



# Farnborough Road Infant School

'LEARNING, CARING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER'

## Newsletter 15 2nd May 2025



### Elsie's Story

### MARATHON CHALLENGE.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the London Marathon runners who ran for Elsie's Story on Sunday. We are so proud of you all, particularly our own Miss Johnson who raised an amazing £3,601 for the charity.

We want to continue to support Elsie's Story so that Elsie-Dot's positivity, love for others and energy for life continues to benefit those in our Southport community and beyond.

Forever in our Farnborough heart-Elsie-Dot.



### COME AND READ SESSIONS

Our Come and Read with me sessions are off to a great start. Promoting the

importance of sharing books with parents and siblings, the use of our library and our Forrest School Garden in the centre of our school. Both areas have been enhanced by funds raised by our wonderful PTA including the library furniture, Non-Fiction books and our Forest School Structures and equipment. Our thanks go to our PTA Committee and all our parent community who have contributed to events over the last 3 years. We couldn't have these lovely resource areas without your support.





12th - 18th May is Mental Health Awareness week .

Throughout the week we will be highlighting the importance of good mental health and the coping strategies to use we will have workshops from Musical Theatre, Dance and Drama, Groovy Golf, Cheerleading, Boogie MASH UP play, buddy class swaps and our Wellbeing Warriors.

We invite you to Boogie away and enjoy some music on Friday morning in Space for Sport from 8.30am.



## PTFA Update

Our last discos of the academic year .....



**FRIS PTFA Summer DISCO**  
15 MAY 2025  
£3 on ParentPay

Reception – 2:25 to 3:05pm  
Children can wear own clothes to school

Year 1 – 3:15 to 3:55pm  
Children can bring own clothes to change into in a named bag

Year 2 – 3:45 to 4:45pm  
If attending after school club, children can bring own clothes in a named bag

Children in afterschool club will be taken to and from the disco

Please note: only payments made via parentpay will be accepted

### MHST - Sleep Support & Managing Screens Coffee Morning Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May



Our next MHST coffee morning will be delivered by Chris Kaye, our school MHST link.

Venue: The canteen

Time: 9am

There will be an opportunity after the session to chat with Chris about any queries or concerns you may have.

We look forward to seeing you there!

### Give your child the very best start to their education



Our last few Nursery places are available for September 2025/26. Don't forget we can provide:

- \* Wrap around provision from 7.45 until 6pm in our purposefully designed early years breakfast and afterschool club.
- \* A choice of sessions to suit every family's needs
- \* A qualified teacher in each class who provides a curriculum that ensures our children get the very best start to their education.

Choose Farnborough Road Schools Nursery for your 2 or 3 year olds.

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Our class weekly attendance is shared in Friday's 'Star of the Week' Assembly and the children are keen for their class to win the Attendance Bear for the week.

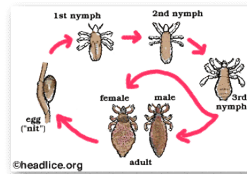
Best Class Attendance Week Beginning 28th April is Caterpillars AM with 100%, Room 7 & Room 14 with 98.2%



Whole school attendance for the year to date is 96.5%

The Government target for whole school attendance is 97%.

Which Came First... the Itchin' or the Egg?



(The Life-Cycle of the Head Louse)

Once a week take a peek

We have a number of classes with reoccurring issues of Head Lice. It is a good idea to check your child's hair once a week when they are so young as children play more closely together at this age. Please can all parents take the opportunity over the bank holiday weekend to check their child's hair so we can help solve this issue. I have attached the link for the NHS website and the school website information. Thank you for your support. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/> OR <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/farnborough-road-infant-school/UploadedDocument/31898dfac8f447c1b384147c7c4673f8/once-a-week-take-a-peek-head-lice-advice.pdf>

VE DAY -8th May 2025—80 year celebration

We will be raising the Union flag in the junior playground to mark VE Day next week and decorating the playground.



We will also be talking to the children about the commemorative event at the National Memorial Arboretum on Thursday 8th May to mark 80 years since the end of the Second World War.



Would your child benefit from a place in our Caterpillar 2-3 year old Nursery to help them with transition ready for Pre-School in September?

We have ONE paid place available in our Caterpillar Nursery on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon for the Summer Term. Please phone our office on 01704 577637.

Only £18 per session

Deaf Awareness Week 5th–11th May 2025



This weeks Deaf Awareness feature for our newsletter is written by our SENCO, Mrs Touhey.



Each year in the Summer Term, we commission Deaf

Active to teach our Year 2 children British Sign Language. The children will enjoy 10 weeks of lessons where they will learn sign language to songs.



Our sign language sessions are an opportunity for all our children to learn some British Sign Language during their time in the infant school and improve their communication with and understanding of people who have hearing loss & deafness.

Year 2 will have the opportunity to share what they have been learning at the end of term—they can't wait!

Deaf Awareness is something particularly close to our hearts and we are constantly looking for new ways to improve our communication and how we tailor our curriculum to support all learners.

**Did you know that data from the National Deaf Children's Society suggests that there is probably at least one child in every class that suffers from at least mild hearing loss?**

We have learners in our school ranging from those with mild hearing loss to deafness - which can be lifelong. We are lucky enough to work closely with the Hearing Impairment Team from the Sefton Inclusion Service as well as specialist Speech & Language Therapists from Alder Hey and all staff have received training on deaf awareness.



Here are our top tips for communicating with someone who has a hearing impairment:



Get their attention before talking to them. This could be a wave or a gentle tap on the shoulder.



Look at them and make sure your face is clear (this helps with lip reading) even better if you can get down to their level.



Don't shout! This can be uncomfortable for someone wearing a hearing aid.



Speak clearly (without over exaggeration).

Learn basic finger spelling or some British Sign Language (BSL)

Hearing aids are an incredible piece of technology that can help deaf people to hear - just like glasses help people to see more clearly. You may see children around school wearing hearing aids which we think is amazing!



If you're looking for ways to raise awareness with your children, 'Freddie and the Fairy' by Julia Donaldson is a beautifully written and illustrated children's book that explains some of the difficulties that people with hearing impairments face and ways to help.

# Online Safety Newsletter

May 2025

## Wonderlab+

Are you looking for something fun to do online with your child? The Science Museum group have a wide array of activities, games and quizzes on their website:

<https://wonderlabplus.sciencemuseumgroup.org.uk/home>

## Minecraft

Minecraft is rated as PEGI 7, meaning it is suitable for those over 7 years of age. Minecraft is a game where players can create worlds using blocks. There are two different modes – creative and survival. In creative mode, users can build what they wish and have unlimited resources whereas in survival mode, players must gather resources, find food and defend themselves against mobs. Survival mode may include mild violence and scary characters. You should be aware that there is a multiplayer option available where players can chat to each other. In-app purchases are also available to buy items such as skins, so ensure purchases are disabled or that a password or PIN is required to make them. Ensure appropriate parental controls are applied, on both Minecraft and the console itself. Find out more here:

<https://www.minecraft.net/en-us/article/parental-controls>

### Further information

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/minecraft>

## Cyberbullying

### What is cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying is a form of bullying that takes place online and can take many forms, such as sending malicious messages. Cyberbullying can happen at any time of the day, so often feels unrelenting. It can take place across many different platforms, such as on messaging apps like WhatsApp and Snapchat, on social media platforms such as Instagram and TikTok and via online games. Here are some examples of what cyberbullying can look like online:

- Sending nasty or hurtful messages
- Leaving unkind comments
- Sharing photographs of somebody else without their permission
- Excluding somebody on purpose
- Impersonating somebody with a fake account
- Telling/sharing lies
- Blackmailing

### What should I do if my child is being bullied online?

If your child is being bullied, then try to stay calm and let them know that it is not their fault. It is always useful to keep evidence of any online bullying and inform their school so that they are aware. Show your child how to block and/or report any users/content and review their privacy settings to limit what others can see. You may also wish to review/set up any available parental controls.



### Further information

There is a vast amount of information available online about cyberbullying. The following links provide further information on types of online bullying, and who you can contact if you need any further advice or support.

- <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/online-bullying/>
- <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-and-support/advice-parents-and-carers/sources-information-advice-and>

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# Roblox New parental controls

## What is Roblox?

Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. It is free to download (however subscription options and in game/app purchases are available) and can be played across numerous devices.

A lot of the content is user generated, which may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play. If your child is playing Roblox, it is important to monitor what your child is accessing and set up appropriate parental controls.

PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance label, this is because it is difficult to rate due to the huge level of user generated content.

## New Parental Features

Roblox have released three new parental controls for your child's Roblox account. These are:

1. **Friend blocking** - you can now block anyone on your child's friends list that you do not want them direct messaging.
2. **Experience blocking** – you can now block any specific experiences (games) that you do not want your child to access.
3. **Top game insights** - you can now see the 20 experiences (games) your child has spent the most time on in the last week.

You can find out more here:

<https://corp.roblox.com/newsroom/2025/04/new-parental-controls-on-roblox>

## Further information

You can find out more about Roblox here:

<https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/30428248050068-Parental-Controls-FAQ>

## JusTalk

Users can use this app to video chat, call, and text. There are two versions – [JusTalk](#) and [JusTalk Kids](#) with both versions having the option to unlock further functions via a premium subscription. [JusTalk](#) is rated as 12+ and [JusTalk Kids](#) is rated as 4+ on the App store.

Even though the apps may be rated as age appropriate for your child, there are still risks in using either version.

The [Ineqe](#) Safeguarding Group provide an overview of [JusTalk](#), including the risks you need to be aware of: <https://ineqe.com/2023/02/08/what-is-the-justalk-app/>

## Keeping up with technology

It can be difficult to keep up with what our children are doing online as it can change so quickly. UK Safer Internet Centre have published an article with suggestions on what we can do: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers/things-change-so-fast-online-its-hard-to-keep-up-with-what-my-child-is-doing>

# Ask Silver Scam Checker

Ask Silver is a tool that anyone with a smartphone can use to protect themselves from scams. To use the service, you will first need to sign up and then you can simply upload a screenshot of anything that you are unsure of, and think could be a scam. Ask Silver will let you know whether they think it is safe or not. Find out more here:

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/asksilver/>

