



Farnborough Road Infant School

'LEARNING, CARING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER'

Newsletter 17 6th June 2025



The summer term continues... Hope you all enjoyed a lovely half term. I can't believe it is June already and we are getting ready for transition activities. They say time flies when you are having fun!



We are all looking forward to a weekend of raising funds for Elsie's Story. On Friday 20th June the children are looking forward to Breaking 15 Rules—to send their head teachers to a 15,000 feet skydive (the highest in the UK) on Saturday 21st June in the hope of raising £15,000 for Elsie's Story, 15 for 15!

So far we have raised an amazing £6933.50!

a combined effort from our Just Giving page and Parent Pay. Elsie's Story is a wonderful charity that is determined to make positive things emerge from this terrible tragedy. Elsie would have loved the fact that her head teachers were jumping out of a plane for her! I know staff and families will be joining in the Colour Run at the Rugby Club too!

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/farnboroughroadheadteachers15for15>



**HAPPY
91st
BIRTHDAY
FRS!**



Today we celebrated Farnborough Road School's 91st Birthday.

On 1st June 1934, 400 children were admitted to the new Farnborough Road School. The Headmaster was Mr Bracewell and after the first assembly, the children had to be dismissed, because the furniture had not arrived! Three days later, the children reassembled at school, but still there were three classes without chairs. The official opening of the school took place at 2.45pm on 6th June. 2 days later normal lessons could begin. Classes had about 45 children in them.

Prior to 1934 the local school was situated at St John's Church to this day we have retained the St John's eagle as our logo.

Happy Birthday FRS!

CONGRATUALATIONS FRIS !

This week we have been presented with the Attachment and Trauma Sensitive Schools Bronze Award (ATSSA).



As I was taking part in the assessment with a group of staff, I had an overwhelming sense of PRIDE for the practice they were describing and the things we do for our children, staff and parent community.

OUR FARNBOROUGH FAMILY.

Everything we implement at FRIS has our children at it's heart and this came across clearly to Jenny Nock during our assessment on Thursday.

ONE PROUD HEADTEACHER!



Do you recognise the member of staff in the middle of this photograph?

She was once a Farnborough girl.

One of our first children to attend Farnborough Road Nursery.

This member of staff has worked for Farnborough Road Infants for 30 years this week!

Congratulations and a HUGE thank you to Miss Sanders for all that she has done and for all the children she has looked after at our school.



WE ARE SO EXCITED TO SHARE THE NEWEST ADDITION TO ELSIE'S STORY.

A SELECTION OF LIMITED EDITION ELSIE'S STORY T-SHIRTS. EACH ONE AS UNIQUE, FUN AND COLOURFUL AS ELSIE.

ELSIE'S STORY HAS PRODUCED A LIMITED RUN OF THE T-SHIRTS IN SUPPORT OF HEADTEACHERS' SKYDIVE EACH ONE HAND CRAFTED BY A NUMBER OF DEDICATED SCHOOL MUMS.

T-SHIRTS ARE AVAILABLE WHILE STOCKS LAST. YOU CAN GET YOURS FROM ELSIESSTORY.DECO-APPAREL.COM FROM FRIDAY 6TH JUNE PM.

CHILDRENS - £12 ADULTS - £18

Important**Dates this half**

term—We have lots of events happening over the last half term I have colour coded them for you according to year group :

Nursery—Pink, Reception- Yellow, Year 1—Blue, Year 2—Red Black across year groups

Friday 13th June- Wally Cain Dance Festival

Monday 16th June Children's University Graduation

Tuesday 17th June Y2 trip to Philharmonic Hall

Friday 20th June Children, Staff and Parents find out about new classes

Friday 20th June 15 for 15 Break the Rules Day

Saturday 21st June Headteacher Skydive / Rugby Club Colour Run

Tuesday 24th June New Nursery Parents Meeting 5pm or 6pm

Wednesday 25th June am Y1 and Y2 Sports Day Birkdale High School—Parents invited to attend

Wednesday 25th June New Reception Parents Meeting 5pm or 6pm

Thursday 26th June Move Up Morning

Thursday 26th New to Y3 Meeting FRJS

Week beginning Monday 30th June ARTS WEEK— Theme - 'Nature at our fingertips'

2nd July School Council Celebration Morning

Deaf Active Performance Year 2 parents 3rd July 2.30pm

Friday 4th July—Summer Fair

Saturday 5th July Ainsdale Show

Ladybirds Mrs Duckworth concert Tuesday 8th July 2.15pm

Butterflies concert Wednesday 9th July 2.15pm

Ladybirds Mrs Andrews concert Friday 11th July 2.15pm

Friday 11th July Reports to parents

Reception concert Tuesday 15th July 2pm and Wednesday 16th 9am

Year 1 Concert Wednesday 16th July 2pm and Thursday 17th 9am

16th July Ice Lolly Wednesday

Year 2 Concert Thursday 17th 2pm and Friday 18th 9am

Monday 21st July Year 2 Leavers Party 3.30-5pm

Tuesday 22nd July Break up for Summer Holidays 2pm



**AINSDALE
SUMMER SHOW**



Our very active PTFA have been busy organising events for the Summer term

Wednesday 11th June—Father's Day Shop

Friday 4th July - Joint Summer Fair with the Juniors

Wednesday 16th July —'Ice Lolly Wednesday'

Monday 21st July - Year 2 Leavers Party 3.30-5pm Thanks in advance to this wonderful, dedicated team of parents. Please continue to support these events and our team in any way you can.





Jason Williams

Southport Flower Show Garden



Last month we were visited by Jason Williams, also known as the Cloud Gardener, after moving into his apartment just before COVID lockdown he created his very own garden on his balcony. Since then he has become a Silver-Gift Medal winner at the Chelsea Flower Show in 2022 and this year Jason Williams will be coming to Southport, to our very own Southport Flower Show. At the show Jason has been asked to turn the winning design for the school competition into a 6x6m garden.

On his visit to school Jason explained that he would like to donate his garden to Farnborough Road Schools.

We need your help!

Would you be interested in helping Jason build his creation at the show?

Are you available anytime between the 28th July and 13th August?

OR Are you available after 18th August to help relocate the garden to Farnborough Road?

Would you be able to help with plants that would be suitable for our sandy soil?

Please contact admin.fris@schools.sefton.gov.uk

First Steps

Family Wellbeing Centre

Positive Parenting Course
Friday 9.15 - 11.30
13/6 - 4/7
@Farnborough Road FWBC

Parenthood can be extremely rewarding and enjoyable. It can also be demanding, frustrating and exhausting. The challenge is to raise healthy, well-adjusted children. During the course you will gain some useful ideas, tips and strategies to help you meet the challenges when raising children.

Do you want more confidence as a parent?

Is your child's behaviour difficult to manage?

Do you want to refresh your skills as a parent?

Contact Clare Tel: 572579/07566798564
 Email:- c.horton.fs@schools.sefton.gov.uk

THE ELSIE DOT SUPER FUN DAY

CHARITABLE TRUST

- DJ GLYNN X
- BOUNCY CASTLE & ASSAULT COURSE
- 360 FOOTBALL FUN
- FACE PAINTING
- JOHN HARDING ENTERTAINMENT
- STARKIDZ FUN
- ELSIE DOT BESPOKE NAIL DESIGN BY ALICE
- LOUBY LOU CLOWN
- CAKES FROM THE MIXING BOWL & MORE TO BE RELEASED

MON 21ST JULY
SOUTHPORT RUGBY CLUB
1530 - 1930

£5 PER PERSON
 TICKETS TO BE RELEASED SOON

SOUTHPORT BOUNCY CASTLES.CO.UK

**AT FARNBOROUGH ROAD
TIMETABLE**

JUNE - JULY 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...

Home Safety

Speech & Language

Behavioural Support

Healthy Start Vitamins

Welfare Advice

MONDAY

TODDLER RHYME TIME
9.30 - 10.00 or 10.15-11.00
At the Birkdale Hub Station
Master's House Booking Required

BLOOM BABY
2/6 - 14/7 @ Pinfold Lane
Class times 10:15 and 11:20
Contact Eleanor on 07967813074
for more information

BABY YOGA 1.30-2.30
23/6 - 14/7 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 3/6-15/7
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

***NEW* TODDLER STAY & PLAY 1.30 -2.15**
Discover with your little one. Suitable for children aged 18months
NO BOOKING REQUIRED

FRIDAY

POSITIVE PARENTING 13/6 - 4/7 9.15-11.30
Gain strategies for managing your child's behaviour
Booking Required

BABY MASSAGE 1.30 - 2.30 13/6 - 4/7 6 weeks-6months
4-week course. A chance for you and your baby to bond £10 to pay -
Booking Required

**AT KINGS MEADOW
TIMETABLE**

JUNE - JULY 2025

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

Tel: 01704 571606

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

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

Please ask us about...

Employability

Parenting Advice

Breastfeeding support

Early Help

Domestic Abuse

Welfare Advice

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

Life's for Living Sefton. 9.30 -11.30
support and advice for your child with ASD/ADHD 25/6
Booking Required

FRIDAY

Little Chefs 10.30-11.30 13/6 - 18/7
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
31/5 14/6 28/6 12/7

Online Safety Newsletter

June 2025

Virtual Reality (VR)

VR is a 3D computer generated environment that users can explore wearing a VR Headset.

Meta Quest Parental Controls

Meta Quest are one of the more popular VR Headsets. Users aged 13+ can use Meta Quest (children between 10 and 12 years old can use it through a parent managed account). *Meta Quest state that VR Headsets are not recommended for use by younger or smaller-sized children for a variety of reasons including eye strain.* Optional supervision tools are available for those aged 13–17. Find out more here: <https://familycenter.meta.com/uk/our-products/horizon-and-quest/>

Meta Quest has a Safety Centre; it includes health and safety warnings and how to set privacy settings. <https://www.meta.com/gb/quest/safety-center/>

Gorilla Tag

This is a popular game and whilst rated as PEGI 3 (even though young children should not be using VR), it is important to note that it does include in app purchases and players can interact so there is a risk of offensive/inappropriate language. <https://www.esrb.org/blog/a-parents-guide-to-gorilla-tag/>

What can I do?

- Check what games your child is accessing and make sure they are appropriate.
- Play together.
- Set time limits and ensure plenty of breaks.

Further information:

- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/virtual-reality-headsets/>

Online Privacy

It is important to develop an understanding of how you can protect your child's privacy online. Any personal information shared online creates a digital footprint and it is vital that we control who sees what.



What are Privacy settings?

Privacy settings are tools available on most social media apps, websites, and games. They allow users to control who can view what they share online.

What can we do to support our children with their online privacy?

Talk to your child regularly: Talk to your child about what is personal information and to think about what they share online. Personal information includes their name, address, current location and the school they attend. This also includes information within photos or videos that they may share, for example does it show their current location?

Apply appropriate privacy settings: For any app, game or device that your child uses, check the privacy settings and apply them as appropriate. For example:

- Check if their location is being shared.
- Check who can tag them in posts (as what others tag them in can also affect their digital footprint).
- Check who can share their content.

Check these settings regularly as new options may become available or sometimes updates can change previous settings.

Children learn from us: Think about what you are sharing online – do you share photos of your child in their school uniform or their current location?

Set strong/complex passwords: Teach your child to create strong/complex passwords and to never share them with others.

Search their name – search their name in a search engine to see what information can be seen about your child. Remind your child that they can delete any information that they no longer want others to see.

Further Information

- <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/taking-care-your-digital-footprint/>
- <https://www.unicef.org/parenting/child-care/online-privacy>
- https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/11_18/lets-talk-about/online-safety/privacy-settings/

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Instagram

You must be over 13 years of age to set up an account. Instagram is used to post photos and videos as well as send direct messages, make voice/video calls, and send disappearing messages. Users can also upload to 'Stories' (which disappear after 24 hours), broadcast live and upload reels (short videos).

Teen accounts

Teen accounts are automatically set up for users aged 13 – 17. Teens under the age of 16 will need your permission to update their safety settings. With a Teen Account, additional safety settings are applied, for example, who your child can contact is limited and the content they access will be set to the most restrictive setting to reduce exposure to sensitive content. Find out more here: <https://help.instagram.com/995996839195964>

Supervision settings

Instagram also offers a supervision facility, which is a set of tools that you can use to help support your child. It is important to note that both you and your child must agree to these settings, and they can be removed at any time by either person. Once set up you can:

- Set a time limit.
- See which accounts your child is following and who is following them.
- View who your child has messaged in the past week (you will not be able to see the contents of these messages)
- The option to block your child from accessing Instagram at certain times e.g. during school or at night.

Find out more here:

https://help.instagram.com/658522825492278/?helpref=related_articles

How to Reset Your Instagram Recommendations

You can reset recommendations, which will clear recommended content across Explore, Reels and Feed. You can find out more here:

<https://about.fb.com/news/2024/11/introducing-recommendations-reset-instagram/>

What are the risks of using Instagram?

- Cyberbullying.
- Risk of contact from strangers.
- Viewing inappropriate content.
- Echo chambers - algorithms can create an echo chamber. Once we show an interest in a subject, the app/ site will promote that content, which may mean we are overly exposed to it.

Safety Features

If your child is using Instagram, then ensure they know how to report posts and people, how to unfollow/block people as well as delete and turn off comments. Find out how: <https://help.instagram.com/269765046710559>

More information

Visit the family centre to learn more about the features available:

<https://familycenter.meta.com/uk/>

Talking to your child about online mistakes

The online world is difficult to navigate, and mistakes will happen. When they do, it is important that as a parent you are ready.

Stay Calm

If your child tells you about something that they have done wrong online, then try to stay calm and listen.

Be Honest

You may not know how to solve the issue but tell them you will help them work it out.

Solve It Together

Try and resolve the problem together to help your child learn and understand what went wrong. This will also develop their digital literacy skills.

You should also take the opportunity to review/set up any available parental controls.

Help and Support

If you feel like you need support from an external organisation, then Parent Zone have listed some of the different organisations available:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/help-and-support>

Further information:

<https://www.brightcanary.io/what-to-do-when-your-child-sends-inappropriate-things/>

Texting dictionary from Internet Matters

Internet Matters have created a list of text language terms to help you understand some of the text slang that your child might be using. Find out more here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/text-dictionary/>