



# Farnborough Road Infant School

'LEARNING, CARING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER'

## Newsletter 8 19th December 2025



As this will be the final newsletter of this term, I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2026! I would also like to thank our staff team and the children who have worked exceptionally hard this term.

I have been particularly proud of the children in our Nativities. The Christmas concerts have been a fabulous success in each year group. It is lovely to see the confidence of the children developing and the progression across the school. Thank you for all your kind donations following these performances, this will go towards a visit from the magician for our Early Years and Key Stage One Party days and a donation to Liverpool Road Methodist Church.



At the end of this term we say good luck to Alice Calvert who has started her maternity leave. We look forward to sharing the good news with you after the Christmas break.



**HUGE THANK YOU** to our FRIS PTFA for all the lovely Christmas experiences over the last few weeks, Breakfast with Santa, Elfridges, Christmas Fair, Easy fundraising Christmas gifts.

**HUGE THANK YOU** to Lee Bibby Building Services for our lovely FRIS Christmas Tree in our Foyer and to Mrs Bonney for the lovely decorations!



## Deadline for Reception Applications

If you haven't already made your application on-line for Reception 2026 please don't forget to do so by 15th January. Parents of children in our Nursery or with siblings already in school still need to complete an application.

Please make sure you have also applied for Caterpillars (2 year olds) and Nursery (3 year olds) as these places will be allocated after the Christmas holidays for September 2026.

## Our School Climate Action Plan



**Our Vision**—At Farnborough Road Infant School, we are helping children learn to care for the planet through everyday actions, outdoor learning, and strong community involvement. This outlines our key goals and how families can support us this year and beyond.

**Our goal** is to reduce the school's environmental impact while teaching children the values of stewardship, responsibility, and kindness to nature.



Reduce waste across the school

Lower energy and water use

Encourage walking, scooting and cycling

Grow green spaces and support wildlife

Teach children to care for nature

Work together with families and the community

### What We Are Doing in School

**Waste Reduction**— Embedding recycling stations in every room, learning to compost leaf, fruit and garden waste.

**Saving Energy & Water** embedding "Switch-Off" monitors in each class, reviewing our LED lighting system, teaching children simple, good energy habits

**Sustainable Travel**—Embedding Walk-to-School Weeks, Encouraging the use of scooter and bike parking, Sharing Anti-idling reminders for cars using the car park.

**Nature & Outdoor Learning**—Growing vegetables, herbs and pollinator plants, Installing bird feeders and a bug hotel, Weekly outdoor learning across the school,



**Climate Education**, Purchase of books, and embedding activities and discussions about caring for nature. Simple, practical habits children can use every day

### How Parents Can Help

Walk, scoot or cycle where possible

Support reusable School water bottles containers and bags

Share family eco habits with your child

Join gardening or eco events when invited

Use the uniform swap or donate preloved items



### Working Together

By building small, positive habits, our children learn that they can make a difference. Thank you for supporting our school's journey toward a greener, healthier future. If you would like more details or to get involved, please email our office [admin.fris@schools.sefton.gov.uk](mailto:admin.fris@schools.sefton.gov.uk) and read our Climate Action Plan <https://primariesite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/farnborough-road-infant-school/UploadedDocument/929b67a5-166c-406f-8abc-5ccb073adefd/climate-action-plan-2025-26.pdf>



Our FRIS Governors would like to wish all our parents, staff and children a very Merry Christmas!

**Mrs Lucy Fletcher** is our Chair of Governors. Mrs Fletcher was a partner in a very successful Southport solicitors, attended Farnborough Road Infant School herself and is very passionate about the importance of Early Years education.



**Mrs Lindsey Buchanan Brown** is a Maths Teacher at a local High School and our Safeguarding governor lead as well as sitting on our Family Wellbeing Centre governor's committee.

**Mr Peter Denby** runs a successful software and consulting company is particularly passionate about the role of technology for children and the wider population, and its responsible use.



**Mrs Lucy Edwards** is one of our parent governors. Mrs Edwards is a qualified primary school teacher and currently works as a Financial Adviser. Mrs Edwards is also an active part of the FRIS Change Team developing Emotional Health and Wellbeing across our school.

**Mrs Marilyn Fletcher** also used to teach at FRIS until recently in Year 1 and Year 2. She is very passionate as our Oracy Governor in the development and role of speaking and listening in our curriculum.



**Mrs Hayley Hinton** is one of our co-opted governors and has been a secondary teacher for 13 years. She currently holds the role of SENCO in one of our local high schools.

**Mr Simon Shaw** has been a Governor of Farnborough Road Infant School (and also of the Junior School) for over thirty years. Mr Shaw is a Chartered Accountant and is currently one of the elected councillors for the area.



**Mrs Ruth Caplan-Hinett** has been a member of the RAF since 1998 and has worked as a Physical Training specialist at RAF Woodvale. Ruth has 2 children who currently attend Farnborough Road Schools. She has taken on the roles of SEND Governor and Premises Lead.

Our school values are:

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



**Mrs Higham** is our Staff Governor representative. Her role is to communicate the ideas and views of our staff team whilst giving governors an insight into the daily life of the school.



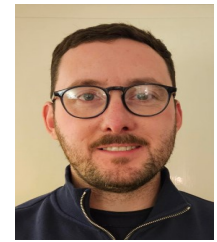
**Mrs Rachel Corfield** has had 21 years in retail management and was also a member of our PTFA committee elected as Treasurer until this term. Rachel has a daughter in the junior school

**Mr Mark Halsall** specialises in land management and open space maintenance. Mark has moved back to Southport with his family and is passionate about improving opportunities for all children.



**Mrs Liz Fawbert** is a specialist in human resources management and a qualified Executive Coach and has a keen interest in Leadership and Team Development.

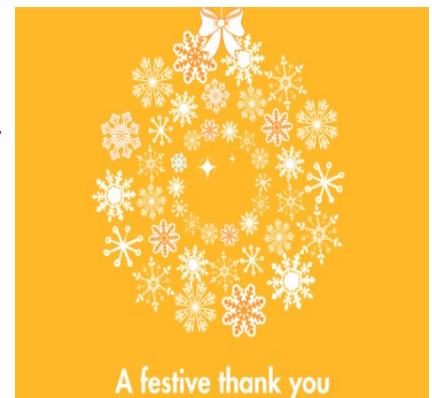
**Mr Joe Martland** has worked as an Operations Manger for a network and technology company for the last 15 years and has a degree in Building surveying. He is motivated to help ensure our school environment allows our children to reach their full potential.



At the end of this term we are saying goodbye to one of our governors **Mr Neil Farmer** who has supported the school for the last 4 years. We thank you for all your hard work and support of FRIS.

In the new year we will be starting the process for a new parent governor election.

More information to follow.



**Farnborough Road Infant School in the community.**

Last week our Year 2 singers visited Birkdale Park Nursing Home this week to entertain the residents and the staff and pass on some FRIS Christmas cheer.

**Merry Christmas to our FRIS Family  
See you on Monday 5th January 2026 at 8.45am**

# Attendance Certificates



Today we have given out 91 100% attendance certificates for this term and 9 congratulations postcards for improved attendance for children who had less than 90% attendance in the Summer Term to now having attendance over 90% this term.

Our Best Class Attendance this week is :

95.08% Ladybirds 99.29% Room 12

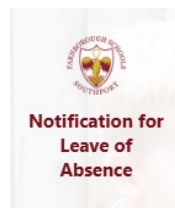
Well Done to all of the children in these classes.



Whole school attendance for the year to date has fallen to 95.5%. (National Whole School Attendance Expectation is 97%) with absence and illness in the last 2 weeks. We hope the children come back after the Christmas break well rested and ready for the Spring term ahead.

## Requests for Leave of Absence


The requirements from September 2024 is that parents complete the Request for Leave of Absence form for any length of time absent from school other than illness. Please find the link below to the form which is located on the 'Attendance and Punctuality' tab on the website under 'Notification for Leave of Absence'.



For extra Children's University credits complete the Winter Challenges below:



## Winter Challenge 2025

<p><b>Activity 1</b> Take part in the winter Reading Challenge by reading at least 3 books and registering online. Send a picture of your certificate and you will receive 3 credits. <a href="http://wintermini.org.uk">wintermini.org.uk</a></p>	<p><b>Activity 2</b> The 2025 Festival of Winter walks takes place from 20<sup>th</sup> December-4<sup>th</sup> January 2026 and is all about wrapping up warm and getting out to your local park, forest or scenic area. After your walk, draw a map of your route and make a list of 5 things you spotted!</p>	<p><b>Activity 3</b> Make something yummy, on a wintery theme! There are lots of treats to choose from here <a href="#">Winter Themed Food for Kids - Eats Amazing</a> How about Mozzarella cheese snowmen, Rudolf Reindeer cakes, snowman garlic pizza bread or marshmallow penguins?</p>	<p><b>Activity 4</b> Have a go at one of these challenges - Either write all the letters of the alphabet down the side of a piece of paper then think up a Winter themed word beginning with each letter...or complete this wordsearch <a href="#">1804adb00dbd80b0b0a4e1480a9d643c.jpg (612x792)</a></p>
<p><b>Activity 5</b> The Wildlife Trusts have a 12 Days Wild Challenge - you can download your free pack here <a href="#">12 Days Wild   The Wildlife Trusts</a> From 25<sup>th</sup> December for 12 days, challenge yourself to a new activity each day...why not try stargazing, writing a winter poem or collecting nature treasures? Complete at least 2 activities to gain your credit!</p>	<p><b>Activity 6</b> Using your imagination create a model of a structure that you could shelter in during a snow storm! You could use lego, building blocks or junk materials out of your recycling bin. Remember it only needs to be a model, not life sized! You could even put some little figures inside!</p>	<p><b>Activity 7</b> Why not have a go at one or more of these winter themed craft activities? Choose from Northern lights art, toilet roll penguins, pipe cleaner icicles, snowman bowling and much more! <a href="#">50 Fun and Easy Winter Crafts for Kids to Make - Taming Little Monsters</a></p>	

Collect extra Children's University credits during the Christmas holiday by completing this challenge. Each activity is worth 1 credit unless stated otherwise. Send evidence of your activity to [SeftonCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk](mailto:SeftonCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk) This could be a photograph, video, a work sheet, or writing about what you did. Remember to include your name and the school you attend!

# First Steps

Family Wellbeing Centre



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### AT FARNBOROUGH ROAD TIMETABLE

Groups start week beg 5/1

**JAN-FEB 2026**

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](mailto:c.horton.fs@schools.sefton.gov.uk)

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

Please ask us about...



### MONDAY

#### Rhyme Time

9.30-10.00 & 10.15-11.00

At The Birkdale Hub Station Master's  
House next to Birkdale Station

Suitable from 1yr  
Booking Required

#### Baby Yoga 1.30-2.30

19/1-9/2 6m-12m

4 week course. Helps with nurture  
and touch Promotes balance, co-  
ordination and motor skills.

£10 to pay

### TUESDAY

#### Jo Jingles 13/1 -10/2

18m -3yrs 9.30-10.15

3m-18m 10.45-11.30

amazing music and movement session

With Fran £30 - 5 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

Suitable from birth to crawling  
Enjoy rhymes and songs with your baby.

#### Stay for CHILL and CHAT

11.00-12.00

Stay after Baby Rhyme Time for a  
cuppa, a croissant and a chat. Can't  
make Baby Rhyme Time? No worries -  
come and join us for refreshments and  
a much needed natter.

### THURSDAY

#### POSITIVE PARENTING

22/1 - 12/2 9.15-11.30

Gain strategies for managing your  
child's behaviour  
Booking Required

### FRIDAY

#### STAY AND PLAY

10.00 - 11.00

Discover imaginative play with your  
little one.

Songs and Stories to finish. Suitable  
for children aged 1 year and above

NO BOOKING REQUIRED

#### BABY MASSAGE

1.30 - 2.30

23/1-13/2 age 6 weeks-6m  
4-week course. A chance for you and  
your baby to bond £10 to pay -  
BOOKING REQUIRED

### SATURDAY

#### Dad's Club 10.00-12.00

Join Scott for fun and games, bacon  
butties and coffee for the adults,  
snacks for the children

NO BOOKING REQUIRED

10/1 24/1 7/2

### 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

#### Mini First Aid 10.00-12.00

4/3/2026

Would you know what to do in an emergency?  
Learn about baby and child first aid, learning  
about CPR choking, bumps, bleeding, breaks,  
burns, febrile seizures & meningitis awareness

£12 BOOKING REQUIRED

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### AT KINGS MEADOW TIMETABLE

Groups start week beg 5/1

**JAN - FEB 2026**

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

Tel: 01704 571606

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