



Farnborough Road Infant School

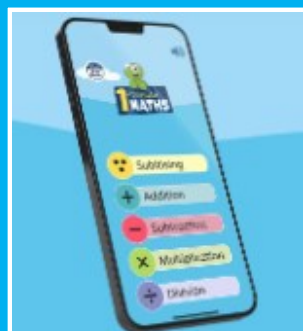
'LEARNING, CARING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER'

Newsletter 9 17th January 2025



Welcome back to all our Farnborough families.

It is lovely to have the children back in school and ready to learn after the Christmas break. I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your unwavering support during the Autumn Term.



One Minute Maths

Download a free app by White Rose called 1 min Maths to develop children's number confidence and fluency.

Important Dates for the Half Term 1

- Class Photos—to be confirmed
- Week Beg 3rd February Children's Mental Health Week
- Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th February Parents Meetings
- Tuesday 11th February Safer Internet Day
- Thursday 13th February PTA Discos
- Friday 14th February We love our community event
- Break up for Half term
- Monday 24th February Back to School



Parents Meetings—5th and 6th February

We will be using the online booking system to book a face to face appointment for you. Links for booking the appointments will be sent by email and/or text. Appointments will be for 10 minutes with your child's class teacher and there is 1 appointment available per child. If you are unable to attend either date please speak to your child's class teacher as they may be able to see you after school on an alternative day. Please ensure that the office is kept up to date of changes to emails or phone numbers so you don't miss out on your appointment.

Valentine's Disco

THURSDAY 13
FEBRUARY 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 4:40pm - 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

Be Kind

Please note: only payments made via parentpay will be accepted

Give your child the very best start to their education

LAST FEW PLACES AVAILABLE for our Caterpillar and Nursery classes for September 2025.



We are extremely proud of our 2 year old and 3 year old Nursery provision at FRIS. We can offer provision for 2 year olds for up to 15 hours – funded or paid places. Our Caterpillar Nursery continues to be very popular with our families and those new families in our community. If your child is aged


between 1- 2years and you are interested in a place for your child in our Caterpillar class, please fill in an expression of interest form at the school office to avoid disappointment.



In our 3 year old Butterflies and Ladybird Nursery we can provide:

- * Wrap around care from 7.45 till 6pm,
- * A choice of sessions to suit every family's needs;
- * 30 hours, 15 hours, top up sessions or choose your days
- * A qualified teacher who provides a curriculum which ensures our children get the very best start to their education and is ready for school.

We have already contacted parents for their preferences of sessions for September. Classes have been filling up fast and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.



View gallery

Change cover

83%

£837

raised of £1,000 target
by 40 supporters

Give Now

Share

What a great start Miss Johnson!

On 27th April Miss Johnson will be running the London Marathon for Elsie's Story as a member of Farnborough Road Infant School staff. Miss Johnson wanted to support Elsie's Story so that Elsie-Dot's positivity, love for others and energy for life continues in our community and beyond.

If anyone would like to support Miss Johnson with her London Marathon Challenge please can you sponsor her using the Just Giving page

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/sammie-johnson-1736958606312>

Forever in our Farnborough heart- Elsie-Dot.

Sammie Johnson

Miss Johnson's London Marathon challenge for Elsie's Story

Fundraising for Elsie's Story

Event: London Marathon 2025, on 27 April 2025

Elsie's Story

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School Improvement Update



This week Miss Sykes, Miss Chew and I presented to Voice 21 in the final part of Farnborough Road Infant

School's application to become an 'Oracy Centre of Excellence'. All our staff have been working hard over the last 3 years to develop our Oracy curriculum and elevate the children's learning. Children have been developing their skills of speaking confidently, listening to others and voicing their opinions. They have developed their knowledge of sentence formation, can actively debate and present and know that every voice is valued in our school. We are extremely proud of our curriculum and the life chances we have created. We will let you know the outcome of the final assessment in the next few weeks

We also welcomed 12 parents who attended our first coffee morning with our Educational Mental Health Support

Practitioner Chris Kaye to find out more about the service. Our next coffee morning will focus on anxiety and worry. Look out for the date and time to follow.

This week we have also completed our second session of whole school training for



Bronze Award

the Attachment and Trauma Sensitive Schools Award (ATSSA) which we hope to achieve in June 2025.

The award is a recognition of our school's commitment to our culture of nurture and compassion, supporting our children's emotional needs to promote better learning and mental and physical health outcomes, that we embrace inclusion, removing barriers to learning and help those who have experienced adversity to thrive.



Social Media Influencers

What is an Influencer?

An influencer is somebody on a social media platform such as YouTube and Instagram, who have a high number of followers. Influencers share their opinions/ideas and may be paid to advertise/promote products through their account.

What should I be concerned about?

Whilst there are some great influencers, there are some that choose to share content that is for example, misogynistic, racist or misleading. These opinions can be expressed or interpreted as fact, so it is important to talk to your child and encourage them to fact check and critically analyse what they see and hear online.

What we see on social media

What we see is influenced by algorithms, which predict what type of content we are most likely to interact with. Whilst there are benefits of algorithms, it can mean that once we start looking at certain content, our social media feed can become more aligned with that opinion, creating an echo chamber and therefore we do not see a balanced picture. Find out more here: <https://www.childnet.com/blog/algorithms/>

What can I do to help my child?

Talk to your child about social media and who they follow. If there is anybody that you are unsure of, then check their feed and discuss with your child if you find anything worrying.

Further information

<https://swgfl.org.uk/topics/social-media/>

Fortnite Battle Royale



Fortnite Battle Royale is rated PEGI 12 due to moderate violence, meaning it is not suitable for children under the age of 12.

What is Fortnite?

There are different versions of Fortnite, including Fortnite Battle Royale, which is free to play (although it contains in-app purchases). In Battle Royale, up to one hundred players compete against each other until one winner remains.

What do I need to be aware of?

- **Chatting and inappropriate language:** Fortnite includes voice and text chat, which may mean your child encounters strangers and may hear inappropriate language. Ensure your child knows how to report/block any players that make them feel uncomfortable.
- **In app purchases:** Players can purchase V-Bucks so make sure you restrict purchases and do not store your card details.

Parental Controls

Fortnite provides several parental controls in your child's Epic account to help you create a safer environment for your child. The controls allow you to:

- disable voice chat
- filter language
- manage which experiences your child can access based on their age
- set a PIN to add friends
- set a PIN for purchases
- set time limits
- set appropriate privacy settings.

Also, remember to set up age-appropriate parental controls on the device your child is playing on.

Reporting/Blocking Features

As always, ensure your child knows how to use the reporting and blocking features and that they know they should talk to you or another trusted adult if anything concerns them.

Further information

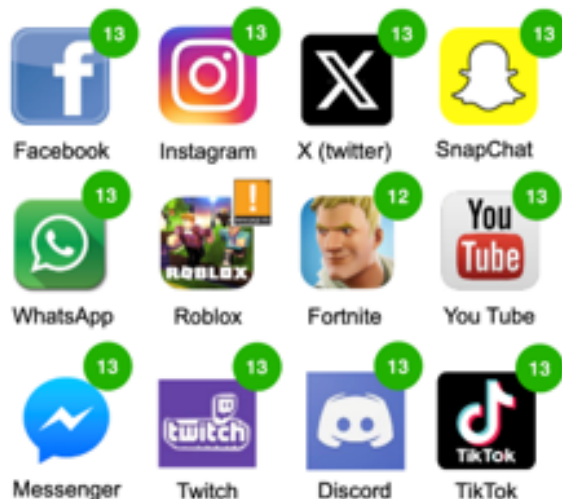
You can find out more here:

- <https://safety.epicgames.com/en-US/parental-controls>
- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/fortnite>

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into.
Current as of the date released 01.01.25.

Get to know age ratings

Age ratings exist to help protect your child, so we thought we'd provide you with a little reminder of how important it is to check the age ratings of what your child is accessing online. Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are accessing.



Whether your child is viewing films, accessing apps, playing games online or using social media – make sure you check the age rating first to see if your child is old enough. In addition, the likes of PEGI (Pan European Game Information) provide further content descriptors, which will give you an indication of the type of content that your child might view e.g. violence or bad language.

What else should I review?

It is important to note that whilst age ratings do allow you to see if something may be appropriate for your child, it is also important to review the content yourself. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable for your child to access and if it would be beneficial to apply further parental controls. For example, does it include the ability to communicate with others and are in game/app purchases available?

What else can I do?

- Explain the importance of age ratings to your child and how they protect them.
- Go online together to see what your child is accessing.
- Set up parental controls on your broadband, devices and on any individual apps that your child is using. This will reduce the chances of them accessing or viewing anything unsuitable.
- Chat to your child regularly about what they are doing online and as always, remind your child that if anything is worrying them then they should talk to you or another trusted adult.

Further information

You can find out more here:

<https://eegamesmart.co.uk/articles/how-age-ratings-help-families/>

Smartphone Free Childhood



Smartphone Free Childhood is a parent-led movement whose mission is to protect children from the dangers of using smartphones too young.

The premise behind this movement is that all parents/carers of a class all agree not to give their children smartphones (therefore the level of peer pressure is reduced) for a set time or until a specific age. Are you ready to join? Find out more here:

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk>

Digital differences between men and women revealed

Ofcom have released their annual report into our daily habits. The findings show that women and teenage girls are more worried about online harms. You can read the full report here:

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/media-use-and-attitudes/online-habits/digital-differences-between-men-and-women-revealed/>

X (Twitter) Checklist

You should be at least 13 years of age to have a Twitter account. The SWGfL have created a free Privacy and Security checklist for you to download. The resource is available here:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/introducing-the-x-checklist-keeping-your-profile-under-control/>