

Farmilo Primary School & Nursery
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November Newsletter 2026



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Value- Politeness



This month's value is POLITENESS so we are encouraging the children to use their manners at all times around school. Please talk about this and encourage it at home aswell :)

Dates for your Diary

- **Monday 2nd November- Return to school after half term**
- **Wednesday 4th November- Friends of Farmilo Halloween Disco- FS 2:15-3pm, KS1 3:15- 4:30pm, KS2 4:45-6:30pm**
- **Thursday 12th November- Michael Rosen Day- Arrangements TBC**
- **Friday 13th November- Child In Need- non-uniform day with a donation**
- **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 20th November- Redhill KS1 Reading Quiz**
- **Tuesday 24th November- Y5 Wonderdome in school**
- **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 1st December- 10am and 2pm -KS1 Nativity- Tickets required**
- **Tuesday 1st December- pm Y3/4 Jingle Jog at Sherwood Pines**
- **Thursday 3rd December- KS1 Visit to Southwell Minster- Christmas Experience**
- **Friday 4th December- 2:15pm Rocksteady Concert**
- **Tuesday 8th December- 3:30pm- 4:15pm- Christmas Fair**
- **Tuesday 8th December- 10:30 am - Foundation Stage Christmas Concert- Tickets required**
- **Friday 11th December- F2 visit to Gulliver's Valley**
- **Monday 14th December- 2pm Y3/4/5 Christmas Performance- Tickets required**
- **Monday 14th December- Nursery visit to Sundown Adventure**
- **Tuesday 15th December- 10am & 2pm Y3/4/5 Christmas Performance- Tickets required**
- **Y6 Carol Service at St. Augustine's Church- TBC**
- **Wednesday 16th- Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day**

- **Thursday 17th December- Christmas Class Party Day!- Children to come to school in party clothes**
- **Friday 18th December- non-uniform day for all!**
- **Friday 18th December- Break up for the Christmas Holidays**
- **Monday 4th January 2027- Return to school after Christmas Break**



1 - School Updates

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 website[1]

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. 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! :)

POOLS FOR SCHOOLS

We currently have the swimming pool at school for daily swimming lessons for the next 3 weeks. These start with Y5 children and then Y6 non-swimmers will get the opportunity for more lessons aswell as some Y3/4 children. Parents will be notified if their child is allocated sessions. Please note that long hair needs to be tied up and no jewellery can be worm for the swimming lessons.

[1] https://www.allergyschool.org.uk/what-is-allergy-school/

PTA update- Friends of Farmilo



The next PTA events are the Halloween discos which are tomorrow. Due to changes in Health & Safety regulations, the Foundation Stage (Nursery, Willow, Hazel classes) disco will take part during the school day. If you would like your child to receive a drink/snack/ sweet bag then a ticket must be purchased. Please note that ALL FS children will be allowed to attend this. We would ask that Nursery parents stay with their children when they bring them back to school for this.

So times will be as follows:

Foundation Stage- 2:15-3pm (£2 for a drink/ snack/ sweet bag)

KS1- 3:15-4:30pm (Tickets to be purchased £5- will include a drink/ snack/ sweet bag so children will not need to bring any money with them)

KS2 4:45-6:30 (Tickets to be purchased £3 - there will be a tuckshop where children can buy their own drinks and snacks)

Children can wear their Halloween Costumes for this but we do ask that no masks are worn to the FS and KS1 discos.

We will be having our Christmas Fair on 8th of December and will be having our usual Christmas raffle. if you have any donations for this or any tombola prizes please bring them to the school office- thank you! :)

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 Beresford



Mrs Beresford (was Mrs Winterton) is our Mental Health & Well-being lead across the school. 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 Beresford, please get in touch with school.

Always Happy to Help- Mrs Beresford :)

Mental Health & Well-being[2]

[2] https://farmiloprimary.secure-primarysite.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. Our superstars so far are Picasso and Rashford classes who both have attendance of above 97% so far this term! We did see a little dip in attendance in the last week of term with some illness and holidays so hopefully things will improve again now we are back after the holidays.

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. Special Circumstances do not include a family members birthday unfortunately- we do seem to have a few requests for this reason but we cannot authorise this. 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 with evidence, if there is any, attached. If holidays are taken then fines will be issued by the Local Authority and details of the fine are below. If the request procedure is not followed, this could affect any authorisation.

Whilst we appreciate that family finances are restricted for some at the moment, this again cannot be a reason to authorise a holiday in term time. Whilst the statutory information states that authorisation 'is at the Headteacher's discretion' we do have a set criteria to follow and report to Governors and the Redhill Trust on this. Therefore we do have to make sure that all cases are viewed in the same way so that it is fair across the board.

If there is a problem that is affecting your child's attendance, please speak to us and we will try our best to support you and your child with this. In the first instance contact your child's class teacher and then possibly our Parent Support Worker, Mrs Morley.





*2 - **Staffing Update***

Congratulations!! Mrs Winterton married her partner, Andy, over the half term holidays! She will now be known as Mrs Beresford- we wish them lots happiness and love for their future together! :)

Congratulations to Miss Welsh and her partner, Rich, on the birth of their baby daughter Harriet who was born before the holidays. They are all doing very well and we look forward to seeing them soon! :)

We are currently in the process of arranging cover for Mrs Meek's maternity leave which will start in January. As soon as arrangements have been made we will inform you of this.

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 residentials. 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

NSPCC[3]

School Uniform Store



[3] https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/

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! :)

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