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Dear Parents and Carers,

The week started off with an amazing visit from a T-Rex and some baby dinosaurs. The children were in awe of the dinosaurs and many children (and some teachers) joined in interacting with them – face to face or on a green screen. The visit made the children think, ask questions and inspired them. Learning at its best!



Year 4 have started their flute lessons this week and I know will thoroughly enjoy learning how to play the flute. I can't wait to attend the end of term performance – it is such a lovely instrument to learn and their performance is always excellent.

Clubs have also started this week, I have seen netball practice, dance, drama and I was lucky enough to receive one of the cream scones that were made in Cookery Club this week – it was delicious!

Good attendance at school continues to be very important. We know at the moment there are lots of sickness bugs, flu bugs and colds around but if your child is well enough, please ensure they are coming into school. If they have a sniffle or a little cough they can attend and we will monitor how they are doing for you. If your child is worried about anything, please also don't hesitate to contact us so we can support your child in school and ensure they enjoy their learning.

We have a meeting with Wokingham Borough Council officers next week about the traffic and parking concerns we all share. The situation is complicated by the fact that our road is not yet adopted by Wokingham Council – but we welcome an open discussion with their team.

We are looking forward to lots more learning next week and I hope you have a restful weekend.

Best wishes

Jane Bateman

Head Teacher

Weekly Attendance Cup

Oak Class



School Shoes

Polite reminder to parents that only **black** school shoes should be worn with our school uniform. Black shoes with a sensible heel height will avoid unnecessary accidents. Please refer to our Uniform policy found on our school website for further clarification:

<https://www.farleyhillprimary.co.uk/uniform/>

Sickness

Please be aware that if your child has been sick (vomited) or had an upset tummy (diarrhoea) they cannot return to school until 48 hours have passed since the last bout of illness.

NHS guidelines can be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



This Weeks Awards

Unicorn Awards			Values Leaf Awards		
Oheneba	R	Acorns	Jasmine	R	Acorns
Sienna	R	Conkers	Sofia	R	Conkers
Aidan	1	Holly	Jesse	1	Holly
Sean	1	Silver Birch	Taylor	1	Silver Birch
Delilah	2	Aspen	Evelyn	2	Aspen
Penelope	2	Maple	Florence	2	Maple
Sophia	3	Sycamore	Shanzay	3	Sycamore
Alfie	4	Willow	Finley	4	Willow
Veronika	5	Beech	Edward	5	Beech
Amelia	6	Oak	Lewis	6	Oak

Weekly House Winner

MARS



Smart Watches

Smart watches are **NOT** allowed in school. This is for Safeguarding reasons. Children with smart watches should hand them into the school office at the start of the school day and collect after school. We will only allow Fit Bit watches if they have no smart technology functionality - they should only be used for telling the time or recording steps. Thank you for your support.

Reminder Lunch Bookings

Parents are reminded to choose their child's lunch from our school menu well in advance. Our system does not allow for late selections.

A further polite reminder, due to the volume of children with lunch options not pre-selected by parents, all children who do not appear on the daily lunch lists will automatically be offered a JACKET POTATO – this covers all allergens and vegetarians.

We will no longer be able to accommodate a menu choice, on the day.

Thank you for your continued support, Mrs Hudson and catering team.



Weekly Birthdays

We wish the following children, **Mr Braham, Mrs Paul** and **Mrs Slade**, a very happy birthday this week:

**Arnold
Stella
Mia
Wyatt
Robert
Evelyn C
Kaartikeya**



2025 Term Calendar Dates

Please also view an up to date diary on our school website

<https://www.farleyhillprimary.co.uk/diary/grid/2025/01/>

SPRING TERM		
Monday	06/01/25	Inset Day
Tuesday	07/01/25	First day of Spring Term
Wednesday	08/01/25	Yr 6 Lion King
Friday	24/01/25	Yr 5 Beech Class Assembly
Friday	31/01/25	Yr 1 Silver Birch Class Assembly
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
SUMMER TERM		
Tuesday	22/04/25	First day of Summer Term
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

PTA NEWS**YOU ARE INVITED**

**Come join us for the First Farley Hill PTA Meeting
of the 2025 School Year!**

**Tuesday 21st January @ 6.30pm
in the Main Hall**

➡ EVERYONE IS WELCOME! ⬅

Come along to meet the members of the Farley Hill
PTA as well as learn about opportunities to get
involved and the positive changes you can make in
the lives of our school and students!

Refreshments provided!

**HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE
TO YOUR CHILDS FUTURE**

We look forward to meeting you

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Farley Hill!

The book fair will be open after school on:

Thursday 30th January

Friday 31st January



Every year this gives us a fantastic opportunity for the children to choose some amazing books to buy and read AND if enough books are purchased at the book fair we are awarded FREE BOOKS for the school! Come and support us after school on Thursday 30th and Friday 31st January. We can accept **cash***** and **online payment via a QR code** (card details will be required for this) at the book fair. We are also trialling a card machine so hopefully we will be able to take payment via card too!

We will be open at the end of school day outside the front of the school (by the hall).

There will be books galore and even some stationery too! Children will have the opportunity to visit the book fair during the school day to have a look at the book selection. Books will only be sold at the end of the school day.

***** we will be unable to provide 1p change so please be aware if paying in cash we will**

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 roundabout and coming back up Biggs Lane it may actually save time for everybody.

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Bateman

Playground at Pickup

Please note that the Pirate Ship and Adventure Playground should not be used outside of the school day. We would appreciate it if you could ensure that your younger children do not play on these whilst you are collecting your school children.

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Bateman

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.

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.

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.





Door Knock Scams in your area

Officers from the Wokingham North NHPT have recently interrupted a Roofing company from scamming their unknown victim. The company is unregistered and the vehicle shown untaxed and uninsured.

The works were unplanned, and the victim was quoted a cost that was not reflective of the work that was happening.

Investigations are ongoing in co-operation with Trading Standards.

Please be aware, look after your neighbours and accept NO sales or trades via the front door. If you require works and services please access reputable company details through Trading Standards.



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