



Farnborough Road Infant School

'LEARNING, CARING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER'

Newsletter 13 20th March 2026



SPRING

What a fabulous fun-filled Spring term we have had! Beyond the curriculum we have organised many enrichment activities that the children have clearly enjoyed including: The Masked Reader, Book Week, visiting Blackpool Zoo, Online Safety Day, Discos, Easter Fair, Mental Health Awareness week, football tournaments, Spring term clubs, Toast Shop, Mother's Day Shop, Fearghal visits, Chinese New Year Visit, Dental sessions, Lightport displays and the Rainbow Run.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to these wonderful experiences for our children.

WE JUST WANT TO SAY A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!

Thank you for supporting our School Council who ran their Taost Shop this morning. Their nominated charity for this year is Woodlands Animal Sanctuary who provide comprehensive rescue, rehabilitation, and lifelong care. Each day, they deliver nutrition, shelter, and veterinary treatment to numerous animals.

Each year our School Council children choose the charity they would like our school to support.



Wedding NEWS



During the Easter holidays 2 of our members of staff will be getting married and changing their names.

Miss Jackson will return as Mrs Hillier



and Miss Ludlow will return as Mrs Sutton

Congratulations to you both. Enjoy your special days from all at FRIS.

Last few places in Nursery 2026-27!



Last week we confirmed our 3 year old Nursery places with parents for September 2026-27. We have last few places remaining in Ladybirds and Caterpillars. Please fill in the expression of interest form <https://www.farnboroughroadinfants.co.uk/nursery-11/>

and/or arrange a school tour with Miss Sephton. We are also looking forward to finding out who are new Reception children will be on 15th April.



A School Fun Run for a Great Cause!

RAINBOW RUN!

Support Mrs. Flanagan's Marathon Journey!

WHY ARE WE RUNNING?



Cheer her on!
Raise Funds for



Elsie's Story
CHARITABLE TRUST

Thursday 26th March - In school time

Children to wear their PE kit, trainers and accessorise with **Rainbow** accessories – hats, tutus, glasses ribbons and more!



£1 donation

to accessorise PE kit and support Elsie's Story!

JOIN THE FUN & SUPPORT MRS. FLANAGAN!

Take part • Sponsor • Cheer!

www.justgiving.com/campaign/elsiesstorylondonmarathon

Children will bring their school PE kits home Wednesday. They can wear their PE kit with joggers if they want to and trainers with their Rainbow accessories.

Please sponsor Mrs Flanagan or our 3 young runners from the infant school who will be doing the mini marathon on Saturday 25th before Mrs Flanagan's big day on Sunday 25th April!

Thank you
for your
Feedback

In the last few weeks we have had visits from 5 of our governors and wanted to share the lovely comments that were made. Governors were very impressed and commented:

The school is warm, welcoming, vibrant and real. The children are engaging and interested. They are genuinely inquisitive and energetic.

Children are switched on and ready to learn. They are polite and respectful. Just a happy place.

It is pleasing to see the school taking such a proactive approach to the new writing framework and also unsurprising to find that FRIS is 'ahead of the game!'

Each lesson demonstrated the passion from the teachers and their willingness to introduce multiple facets to their teaching. The enthusiasm from both teaching staff and children was abundantly clear.

I love the Continuous Provision throughout the school offering children the chance to learn independently through exploring and playing. I saw so much interaction and learning taking place in the provision areas.

It's fascinating how the staff weave in elements of the lesson, curriculum and other elements like Voice 21, phonics or writing to lessons through this varied and flexible approach.

It always feels like the school is steps ahead and takes a proactive approach to change.

The school embraces change taking every opportunity to strengthen the curriculum.

Children are happy and staff are dedicated, feel valued and supported. There is always a passion in every class. It is clearly evident that the school values their staff and children.

I think the thing that stood out for me was the passion everyone shares. The teaching body go the extra mile because the SLT live and breathe that mindset. Everyone cares. And because you all care, the children care too.

Seeing the children so happy and positive in their learning and staff promoting the values of the school throughout. Well done everyone on keeping the FRIS community thriving!

Oracy challenge!

What is your favourite food and why?



My favourite food is cake because I enjoy baking cakes with my children. We enjoy baking cakes to share with our family, especially when it's their birthday.



Do you agree or disagree with Miss Oakes? Have a discussion with somebody in your house using the talk tactics. Remember to speak in full sentences and explain your reasoning.

Instigate

Present an idea or open up a new line of inquiry



- “ I think ____
- “ Let's begin with ____
- “ I have a great idea, I'll go first ____

Build

Develop, add to or elaborate on an idea



- “ X's idea made me think ____
- “ I'd like to know more about ____
- “ Yes, and ____

Challenge

Disagree or present an alternative argument



- “ I don't think ____
- “ You said ____ but what about ____?
- “ I disagree with ____

Clarify

Ask questions to make things clearer and check your understanding



- “ Do you mean that ____?
- “ I think you are saying ____
- “ So, what you're saying is ____



When we return to school following the Easter break Summer uniform can be worn. This includes summer dresses and grey shorts.

Black school shoes should still be worn for safety NOT sandals.

Don't forget a roll on sun cream and sun hat to keep safe in the sun too!



Following a recent election we have a new parent governor

Mrs Alex Hitchen



PTFA Update

We just wanted to let you know that we received a grand total of £700.34 from the Smarties challenge!

A big thank you to all the children from the PTFA for their fabulous efforts and we hope everyone's homes are sparkly clean and tidy!

WOW! AMAZING NEWS!

Important Dates for your Diary

Summer Term 2026

W/B 13th April Year 2 Deaf Active lessons begin

Wed 15th April Reception Trip to Knowsley Safari Park

2nd and 3rd May Big Top festival Southport

W/B 11th May Y1 Seaside Trip

15th May Y2 Children's University Credit Deadline

Thurs 21st May World Diversity Day

Tuesday 2nd June Back to school

Fri 5th June Whole School Picnic School's 92nd Birthday

Week Beg 8th June Year 1 Phonics Screening

Thurs 11th Y2 CU Graduation 12.30pm

Fri 19th June Classes out to parents

Tues 23rd June Y2 Liverpool Trip

Thurs 25th Whole School Move up morning

3rd July End of Year reports to parents

Wed 15th April - Reception 2026 Intake released

Thurs 16th April Come Read with me sessions begin

W/B 11th May Sun Safety Week

W/B 11th May Mental Health Awareness Week

Thurs 21st May Break up Half term

Wed 3rd June Farmer Teds Nursery Trip

Fri 5th June Elsie's Story - Community Camp out

Wed 10th June Father's Day Shop

Wed 17th - Y1 and Y2 Sports Day Birkdale High School

W/B 22nd June ARTS week

Wed 24th June Wally Cain Dance Festival

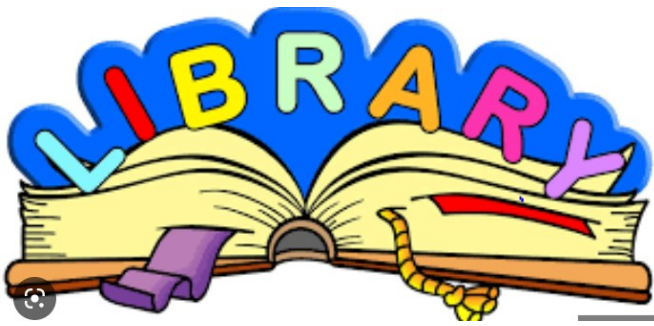
29th June and 6th July SUMMER CONCERT Weeks

Tues 14th July Leavers Party

Friday 17th July Break Up 2pm Summer Holidays

Our school values are:

COMPASSION PERSEVERANCE HONESTY RESPECT and LOVE AND KINDNESS



COME AND READ WITH US!

We would like to invite you to come and read with us in our new library space and outdoor space 8.30-9am.

Come to your normal classroom door at 8.30am and the class teacher will take you and your child to the Library. Unfortunately we are unable to change any of the dates or times for classes.

Butterflies Thursday 16th April

Ladybirds Mrs Andrews Friday 17th April

Ladybirds Mrs Duckworth Monday 20th April

Room 1 Tuesday 21st April

Room 2 Wednesday 22nd April

Room 3 Thursday 23rd April

Room 4 Friday 24th April

Room 5 Tuesday 28th April

Room 7 Wednesday 29th April

Room 8 Thursday 30th April

Room 10 Friday 1st May

Room 12 Tuesday 5th May

Room 13 Wednesday 6th May

Room 14 Thursday 7th May

Room 15 Friday 8th May

Caterpillars Mornings Monday 11th May

Caterpillars Afternoons Tuesday 12th May



25 MARCH
2026

FRIS PTFA

£3 ON
PARENTPAY

Plus 50p to enter this year's
Decorate An Egg Competition

EASTER FAIR

Each class will visit the Easter Fair during the school day for Easter fun, games, crafts and prizes!

Please bring one or two boxed Chocolate Easter Eggs to class by Wednesday 18th March for the Egg Tombola, in exchange for non-uniform day on the day of the fair.



Every child wins an egg to take home!



Children can enter the Decorate An Egg Competition for 50p. Please decorate an egg with your child at home* and bring them on 25 March. Miss Sephton will pick the winners according to year group, who will come home with prizes!

Please clearly name your creation along with class number.



Please remember the school remains nut free!

Please note: only payments made via parentpay will be accepted

*Eggs can be hard boiled with the shell on or polystyrene.



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Any surplus eggs will be donated to foodbanks.

DON'T FORGET

FRIS PTFA

EASTER EGG TOMBOLA

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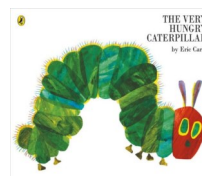
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This Fortnight's Reading Recommendations

Nursery

A classic, vibrant and story with links to maths and science.



Reception

With its artistic illustrations, this book supports emotions through colour.



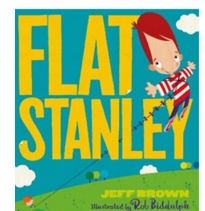
Year 1

A magical story with of friendship and acceptance.



Year 2

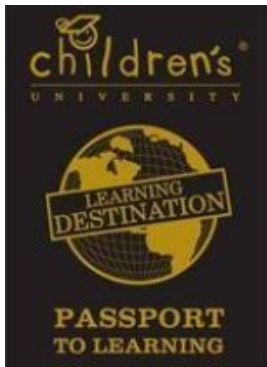
A humorous story which highlights adaptability and positivity.





As we enter into the final half term to collect Children's University Credits please maximise your child's opportunity of graduating at Edge Hill at the end of Year 2 by completing the Spring holiday Challenge over the Easter Holidays (you'll

find this on Dojo before we break up) AND/OR taking your Children's University passport with you wherever you go over the Easter break. In addition to the clubs children attend in or outside school there are 1000s of 'Learning Destinations' up and down the country where you can get your child's passport stamped. The more stamps collected the more prestigious the degree awarded at the Year 2 or Year 6 graduation ceremony. Passports are available to purchase at the school office or please message your class teacher on Class Dojo if your child is entitled to Free School Meals or you are struggling to afford one.



Deadlines for Summer Term Reception, Year 1 to be confirmed and Year 2 passports please bring to school by Monday 11th May.



Competitive Sports

This term we have had opportunities for our young football players with a boys tournament at Stanley High School for Year 2. They really made me and Miss Ludlow proud by representing our school extremely well.

One of our Year 2 teams got through to the regional finals at Finch Farm in May. We are looking forward to playing in more tournaments with the girls and boys teams next week and after the Easter break!



Adventurous Reading Challenge

We are launching an exciting challenge over the Easter holidays. While fostering a love of books, the aim is to read in a different or unusual place (with adult supervision). This could be in your garden, at the park or even during a visit to the zoo! Please send in any photographs to your class teacher on dojo. Prizes will be awarded for the most adventurous reading spot!



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