



Farnborough Road Infant School

'LEARNING, CARING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER'

Newsletter 14 17th April 2026



Welcome to the Summer Term!

I can't believe we are here already!

Let's hope it begins to warm up over the next few weeks. Our children have settled back well after the Easter break. We are very pleased with the continued progress they are making and proud of their behaviour in school. Please take a look at our website to find out about our learning this term : Early Years: Caterpillars: Planting and Growing, Under the Sea Nursery: Life Cycles and Minibeasts Reception: What is the creature that I see? Key Stage One: Year 1: Oh I do like to be beside the seaside Year 2: Brilliantly British

LONDON MARATHON CHALLENGE.

Thank you for all your kind donations to Elsie's Story Marathon Challenge Rainbow Run.



We had £591 donations on Parent Pay as well as donations directly to the Just Giving pages for Mrs Flanagan and our Mini Marathon Runners



Their donations are now
Mrs Flanagan £1455
Mini Marathon Runners £1015

We are looking forward to seeing them all run on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th April.

Please donate if you are able to at

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/elsiesstorylondonmarathon>

We are so proud of you all.

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.



Congratulations Team FRIS



on achieving the Silver Attachment and Trauma Sensitive Schools Award. This is an external recognition of Farnborough Road Infant School's commitment to develop a culture of compassion and nurture.

It was noted that themes around trust, relationships, empathy, commitment and compassion emerged in our assessment. These shared values were recorded as the 'golden thread' running through the whole culture and life of Farnborough Road Infant School.

Support is individualised and personal, tailored to the needs of the child.

Relationships are placed front and centre.

Staff strive to develop self-esteem, self-efficacy and self-confidence in the children.

Arrival in school is tailored to meet the needs of individual children.

Children are kept in mind and staff go above and beyond expectations in order to ensure that children feel safe and heard throughout the day

There is a strong focus on the physical and sensory environments, with the safety and comfort of all being a priority.

Our enabling environment supports children's sense of safety, calm, and belonging, which is essential for emotional regulation and learning. There is a focus on creating a calm, attractive and adaptive surroundings which puts children's mental health and wellbeing at the centre of both the indoor and outdoor learning environments - truly therapeutic spaces. This is a particular strength of the school.

PTFA Update

Our very active PTFA have been busy organising many events for the rest of the Summer term including :

May Discos

Break the Rules Day

Father's Day Shop

Ice Lolly Wednesday

Leavers Party

Thanks in advance to this wonderful, dedicated team of parents who are raising money for our children and our school. Look out for more information to follow. Please continue to support these events and our team in any way you can.



For the last 6 years we have been working with the charity HANDS. Each year children in Year 2 thoroughly enjoy learning British Sign Language with Ian and Gemma whilst raising awareness of people who are Deaf and the language. The children and staff in Year 2 will take part in a whole school 30- minute session learning a song in BSL and some basic signs once a week for 10 weeks. The session will be jam packed and a load of fun for all involved. A final performance will be put on for Y2 parents. More information to follow.



Take a look at our newly updated website

<https://www.farnboroughroadinfants.co.uk/>



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SRFC ANNUAL COLOUR RUN

Bookings are now open for the 2026 Southport Colour Run!

The town's most colourful and crazy fundraising event returns to Southport Rugby Club for its third year on Saturday, 6th June 2026, after its sell-out success last year.



All funds raised will once again go towards the Elsie's Story charity.

The day is hosted by Broadley Developments and will be hosted by Trevor Ford from Mighty Radio. You can book via Ticketebo Tickets cost £20 per adult; £10 per child; or £40 for a family with two adults and two children (plus booking fee).



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 13th April is Room 3 99% and Room 14 99%

Whole school attendance for the year to date is 96%. The Government target for whole school attendance is 97%. Thank you for all your support

Adventurous Reading Challenge



Thank you for all your contributions to our Adventurous Reading Challenge over the Easter holidays. While fostering a love of books, the aim was for our children to read in a different or unusual places. Our winners who were announced in assembly today were: Reception—Xander & Grace, Year 1— James & Emily, Year 2— Georgia & Charlie



School is Closed: Monday 4th May 2026- Bank Holiday

This Fortnight's Reading Recommendations



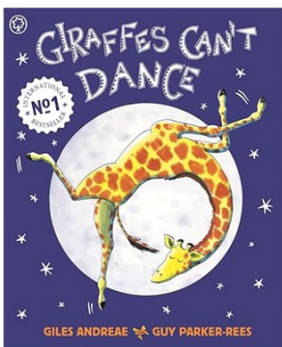
Nursery

An imaginative and comforting story, providing fun, wonder and solution.

The Tiger Who Came to Tea



Judith Kerr



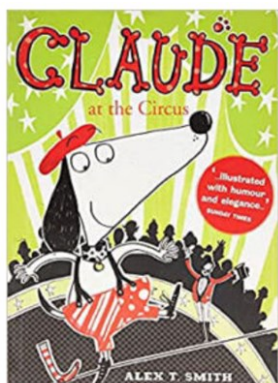
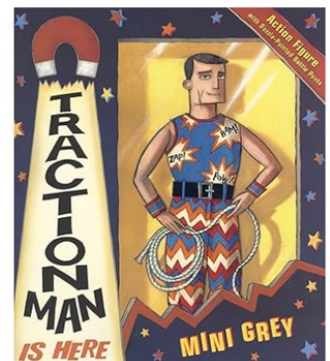
Reception



A funny and joyful read with key themes of acceptance and tolerance.

Year 1

An engaging and energetic story which captures children's connections with toys.



Year 2

This chapter book is full of humour and anticipation. Join Claude for an adventure at the circus!

**SCHOOL PLACES—
SEPTEMBER 2026**

We have availability for September 2026 in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 (Current Reception) and Year 2 (Current Year 1). If you know of anybody moving into the area and looking for a school place in these year groups please ask them to contact us for school for a tour.



Reading Angels

Would you like to volunteer in school? We have set up many of our volunteers as Reading Angels to support our children with additional reading opportunities.



If you would like to be a 'Reading Angel', maybe you are thinking about training to be a welfare assistant, TA or Teacher or just love the feeling of pride in helping our younger generation succeed. Contact me on head.fris@schools.sefton.gov.uk.

Oracy challenge!

Would you rather live in the desert or the jungle?



I would rather live in the jungle because it would be easier to find food and water. I would love to see all the jungle animals—apart from the spiders!



Do you agree or disagree with Miss Chew? 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 ____



**WALK IN MEMORY OF
ELSIE & JOSEPH**

SATURDAY
18TH APRIL

£3.00 PER PERSON

STARTING POINT-
AINSDALE TRAIN
STATION - 10AM

WE WILL BE WALKING 15KM THROUGH THE PINEWOODS IN MEMORY OF ELSIE STANCOMBE AND JOSEPH DOOLAN ON SATURDAY 18TH APRIL 2026.

STARTING AT AINSDALE TRAIN STATION AT 10AM AND WALKING TO FRESHFIELDS (7KM) AND RETURN TO AINSDALE TRAIN STATION (7KM). THE MIDDLE STOP AT 7KM WILL BE AT THE KIOSK AT FRESHFIELD STATION. A CHANCE FOR EVERYONE TO CHAT AND HAVE A COFFEE.

ALL FUNDS RAISED TO BE SPLIT BETWEEN THE TWO FAMILIES CHOSEN CHARITIES



Thank you to everyone who is supporting the Community Walk through the pine woods on Saturday in memory of Joseph and Elsie. Both of these much loved Farnborough children sadly died in 2024.

We are also planning an extra fundraiser for the associated charities. We were gifted a huge teddy bear just before the holiday and next week we will be raffling it across both schools.

Tickets only cost 50p, with a link available on ParentPay. You are very welcome to donate more, but will limit each child to one ticket so that everyone has a fair chance of winning. We hope we can raise some extra funds before the draw next Friday.

SUMMER TERM PTFA EVENTS

Tesco Stronger Starts Grant – Update

In October, we took part in "Tesco Stronger Starts Grant" at Formby Tesco.

With your help, we have won £1,000 towards the Nursery kitchen!

Thank you to everyone who added your token to our pot.

Every little helps!



Pay It Forward

Our PTFA committee made a promise in 2022 to allow ALL our Pupil Premium children, including any families struggling financially, free places at our events.

However, this costs money! All voluntary contributions made into the Pay It Forward pot on ParentPay, go towards a free place at our PTFA events for those children.

No matter how big or small, any contributions

are so gratefully received.

Thank you for your support!



Summer Disco | Wednesday 20 May



Children will attend our disco with a drink, crisps and sweets.

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: classroom doors

open from 3:50, disco starts at 4pm finishing at 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

£3 payable on ParentPay until Friday 22nd May.

Father's Day Shop Wednesday 17 June

The perfect gift in time for Father's Day!

A Father's Day shop will take place on 17 June for the children to choose a present for the special person in their lives.

£3 per gift, payable on ParentPay until Wednesday 10th June.

No payments will be accepted after the deadline due to the advanced planning of this event.

Year 2 Leavers Disco Tuesday 14 July



Treats, disco, and bouncy castles!



A wonderful time to celebrate our Year 2 Leavers before they move to juniors.

This is a FREE event, fully funded by FRIS PTFA.

Please confirm on Parent pay if your child will attend.

Further information to follow.

SUMMER TERM PTFA EVENTS

Ice Lolly Day Friday 3 July

£1 on ParentPay
Children will receive a delicious ice lolly before the end of the school day.



Payable until Wednesday 8 July

FRS Raffle | July

This year we are joining with FRJS school to bring you the 2026 Raffle, with all proceeds being split equally between both schools.

FRIS PTFA and Ms Sephton have decided to raise money towards the refurbishment of the Nursery Kitchen. This project needs £20,000 to go ahead.

So far, we have raised £18,000 of our big target. Our raffle sales will go towards the refurbishment!



More details to follow.



Tickets will be available to buy on ParentPay until 26 June.

Break The Rules Day | Friday 3 July

This year we are joining with FRJS school to create a fun day for all the children, starting with BREAK THE RULES! All proceeds being split equally between both schools.

For anyone who needs help, FRIS PTFA and volunteers will be manning 2 stalls to help children break their rules for a small donation.

For every rule that is broken, a fine of 50p will be charged.

How many rules will you break?

1. School shoes, and ties must be worn
2. No bouncy castles in the playground.
3. No crazy hairstyles
4. No odd socks
5. No facepaint or nail polish
6. No hats to be worn inside
7. No temporary tattoos
8. No squash in water bottles
9. No bringing teddies into class
10. Healthy snacks only *



Teachers: to wear own clothes.

Payable on ParentPay until Wednesday 8 July.

* Please remember that both schools are NUT FREE.

BBC iPlayer for Kids

Children under the age of 13 can have their own iPlayer profile, which includes content from CBBC, CBeebies and other suitable BBC programmes.

You can download the iPlayer app and then find out how to create a profile here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/help/questions/about-the-childrens-experience/iplayer-child-experience>

Going on a long journey? The BBC have also compiled a list of shows and films as well as games and quizzes to make the journey go quicker:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/watch/best-films-games-and-quizzes-to-keep-kids-entertained-on-long-journeys>



Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translate tool on our web version: <https://www.knowsleyc.lcs.org.uk/april-2026-primary/>

Age ratings in games

Age ratings exist to help protect your child as they show whether content is suitable for your child's age. Make sure you check the age rating of any game your child is playing.

Why should I check?

Not all games will be appropriate for your child. Some may appear child friendly due to fun or cartoon style graphics but still include unsuitable content. Age ratings consider factors such as violence, frightening content, bad language and/or in app purchases.



How can I check?

Most games are rated by PEGI (Pan European Game Information), who not only state the age you should be to play the game but also provide further content descriptors to give you an indication of the type of content that your child might encounter. Apps are rated by the App store/Google Play.

How can I stop my child from accessing a game they are not old enough to play?

You can set up **parental controls** to restrict access to games or apps that your child is not old enough to play and set restrictions so any downloads/purchases must be approved by you. For example:

- Nintendo – restrict software by age so if you restrict to 10+, games with that rating or above cannot be played by your child.
- Xbox / PlayStation – set an age limit so anything that exceeds that age rating must be approved.
- Apple / Google (Family Link) – restrict your child from installing apps, allowing you to review before approving all purchases.

What else do I need to do?

- Review any additional content descriptors, read reviews and check if the game includes any form of communication or in app purchases. This will help inform your decision as to whether the game is suitable for your child.
 - For any game your child plays, set up appropriate parental controls.
 - If you decide a game is not appropriate, explain to your child why.
- We know your child might feel peer pressure to play certain games, but explaining your reasoning will help them understand your decision.

Further information

- <https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming/>

Fake or Real? Know the Deal

Essex Police have launched a groundbreaking AI Safety Campaign in partnership with BT and EE to tackle the growing risks posed by artificial intelligence (AI) misuse and deepfake technology. This is the first time a UK police force is working directly with a global technology firm to provide practical advice to parents, guardians and young people.

AI technology offers incredible opportunities, but it also introduces serious risks when misused. Deepfake content – highly convincing, fabricated images or videos – can be used to exploit young people, sometimes without their knowledge. Artificially generated Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) is one of the fastest-emerging crimes Essex Police is actively investigating.

The campaign is designed to help you understand:

- What deepfakes are and why they matter
- How to protect children from online harm
- What to do if an image is misused

Further information

Find out more here, including advice on how to protect your child:

<https://eephonesmart.co.uk/fake-or-real>

What is the Manosphere?

Have you seen the new Netflix documentary 'Louis Theroux: Inside the Manosphere' in which Louis Theroux interviews several 'influencers' that promote extreme / disturbing ideologies online. It is a shocking watch but prompts the importance of ensuring our children are protected from this content. In essence, the manosphere is against the empowerment of women and certain people promote these views and other harmful misinformation online via social media etc.

What should I do?

We need to develop critical thinking in our children and have age-appropriate conversations with them as explained in these two articles:

- <https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/feelings-behaviour/talking-about-feelings/talk-to-your-child-gender-equality/>
- <https://www.brook.org.uk/blog/4-ways-to-tackle-misogyny-among-young-people/>

Further information

- <https://www.unwomen.org/en/articles/explainer/what-is-the-manosphere-and-why-should-we-care>

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How to set up parental controls on ChatGPT

Internet Matters have published an article detailing how you can link your own account to your child's account (they must be logged in) to set parental controls on ChatGPT.

You can read the article here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/entertainment-search-engines/chatgpt-parental-controls/>

WhatsApp update: Parent-Managed Accounts

WhatsApp have announced that they are rolling out the option of Parent-Managed accounts for those under the age of 13. The settings will include allowing you to choose who can contact your child and ensuring only you can add them to groups. Find out more here:

<https://faq.whatsapp.com/894871699629864>

Whilst, these features could be useful, it is important to emphasise that just because the option now exists, WhatsApp may still not be an appropriate platform for your child to be on. We often receive reports of issues, particularly with group chats on WhatsApp. Wayne Denner (online safety trainer) explains more here: <https://www.waynedenner.com/whatsapp-parent-managed-accounts-what-parents-need-to-know/>

AI and homework

AI can be a useful tool for helping children with homework both in understanding a topic and for research. However, please remember that it should not be used to complete tasks as this would constitute plagiarism.