



Farmilo Primary School & Nursery
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February Newsletter 2026



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Value- Celebrate Difference



Our new Value for February is - Celebrate Difference!

We will be teaching the children all about diversity, tolerance and respect for others during this month. We are all unique and bring our own likes/ dislikes, cultures, backgrounds to our school community - we celebrate this at Farmilo! We use the No Outsiders materials to promote this alongside other resources too. Please see the link below to their website and please talk to your children about this at home too!

No Outsiders¹

Dates for your Diary

- Monday 2nd -Wednesday 4th February- Y5/6 Lea Green Residential

¹<https://no-outsiders.com/>

- **Thursday 5th February- Y3/4 Trip to Magna**
- **Friday 6th February- Redhill KS2 Reading Awards**
- **Friday 6th February- 9am Lower School Celebration Assembly (Parents will be notified)**
- **Friday 6th February- 2:45pm- KS2 Celebration Assembly (Parents will be notified)**
- **Monday 9th February- Children's Mental Health Week- Assembly from MHST**
- **Friday 13th February- Group of Y3/4 children to attend Science Fair with Mrs Townsend**
- **Friday 13th February- Break up for half term**
- **Monday 23rd February- INSET day**
- **Tuesday 24th February- Return to school**
- **Thursday 26th February- KS1 trip to Palace Theatre**
- **Thursday 26th February- PTA Friends of Farmilo meeting 2:30pm**
- **Thursday 5th March- World Book day**
- **Thursday 5th March 9am- Y6 DART Graduation- parents invited**
- **Friday 6th March- 9am Lower School Celebration Assembly (Parents will be notified)**
- **Friday 6th March- 2:45pm- KS2 Celebration Assembly (Parents will be notified)**
- **Friday 12th March- Heights & Weights F2 and Y6**
- **Monday 16th March- 8:45am- F2 Ladies in Our Lives event**
- **Thursday 19th March- End of Term Disco during the school day- non-uniform!**
- **Friday 20th March- F2 Trip to Twycross Zoo**
- **Friday 20th March- 9am Lower School Celebration Assembly (Parents will be notified)**
- **Friday 20th March- 2:15pm- Rocksteady Concert & KS2 Celebration Assembly (Parents will be notified)**
- **Tuesday 24th March- Y5 Yorkshire Sculpture Park visit**
- **Friday 27th March- Break up for the Easter holidays**
- **Monday 13th April- Return to school**

- Monday 11th May- KS2 SATs Week

School Updates



Multi Academy Trust Update

We are really hoping that we will be converting on 1st March. We are just waiting for the go ahead from the Local Authority and the DFE. We will keep you updated

GOVERNOR VACANCIES

We still have a number of vacancies for Farmilo school Governors, both Parent Governors and Community! This is a really exciting time for Farmilo as we join the Redhill Trust and we would love both parents and members of the school community to join our board. If this is something that you might be interested in please contact Mrs Tryner to arrange a meeting to discuss this further.

MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOLS

New DFE guidance has been produced about the use of mobile phones by pupils on the school site. As a result of this we will be making some changes to our procedures from after February half term. Any children needing to bring a mobile phone to school if they are making their own way home will need signed consent from their parent or carer. The mobile phone should then be handed in at the office when they arrive and collected from the office at the end of the day. If your child attends breakfast club they should hand it in as they arrive and then collect from the office at the end of the day. We hope that this will prevent use of mobiles phones on the school site before and after school. A consent form can be collected/ signed at the office.

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 website²

National Year of Reading

2026 is the National Year of Reading so we will be planning looks of activities on school throughout the year to promote this. We will be funding some new books for reading corners within classes. KS1 and Foundation Stage would love to have 'Mystery Readers' in each week to read to the class or a small group. If you'd be interested in doing this then please contact your child's class teacher. I'm sure your child would love it if you arrived in their class as 'this week's mystery reader!' I will also be taking some children to buy a 'Bedtime bear' for their classes to take home to read with children every night. We'll keep you updated of other activities! :)

National Year of Reading³

²<https://www.allergyschool.org.uk/what-is-allergy-school/>

New Ofsted Framework

I am sure that you are aware that Ofsted have revised their framework for their regular inspections of schools. Please see the link below for parents to access more information on this.

Ofsted- Info for Parents⁴

ARBOR PARENT APP

After February half term we will be launching the move to Arbor for our school's communications app, this will eventually replace Dojo.

What is the Arbor Parent App?

The Arbor Parent App helps you see important information about your child. With the app, you can:

- See your child's attendance and behaviour
- Get messages from school
- Check and update your contact details

When will it start?

The app will go live during February half term. You will get an email from Arbor telling you how to set up your account.

³https://goallin.org.uk/?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=23393940658&gclid=Cj0KCQiAyvHLBhDIARIsAHxl6xohxX9_c_dEGPgSKGoCZxRde9WNXWkDupM26BDrfXG1EAzJyrB8C1saAjcxEALw_wcB

⁴<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbl0FvY976g>



PTA update- Friends of Farmilo



Our next meeting will be on Thursday 26th February at 2:30pm. We still really need some new members who can support the PTA so if you would like to be involved, please come along. Go to the school office an

Thanks for your support of our school!

ACORNS After School Provision



Acorns at Farmilo continues to be a success 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! You can contact her by messaging on Class Dojo directly or by phoning the school office.

Mental Health & Well-Being- Mrs Winterton



This month we are focusing on mental health and well-being through 'Belonging'. It is really important that we all feel like we belong in our world, our communities, our school and our families. Please see the link to our Farmilo website page. Also we will be celebrating National Mental Health week on 9-15th February where children will be taking part in lots of fun activities! :)

Always Happy to Help- Mrs Winterton x

Mental Health & Well-being⁵

⁵<https://farmilopriamry.secure-primarsite.net/mentally-healthy-schools/>

Attendance



Well done to everyone for a great start to the new term!

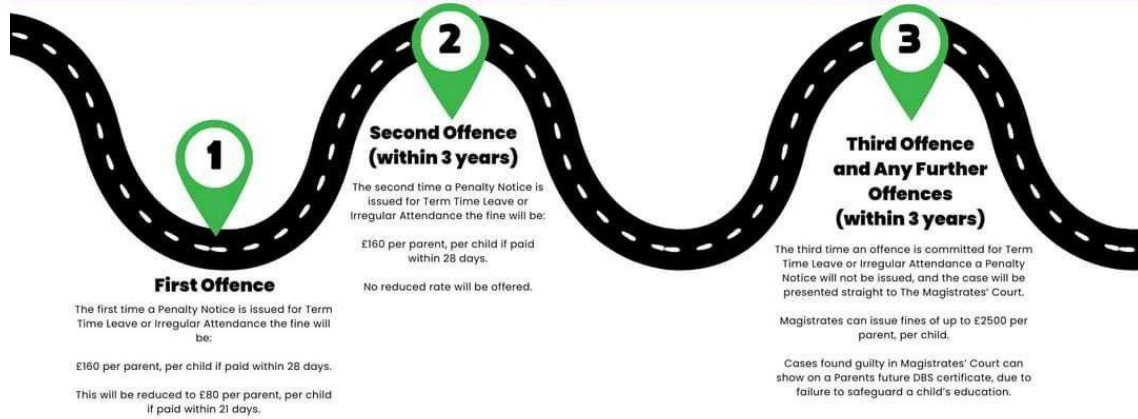
Attendance has really improved this half term with less illness and holidays taken in term time- let's keep up the good work with this! :) Well done to Pankhurst Class who are currently in the lead with 97.1% for this academic year! Well done also to the classes who have had a non-uniform day for 100% attendance! :)

We have had some queries from parents where their child is under 5 about whether they need to be in school. Legally children need to be in school when they are 5 years old but if your child is only 4 years old and attends our F2 Reception classes then you have agreed to full time schooling so we expect them in school every day as we would expect other children to be. It is really important to set routines early and get into good attendance habits as this impacts positively on children as they progress through the school. Unfortunately, if your child has poor attendance in FS, then generally this continues to be a concern as they progress to older year groups. We also encourage regular attendance in F1 Nursery aswell unless days have been agreed with Miss Blore. If your child does not regularly attend Nursery then the place could be offered to another child.

Many thanks for your ongoing support with this! :)

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



Vacancies-

If anybody would like to join our supply list for Midday Supervisor please contact the school office to collect an application form.

Thank you!

ParentPay 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 also use ParentPay to pay for and trips and residential. Please access Parent Pay to give permission for school trips.

Thank you :)

E- Safety for Parents

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

NSPCC⁶

⁶<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! :)

Community Foodbank



We currently have a food collection box in reception and the Community Foodbank collect every Thursday. Please donate items if you can! Thank you :) Over 25 deliveries are now being made across our local area!

We can also arrange for a food parcel to be delivered to you if you are struggling. Please see Mrs Morley for further information/ support.

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