



Farnborough Road Infant School

'LEARNING, CARING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER'

Newsletter 1

6th September 2024

www.farnboroughroadinfants.co.uk



It's the start of the Autumn Term

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our children and parents. It is lovely to see our school excited for the term ahead.

A special welcome to all the new families, who have joined us in the Caterpillar class, in Nursery, in Reception and other classes throughout the school. I hope that your child's first days at Farnborough Infants are happy ones and they quickly feel at home in their new environment.

We are all committed to our school ethos 'Learning, Caring and Achieving Together' and look forward to working with the whole school community and building on the children's and school's successes.

I see the relationship between parents and school as a very important partnership, my door is always open and I welcome wholeheartedly your comments, ideas and suggestions during the coming year.



Elsie Dot

Forever our FRIS STAR!

As we navigate the year ahead we will continue to remember Elsie Dot, forever in our thoughts and in our FRIS hearts.

We, as a staff at FRIS, are forever grateful of all the kind words, thoughts and messages we have received.

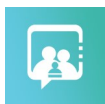
We have already planted a Camellia bush with some special gems and stones in the Year 2 yard, the plants from the gates and the donated cherry blossom tree in the internal garden. Thanks to Mark Halsall for helping us to achieve this.

We have also been very kindly gifted money from a number of sources that we will use for fitting tributes throughout the year. THANK YOU SO MUCH for your support and kindness.

Communication with Parents

This is key to our success and to our children's learning:-

Our Parent APP

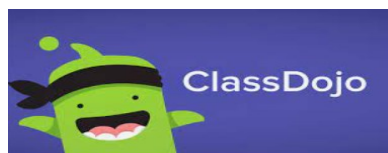


- * Please make sure you download the School APP - you will receive reminders for upcoming activities as well as our latest news through this. Also, an automatic link to the School Newsletter which will be produced fortnightly. Use the Parent App to inform us of any absences, change of contact details, fill in medicine permissions and will link into Parent Pay for payment for uniform and events.

Our School Website



- * The school website has a lot of useful up to date information readily available for parents eg Term dates, School Meal choices and upcoming events. You can also order uniform via the online shop on the website.



We were able to transfer our children and parents who have already

attended FRIS this week. If you are new to our school please make sure you stay connected with everything that we do by joining your class on Dojo .

As you know my staff at Farnborough Road Infant School work very hard. Please help me to ensure they enjoy a work/life balance and maintain all their energy for the classroom by following the guidance they have sent out for the use of Class Dojo.

Please remember to respect staff quiet hours between the hours of 5.30pm and 8am Mon-Fri and weekends.

Thank you for your continued support. Our full Class Dojo Policy is available on our school website.



FARNBOROUGH ROAD INFANT SCHOOL
HOLIDAY DATES - 2024/2025
 (including INSET days)

2024		
AUTUMN TERM		
INSET	Tuesday 3rd September	School Closed for pupils Teachers and TAs in school
INSET	Wednesday 4th September	School Closed for pupils Teachers and TAs in school
Half Term 1	Start of Term: Thursday 5th September at 08.45am School finishes for half term on Friday 25th October at 3.15pm	
Half Term	Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November [one week]	
Half Term 2	Return to school Monday 4th November at 08.45am School finishes for end of term on Friday 20th December at 2.00pm	

2025		
SPRING TERM		
Half Term 3	Start of Term: Monday 6th January at 08.45am School finishes for half term on Friday 14th February at 3.15pm	
Half Term	Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February [one week]	
Half Term 4	Return to school Monday 24th February at 08.45am School finishes for end of term Friday 4th April at 2.00pm	

2025		
SUMMER TERM		
Good Friday	Friday 18th April	School Closed for all
Easter Monday	Monday 21st April	School Closed for all
Half Term 5	Start of Term: Tuesday 22nd April at 08.45am School finishes for half term on Wednesday 21st May at 3.15pm	
Bank Holiday	Monday 5th May	School Closed for all
INSET	Thursday 22nd May	School Closed for pupils Teachers and TAs in school
INSET	Friday 23rd May	School Closed for pupils Teachers Report Writing
INSET	Monday 2nd June	School Closed for pupils Teachers Report Writing
Half Term	Thursday 22nd May to Monday 2nd June [one week and 3 days]	
Half Term 6	Return to school Tuesday 3rd June at 08.45am School finishes for end of term on Tuesday 22nd July at 2.00pm	

Free School Meals

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Don't delay apply today!

Are you entitled?

Deadline END OF SEPTEMBER for schools funding

<https://www.sefton.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

We are aware that for many families, there have been some changes at home during the last 6 months due to the cost of living crisis and that this might have had an impact on your eligibility for free school meals. If you qualify for free school meals not only will your child receive free meals worth £15 but our school will receive additional funding too. In addition to this, during the school holiday period **vouchers (up to £15 per child)** may be continued to be allocated to spend at any supermarket to support with food shopping over the holidays.

IMPORTANT Please apply even if your child currently gets a free dinner because they are in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 as the school will still receive additional funding which is spent on giving your child extra 1:1 learning time in school.

If you need support with applying please contact me or the Family Wellbeing Centre and we will be happy to help.

As a Sefton resident, you are eligible for free school meals if you receive any of the following benefits:

Income Support

Income based Jobseekers Allowance

Income related Employment and Support Allowance

Child Tax Credit ONLY (not entitled/ receiving Working Tax Credit) and have an income of less than £16190.00

Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit

Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Universal Credit and have a net household income of less than £7400 per annum

Support under VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act

Starting School



2024-25 Places Available

We have a number of School places available Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes. If you know anyone new to the area or would be interested in a school place at Farnborough Road Infant School please advise them to contact me directly for a school tour.

Applications for Nursery and Reception 2025/26 are NOW OPEN.

We are now taking application for our 2 year old and 3 year old Nursery for September 2025. Places are limited and allocated on a first come first served basis. Don't forget we can offer 15 hour and 30 hour places plus top up places and wrap around care with breakfast, after school and holiday club for our 3 year olds.

Applications for Reception 2025 are also now open. Please complete online at https://emswebaccess.sefton.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

The deadline for applications is 15th January 2025. Please contact me if you have any problems completing the online form or you would like a school tour.

Our school values are:

COMPASSION PERSEVERANCE HONESTY RESPECT and **LOVE AND KINDNESS**

AT FARNBOROUGH ROAD
TIMETABLE

SEPT - OCT 2024

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...



MONDAY

Toddler Rhyme Time
10.15-11.00

At the Birkdale Hub Station
Master's House next to Birkdale
Station **Booking Required**

Baby Yoga 1.30-2.30
23/9-14/10 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 10/9-22/10
18m -3yrs 9.30-10.15
3m-18m 10.45-11.30

amazing music and movement session
With Fran **£35 - 7 weeks**
Booking Required

BABY WEIGH IN 1.00-3.00

Contact your Health Visitor to
book on

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

FRIDAY

Baby Massage 1.30 - 2.30
4/10 - 25/10

6 weeks-6months

A 4-week course. A chance for you and
your baby to bond while encouraging
better sleep patterns.

£10 to pay - Booking Required

AT KINGS MEADOW
TIMETABLE

SEPT - OCT 2024

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

Tel: 01704 571 606
c.horton.fs@schools.sefton.gov.uk

FACEBOOK – first steps family wellbeing centre
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MONDAY

Little Treasures 10.00-11.00

Support your child's early learning
through treasure baskets,
songs and stories!

For babies birth to crawling, no need
to book.

BABY WEIGH IN 1.00-2.00

Contact your Health Visitor to
book on

TUESDAY

Mini Movers 10.00-11.00

suitable for babies/crawlers and
cruisers. Discovery session to
explore in a safe soft space. Songs
and story to finish

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

Tiny Club - 1.00-1.45
18/9 - 23/10

A 6 week course of discovery classes
for you and your baby. Through
activities and play you will learn about
tummy time, reading to baby, bonding
and much more. Suitable from birth-
crawling **Booking Required**

FRIDAY

Little Chefs 10.30-11.30
20/9 - 25/10

Suitable for aged 2-5
A brilliant activity to do with your child.
A chance for your child to experiment
with food. £12 for 6 week course.
Booking Required

SATURDAY

Dad's Club is back! 10.00-12.00
Join Scott for fun and games
21/9 5/10 19/10 2/11
NO BOOKING REQUIRED

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