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# Farley Hill Primary School



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## Items for Action:

- Dates for the calendar

## Items for Information:

Dear Parents and Carers

What a great first week back! Our Value of the month is Kindness and I have seen lots of kindness around the school where children are supporting each other in lessons and while playing. The children are enjoying their learning in their new year groups and our Reception children have successfully done their first full days at school. Although they might be tired, we are very proud of all that the Acorns and Conkers children have achieved this week.

I need to give gentle reminder for us all to please to be respectful and considerate when driving and parking on our site. I can reassure that we are back chasing Wokingham Borough Council about ways to improve the traffic flow outside the school site, which should improve things onsite.

It has also been lovely to see all the children being organised and learning so quickly about getting changed for PE – thank you for your support with this.

We look forward to a lovely (and hopefully more sun than rain!) week next week and I hope you have a relaxing weekend.

Best wishes

Head Teacher

## 2024 – 2025 Term Calendar Dates

|                 |                  |                                      |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Wednesday       | 25/09/24         | Yr 5 Greek Day                       |
| Friday          | 27/09/24         | Macmillian Coffee Morning            |
| Monday          | 30/09/24         | Yr 6 STEAM Museum                    |
| Monday          | 07/10/24         | Yr 6 Condoover Parent Meeting 5.30pm |
| Monday          | 07/10/24         | Harvest Assembly PM (Children only)  |
| Friday          | 11/10/24         | Yr 5 Beech Class Assembly            |
| Mon-Fri         | 14-18/10/24      | Yr 6 Condoover Residential           |
| Tuesday         | 15/10/24         | Yr 4 Woolley Firs                    |
| Thursday        | 24/10/24         | Yr 6 Oak Class Assembly              |
| Friday          | 25/10/24         | Inset Day                            |
| Monday - Friday | 28/10 – 01/11/24 | Half Term                            |
| Tuesday         | 12/11/24         | School Photos                        |
| Monday          | 18/11/24         | Yr 3 River and Rowing Museum         |
| Wednesday       | 27/11/24         | Yr 4 Viking Day                      |
| Friday          | 29/11/24         | Yr 3 Sycamore Class Assembly         |
| Friday          | 20/12/24         | Last day of Autumn Term 1PM close    |
| Monday          | 06/01/25         | Inset Day                            |
| <b>Tuesday</b>  | <b>07/01/25</b>  | <b>First day of Spring Term</b>      |
| Monday - Friday | 17/02 – 21/02/25 | Half Term                            |
| Monday          | 24/02/25         | Inset Day                            |
| Friday          | 04/04/25         | Last day of Spring Term 1PM close    |
| <b>Tuesday</b>  | <b>22/04/25</b>  | <b>First day of Summer Term</b>      |
| Monday          | 05/05/25         | Bank Holiday (School Closed)         |
| Friday          | 23/05/25         | Inset Day                            |
| Monday - Friday | 26/05 – 30/05/24 | Half Term                            |
| Wednesday       | 23/07/25         | Last day of Summer Term 1PM close    |

### This Weeks Awards

| Unicorn Awards |   |              | Values Leaf Awards |   |              |
|----------------|---|--------------|--------------------|---|--------------|
| Elijah         | 1 | Holly        | Jackson            | 1 | Holly        |
| Arnold         | 1 | Silver Birch | Koby-Dylan         | 1 | Silver Birch |
| Aspen Class    | 2 | Aspen        | Evan               | 2 | Aspen        |
| Samantha-Joy   | 2 | Maple        | Mila               | 2 | Maple        |
| Sycamore Class | 3 | Sycamore     | Logan              | 3 | Sycamore     |
| Willow Class   | 4 | Willow       | Amayah             | 4 | Willow       |
| Beech Class    | 5 | Beech        | Joshua             | 5 | Beech        |
| Oak Class      | 6 | Oak          | Ellie              | 6 | Oak          |

## Disabled Parking Bays

A polite reminder that disabled parking bays are for parents, grandparents and visitors who require these specific bays. Please do not park in these bays unless you are a blue badge holder. The disabled bays have designated space around the parking bay to allow for easier access. Please also consider that there are a wide range of impairments or conditions not necessarily visible to others, please be considerate and respect others.



## Leave of Absence Forms

If your child requires time off school for any medical appointment, please ensure that you complete a Leave of Absence form which can be obtained from our website or paper copy from the Office Reception.

## Parking – Polite reminder

Please refrain from parking in the residents and visitor car parks on the residential roads near the school.

Several people have had an idea that may help the traffic flow through the school and on Baston Road. If all drivers could make a left hand turn onto Biggs Lane where it meets Baston Road (after exiting the school). This may help the flow of traffic leaving the school site not come to a standstill.

By driving down to the round about and coming back up Biggs Lane it may actually save time for everybody.

Thank you for your support,  
Mrs Bateman

## Keeping Children Safe Online

Here is a set of short webinars by Police South East to support families in keeping children safe online.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/police-south-east-cyber-77121396093>

## Attendance

In the Government's document 'Working together to Improve Attendance' it states: 'All schools have a continuing responsibility to proactively manage and improve attendance across their school community. Attendance is the essential foundation to positive outcomes for all pupils. This is why we continue to set expectations about attendance levels for our children. **However, we work with all families, and especially those with children who have SEN or medical needs, to support them with any attendance concerns regarding their children. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if support would be helpful.**



FACT: The more time your child spends in school, the better your child's attainment.

## Weekly Birthdays

We wish the following children, a very happy birthday for this week:

Zach D  
Ethan K  
Riley C  
Isha  
Lottie T



## Nursery newsletter – Autumn 1 Week 1

It was lovely to meet many of you in your homes last week. Thank you for making us feel so welcome. Home visits are such a great way to begin the term as they provide helpful insights for us to help support your child in their learning journey and make a lasting memory to share.

This week in Nursery has been all about settling in. Children are starting to get to know our routines and expectations and have been exploring the provision and the school, while we chat, play and get to know them a bit better.

Next week we will be talking to the children about their families and pets, so if you haven't done already please send children in with a photo, so we can use it as a prompt for talking and to put up on our family display.

We have absolutely loved having the children back in Nursery. Please do remember to pack them with plenty of spare clothes including pants, socks and a waterproof coat as an extra layer and to protect from any unexpected rain showers. Thank you!

