.

Here are the names of The FRIS Children's University Graduates of 2025!

Maya Abram, Isaac Greenough, Violet O'Neill, Hope Cassidy, Mina Hawkins, April Paynter, Felix Blundell, Willow Woosey, Elijah Russell, Bella Tilley, Jessica Southwell, Liam Sheils, Charlie Brew, Harrison Prue, Henry Snape, Davide Mihalcea, Pheobe Rix, Rowan Smith, Henry Aylward, Mason Evans-Horrocks, Fletcher Marsden, Eric Horn, Kingsley Halsall, Rory Greenhalgh, Frankie Vaianella, Amelie Anderson, Amelia Harrison, Jared Ward, William Leatherbarrow, Alex Hurley, Ellie Mahoney, Daniel Reeves, Jude Li Sanderson, Toby Honeyman Ho, Sofia Ivan, Bradley Carr, Thomas Searle, Jack Norbury, Claudia Clinton, James Abram, Tiaraoluwa Awopeju, Olivia Simms, Cody Fry, Carter Audsley, Dexter Audsley, Ella Saint, Ava Goodchild, Emiel Corne, Harriet Goulding, Blake Birks, Clara Jones, Lucia Sullivan, Jacob Roderick, Matilda Lowe, Pearl Riding, Isla McNab, Esme Gayle, Louis Smith, Joshua Wright, Phoebe Rosenthal, Faye Scott, Sophie Miller, Mollie Croft, Neve Cartwright, Mattis Leboe, George Medway, Clara Doolan, Charlotte Corfield, Chase McCoy, Thomas Hutton, Joey Roberts, Matthew Bell, Connie Carson, Anya Byrom.

LAST FEW REMAINING PLACES in our 2 year old and 3 year old Nursery for September 2025!

Is your child's birthday between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2023

Readiness for School is a big government agenda. We work with our parents to ensure Sefton's 6 steps to success



Farnborough Road Infant School Nursery

'Learning, Caring and Achieving Together'

Farnborough Road, Birkdale, Southport PR8 3DF

Give your child the very best start to their education.

Reasons to choose our school nursery:

- Your child.....
- Will be taught by a qualified teacher with excellent knowledge of the Early Years Curriculum and how children learn
- Will enjoy a carefully planned creative curriculum enhanced by other professionals; sports coaches, theatre visits, dance teachers
- Will enjoy a high quality Nursery environment
- Will make excellent progress and be ready for starting school
- Will be taught consistent rules and expectations for school
- Will use and be familiar with the school's excellent facilities
- Will be part of our whole school community celebrating events; Arts Week, Concerts, Whole school picnics, Easter and Summer Fairs



30 or 15 hours free nursery education

Would you like to add additional hours?

Would you like to top your 15 hours up to 30 hours?

OR Would you like to make your 2 ½ days, 3 or 4 full days?

We can also provide wrap around care from 7.45am till 6pm.

Contact us on 01704 577637 for a tour and an application form or visit our Nursery

page on the school website www.farnboroughroadsouthport.co.uk/nursery-12/

"Pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), achieve well. This is because leaders have set high expectations for what children in the early years and pupils in key stage 1 should learn." OFSTED April 2023

READY TO LEARN when I start Reception

Six Steps to Success

Follow these simple steps to ensure your child is confident and happy when starting reception class at school. This will support them to settle well, thrive and learn.

- I can communicate my wants and needs**

Being more confident when speaking to others and being able to say when they need help will support your child to make a smooth transition to school and to school friendships.

 - Encourage your child to speak in short sentences and model this for them.
 - Hold back and build conversations throughout the day giving your whole attention to your child.

Scan the QR code for more communication tips.
- I can follow simple instructions**

Being able to follow instructions is a very important skill when starting school. Throughout the day, children will need to listen to and follow many instructions related to what they need to do and where they need to go.

 - Keep instructions simple, for e.g. "Put your shoes please".
 - Play simple games together.
 - Make it clear that your child must follow the instructions of an adult, and give them help to achieve this if necessary.
- I am aware of my own feelings and I am kind towards others**

Children need to learn that all feelings are a normal part of life, and although it isn't nice to feel sad or angry, they can hold this emotion and know how to cope with it.

 - Label emotions for your child when these are experienced, for e.g. "I can see that you are sad because you are crying. Let me give you a hug to help you feel better".
 - Support your child to calm down (expirated through wavy which work for them). This could be by taking some deep breaths, or gently taking your child away from a difficult situation.

Scan the QR code for more information.
- I can play with other children & share toys with them**

At school, your child will need to share a learning space with up to 30 other children and being able to work positively for a term is an essential skill they need to learn.

 - Play simple turn taking games, using the phrase "My turn" and "Your turn".
 - As knowledge that waiting is hard but must offering alternatives, such as a tablet or phone which removes the need to wait.

Scan the QR code for games to play together.
- I can go to the toilet by myself and I have good self-care skills**

Supporting your child's independence with self-care skills will help their confidence at school.

 - Show your child how to use the toilet, wipe themselves clean and wash their hands.
 - Allow your child time to learn and independent tasks such as getting dressed. If they take longer in the start term, but your child will feel the more motivated that they succeeded and are more likely to try.
 - Brush your child's teeth with fluoride toothpaste before a day.
 - Label screen time to the recommended daily amount.

Scan the QR code for toilet training advice.
- I can listen & join in with an activity**

In order to learn and enjoy school, children need to be able to listen and respond appropriately. Hearing lots of birds and birds movements are helps to develop this skill.

 - Talk to your child about situations and encourage as you go about your day, such as what you are buying in the shops or what you can see through the car window.
 - Take your child's attention by naming their name and waiting for them to acknowledge you before talking to them and pausing to give them enough time to respond.

Scan the QR code for screen time advice.

All children grow and develop at different rates. If you are worried about your child's development, please seek advice. If you know or suspect that your child has special educational needs (SEND), developmental differences or delays, some of these skills may not be achievable for them at this point. Make sure you share as much information with your child's new teacher, who will work with you to find strategies to support your child.



Don't forget we offer our Early Years breakfast, after school and holiday provision from 3 years old to provide the best possible start to your child's education.

Please contact me on head.fris@schools.sefton.gov.uk or our office team on 01704 577637 to discuss how we can accommodate the hours and days that you need for these valuable Nursery years.



Sports Day Information for Year 1 and Year 2 Parents

Our Key Stage One Sports Day will take place on the morning of Wednesday 25th June at Birkdale High School. Children should come to school wearing their PE kit (PE kits will be sent home) with trainers or pumps and their school sweatshirt. Don't forget sunscreen, a hat or waterproof coat and joggers (weather dependent) and a water bottle.

Children will walk with their school staff.

Parents should arrive from 9am. Access to the Sports field is from the Liverpool Road gates. Please be mindful to use the correct entrance as there are GCSE exams still on at the school.

Parents are asked to walk to Birkdale High straight after drop off so that we can secure the school site as usual. We are asking for parents to keep the pavement clear on the left hand side of Liverpool Road so that we can safely walk the children down to Birkdale High with a clear line of sight over the classes.

Class sports events will start from 9.30am depending on the arrival of all the children and will finish by 11.30/40am so they can return to school for lunch at the normal times. Parents can follow their class around the sports activity stations to watch and cheer on their child. Children should, however, stay with their class and their class teacher at all times.

Please DO NOT bring snacks for your child while they are competing in the events. All children will be provided with a drink and a snack at the rest stations. Please do not take photos or record events during the Sports Day. Staff will be taking their class iPad and will post photos on Class Dojo. This is for safeguarding reasons. Our staff know which children have consent for their photograph to be taken and shared.

Please be considerate to our school policies for the health and safety of the children and respect for the our host school.

Thank your for your support.

Let's hope the weather is kind to us on the day.

JOIN OUR



Do you want to job in our school? Or kick start a teaching or teaching assistant career?

Welfare assistants play a really important role in our school supporting children pastorally over the lunchtime period.

Would you like to earn an extra £3875.14 per year?

The job involves one and quarter hours work each day which also sits under the universal credit limitations.

These roles have often led to training to become teaching assistants or teaching assistant posts at Farnborough Road Infants or Farnborough Junior School.

Please email me at head.fris@schools.sefton.gov.uk or drop me a dojo if you are interested to get an application pack from the school office or you can apply through the Sefton website. https://ats-seftonschools.jgp.co.uk/vacancies?ga_client_id=96c484ad-7bb3-4bdf-a2d5-f81462da6762

At the end of the school year we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Watkinson who has been a member of the Farnborough Road Infant School team for 21 years and has taken the decision this summer to retire.



Mrs Watkinson has worked in a variety of roles during her career including class teaching assistant and lunchtime welfare and I had the pleasure of working with Mrs Watkinson myself during my classroom teaching career. We wish you all the best for a long and happy retirement. We will miss you!



We will also be saying goodbye to Miss Owen and Mrs Bailey who have made the decision not to return to their teaching roles in September 2025 to spend time with their new families.



Mrs Moy has been a valued member of our welfare team over the last 6 years is leaving us as her daughter is leaving the juniors this year,



We look forward to Mrs Flanagan returning to her class teacher role in September part time (sharing with Miss Iddon our Forest School Lead) following her maternity leave and Miss Fealey and Miss Clarehugh joining us as new members of our teaching staff team.



We also wish Miss Kenyon, Miss Allanson, Miss Gillow and Miss Tangeman good luck in their new roles following the end of their maternity leave and 1:1 support contracts.



Thank you all for all your hard work and dedication to our school.

Transition Reminders



During the next month children will be talking about change and preparing for the transitions that will happen in school.

We will ensure that children take part of in a range of activities as whole classes, groups and individuals to support their next step on their learning journey.

Our continuous provision, play based learning environments continue into Year 1 and are adapted for Year 2 (this is an area we are continuing to develop for September 2025).

Please see individual dates for the main events on the newsletter dated 16th May.

WHAT AN AMAZING TREAT!

Last week Year 2 had a visit from Tim Quinn who worked for Marvel Comics for 25 years with comic book legend Stan Lee.

The children will be working on a project - drawing themselves as a Super Hero for a mural to be displayed in Southport later this year.

Tim grew up in Crosby before living and working in New York. The children had an amazing morning listening to his stories and messages of striving for whatever they wanted to achieve and being kind.



His message to the children was **IN LIFE—BE KIND, BE KIND, BE KIND!**

Thank you Tim for visiting Farnborough Road Infant School.

This was his message following his visit.....

Hi Miss Sephton

What a beautiful school, students and teachers.

I loved every second.

So much talent under one roof!

Well done, you!

Every good wish to all, Tim

Attending your appointment by video



School Health Team North - Sefton

Video calling is convenient and easy to use

Instead of travelling to your appointment, you will enter the online waiting area, using the link below.

The service will see that you have arrived, and a provider will join your call when ready.

There is no need to create an account.

Video calls are secure and your privacy is protected.



How do I attend my video appointment?

Go to: <https://nhs.vc/schoolnursesseftonhamptonrd>

What do I need to make a video call?

- A device** for making a video call, such as a smartphone, tablet, or computer with a webcam and speaker (often built into laptops).
- A reliable internet connection** (wired, WiFi or mobile data). If you can watch a video online, you should be able to make a video call.
- A private, well-lit area** for your consultation, where you will not be disturbed.
- Use the latest version of **Chrome, Safari, or Edge** for best video calling performance.

Google Chrome
Windows, Android,
MacOS

Apple Safari
MacOS, iOS,
iPadOS

Microsoft Edge
Windows

What do I need to know?

Is it secure / confidential?

You have your own private video room that only authorised providers can enter. No information you enter is stored.

How much does a video call cost?

The video call is free except for your internet usage. **Tip!** If you can, connect to a Wi-Fi network to avoid using your mobile data.

How much internet data will I use?

The video call doesn't use data while you are waiting for someone to join you. After the call connects, it uses a similar amount of data to Skype® or FaceTime®.

How do I make my video call?

1. Open your web browser and type the service's web address into the address bar (not the search box).
2. Depending on the available controls you may either:
 - Click the **Start Video call** button and select your Waiting Area, or
 - Click **Enter Waiting Area**.
3. If asked, allow your browser to access your camera and microphone.
4. Follow the on-screen prompts to start your video call.
5. To end the call, click **End**.

Start video call

Enter Waiting Area



Tip! Many call issues can be fixed by clicking **Refresh**.

Refresh End

Tip! If a **Test call** button is available, make a test call before your appointment to check your setup.

1. Click the **Test call** button to run a quick test:

Test call

2. If asked, allow your browser to access your camera and microphone. The **Video call setup** runs through four testing stages: microphone, camera, connection, and speaker.



What do I do if something's not working?

Visit <https://england.nhs.attendanywhere.com/troubleshooting>

More information

Visit <https://nhs.attendanywhere.com/callers>

