



Farmilo Primary School & Nursery
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Value- Democracy



Welcome back and welcome to our new families who have joined us this year! We are really looking forward to working with all of you and your children! It has been lovely to see such happy children coming into school, looking very smart and following our school rules and values!

The value for September will be DEMOCRACY as we will be electing our new School Parliament and children will be selected for various roles within their classes. We will be speaking to the children about valuing the views of others and fairness so please talk about this at home too and encourage and support your child if they would like to be a class MP :)

Dates for your Diary

- Wednesday 2nd September- 1st day back at school
- Tuesday 8th September- Y3 children Royal Ballet in school (every Tuesday morning)
- Friday 18th September- 9am Lower School Celebration Assembly (parents will be invited)
- Friday 18th September- 2:45pm KS2 Celebration Assembly (parents will be invited)
- Tuesday 29th September- 9am Harvest Assembly- donations can be made which will be collected in school for our new Community Hub
- Friday 2nd October- 9am Lower School Celebration Assembly (parents will be invited)
- Friday 2nd October- 2:45pm KS2 Celebration Assembly (parents will be invited)
- Thursday 15th October- 9am Lower School Celebration Assembly (parents will be invited)
- Thursday 15th October- 2:45pm KS2 Celebration Assembly (parents will be invited)
- Thursday 15th October- Break up for half term
- Friday 16th October- INSET day
- Monday 2nd November- Return to school after half term
- Friday 13th November- 9am- Lower School Celebration Assembly (parents will be invited)
- Friday 13th November- 2:45pm- KS2 Celebration Assembly (Parents will be invited)
- Friday 27th November- 9am- Lower School Celebration Assembly (parents will be invited)
- Friday 27th November- 2:45pm- KS2 Celebration Assembly (parents will be invited)
- Tuesday 8th December- 3:30pm- 4:15pm- Christmas Fair
- Friday 18th December- Break up for the Christmas Holidays

- **Monday 4th January 2027- Return to school after Christmas Break**

School Updates



FARMILO SCHOOL WEBSITE

We are looking to launch our new Farmilo Website very soon so please bare with us on this as some information contained in the current website may not be up to date. If you have any queries please contact the office or class teachers.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please could we ensure that all uniform is labelled with the child's name and class. We appreciate that most children have brand new uniform and the last thing we want is for it to be lost. We have over 300 children in school so it is really important that everything, particularly jumpers and cardigans, are labelled- thank you! :)

SCHOOL PARKING

Please use the parent's carpark wherever possible when dropping off or collecting your children. Parents/ carers should please refrain from parking in the front carpark when dropping children off for breakfast club. We have had a number of parents using this which is causing congestion when staff are arriving at the carpark in the mornings. The back carpark near the school office should only be used by parents who have a parking pass issued by the school office. These two school carparks are predominantly for staff and visitors only.

PARENT HELPERS

If you are interested in helping out in classes, listening to readers or being on our list to support school visits please contact us! We will then ensure that a DBS check is completed before you start to come into school. We would really like to see more parents and grandparents supporting our children in school if you have a little bit of extra time! Many thanks :)

EGG & NUT FREE SCHOOL

Most of you should be aware that we are egg and nut free school. We have been using the Natasha Allergy Research Foundation Allergy School Website for guidance. Please have a look at this through the link below:

Natasha Allergy website¹

New DFE Guidance has been published this year to support school with managing allergies within school. All schools are now required to have Epipens on site which can be used if children suffer from an allergic reaction whilst at school and all staff have training on this and Anaphylaxis. Children with diagnosed allergies also need to be identifiable at lunchtime in the hall so that all staff are aware of their needs. If your child has any allergies or dietary needs which you have not informed us of please contact the school office as soon as possible. An allergies form will then need to be completed

NEW SCHOOL COMMUNITY HUB

This year we would like to develop a SCHOOL COMMUNITY HUB where we can house our spare school uniform, food donations, homeware and other items which families might find useful. We are all aware of the 'cost of living crisis' and we want to be able to help some of our families who may need it. For our Harvest Assembly on 29th September we

¹<https://www.allergyschool.org.uk/what-is-allergy-school/>

would like to collect food (preferably tins/ items with a long date on them) to stock our food section. In order to run this well we are looking for sponsorship from any businesses in the area and volunteers who may be able to stay after drop off to open up and organise the area etc. If you think you might be able to help, please get in touch with Mrs Tryner. Thank you! :)



PTA update- Friends of Farmilo



We are planning to have a Christmas Fair on Tuesday 8th December. We are hoping that we will be able to have lots of stalls and activities around the school site. If you would like to book a stall please contact Mrs Tomsett in the office and this will be arranged for you.

Also if we could have some more volunteers to help on the day that would be great! PTA are limited to what can be provided with current members. A meeting will be planned soon so we can discuss arrangements. We will let you know the date soon! Thank you! :)

Thanks for your support of our school!

ACORNS After School Provision



Acorns at Farmilo continues to be a success for after school provision but I know that there are still places available so if you would like to register and book please contact Acorns directly with any enquiries on 01623 479204 or manager@acornsdaynurserymansfield.co.uk

If you would like to meet some of the staff they are in school daily so this can be arranged too! :)

Parent Support Worker- Mrs Morley



Please contact Mrs Morley, our Parent Support Worker if you would like any help with something in particular or just a friendly chat. She can support with aspects of SEND, Mental Health & Well-being, Behaviour & Routines at home and much more! She can also help you complete referrals to other services which may support you and your children. You can contact her by messaging on Class Dojo directly or by phoning the school office.

Mental Health & Well-Being- Mrs Winterton



Mrs Winterton is our Mental Health & Well-being lead across the school. She has led the accreditation, the 'WAS' award which Farmilo hold. (Well-being Award for Schools). She delivers a variety of mental health & well-being interventions in school such as Talking & Drawing and also offers support to children and staff. She has produced a number of support documents which can be found on our website by following the link below. If you would like to meet with Mrs Winterton, please get in touch with school.

Always Happy to Help- Mrs Winterton x

Mental Health & Well-being²

²<https://farmiloprimary.secure-primariesite.net/mentally-healthy-schools/>

Attendance



Attendance at school continues to be a priority and it is really important that children start off the year well and get into good routines. We ended last year with a record number of children having 100% attendance for the whole year which is amazing! Our lovely Pankhurst class were the champion attenders with 97% at the end of the year, closely followed by Picasso and Ford. Hopefully our new classes this year will make a great start to the new academic year.

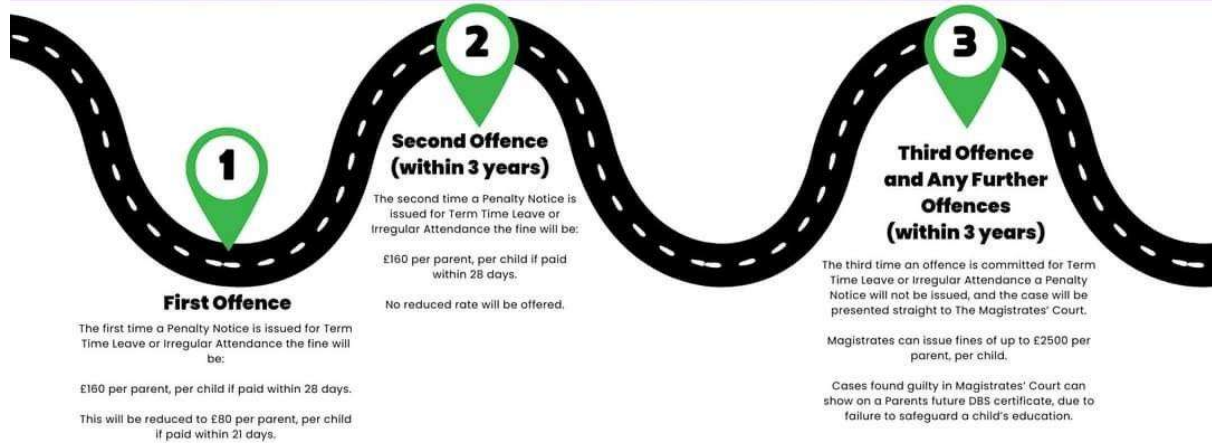
A small number of children ended the year with attendance being below 90% and this means that the Local Authority would class them as persistent absentees. This means that they will start the year with close monitoring as we really want them to improve their attendance over the coming year.

It is also important that children come to school on time as learning starts straight away and we do not want any children to miss the same thing each day. Good attendance and punctuality are not only key to achievement but they also impact on relationships and social skills too.

Just a reminder that holidays in term time cannot be authorised unless there is a sufficient reason for this needing to be taken in term-time. Any absence for holiday or request for authorisation should be put in writing at least 6 weeks before that absence so that it can be processed in time. If holidays are taken then fines will be issued by the Local Authority and details of the fine are below.

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.



The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance

Staffing Update



Welcome!

Welcome to our new staff- teaching in Y3/4 Attenborough class we have Miss Yeatman, as teaching assistant across Y3/4 we have Mrs Morrin and in Nursery we have Mrs Crane. We also have a new Supply Midday Supervisor- Mrs Apresa! I am sure they will be very happy working at Farmilo and we are really pleased to have them with us! :)

ParentPay/ Arbor Update



If you pay for your child's school meals it is important that your account is kept topped up so that the money can be collected. Please note that school meals are £3.40 per day- £17 per week and children up until the end of Year 2 are funded by the Government for this. Please also use ParentPay to pay for and trips and residential. Please access Parent Pay to give permission for school trips.

If you are not already set up on Arbor please contact the school office for support.

Thank you :)

E- Safety for Parents

Please use the link to take you to some useful tips from the NSPCC

NSPCC³

³<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

School Uniform Store



Back to School Uniform Checklist



We have 2 rails of uniform in the KS1 building which are free for parents to browse through and have for your children. If you would like to have a look to see if there is anything suitable for your child please come to the school office :)

If anybody has any donations for the rails, they can be dropped off at the office too :)
Thank you for supporting this!

Please ensure that all school uniform is labelled :)

Lost Property



Any lost property is now being placed in the blue tub in the reception area at the main office. We will keep it in there for 2 weeks before it is put in the clothing recycling bin. If your child has lost something please come in and have a look!

Please ensure that all school clothing is labelled clearly with your child's name and class. This is especially important when the weather gets better as children leave jumpers and cardigans around the school! Thank you! :)

Contact Us



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