

South Farnborough Infant School

May 2026 Newsletter

Living and Learning in Harmony



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Dear parents and carers,

The summer term has started well, and the welcome glimmers of sunshine have certainly brightened the days. With a number of busy weeks ahead before half term, please do take a moment to note the key events and dates outlined below.

Kind regards,
Mrs Duffy

Important Updates

Parking and Driving in the Local Area



Sadly, over the past fortnight we have received several complaints from parents and local residents regarding parking and unsafe driving near the school.

We kindly ask that all families are respectful of our neighbours, particularly where there are clear parking restrictions in place. Alarmingly, three incidents of **unsafe driving** have been reported, including near misses involving children. **This is very concerning and something we must all take seriously.**

Please ensure that you drive carefully, follow parking restrictions, and park considerately so that all children, families and members of the local community remain safe. If you witness dangerous driving, we encourage you to report this directly to the police.

We continue to work closely with the **HCC Travel Team** and are hoping that a new gate will be installed in the local park. This would allow families using the car park to avoid walking along the road near the current gate.

As a reminder, there are still **free parking spaces available at the Peabody Road Car Park**. To obtain a permit, please contact the school office.

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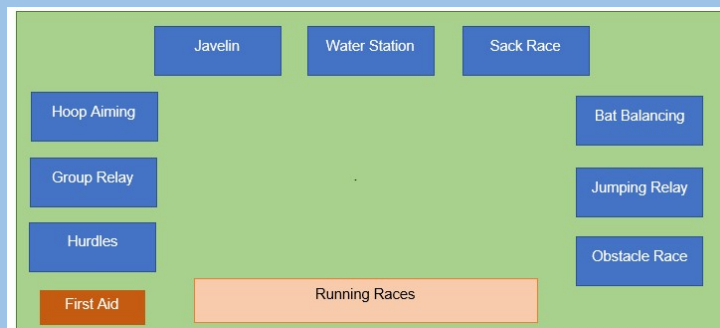
Sports Day 2026



Date: Wednesday 6th May 2026

Time: 13:20

Venue: Queen's Road Recreation Ground



We are very much looking forward to **Sports Day 2026** and the children have been busy preparing for the big day. Children will take part for fun in their Tree Team house teams, rotating around nine different activity stations. The most important part of Sports Day is that children have fun, feel safe and can take part in a way that is right for them.

We understand that for some children this event will feel very exciting, while for others it may feel a little overwhelming. To support this, the afternoon has been planned so that you may either walk around with your child's class at each event or watch from the centre of the field – the choice is entirely yours.

What children need to wear/bring: Full PE kit, trainers, long hair tied back and a named water bottle



If the weather is warm, please ensure your child has **sun cream applied** before school and brings a **sun hat**.



Water and First Aid - Children will be able to access water at the designated water station (see map). If your child needs a drink between events, you may give it to them, or a member of staff will get their bottle for them. A first aid station will be available on site. Staff will also carry first aid bags, including any required EpiPens or inhalers.

Important Safeguarding Information - As Sports Day takes place in a public space, we kindly ask for your support with the following:

- **Photographs:** You may take photos, but only of your own child.
- **Toileting:** If your child needs the toilet, please inform the class teacher first. Parents must not take any other children back to school.
- **Food:** Please do not give food or snacks to your child or any other child, as we have severe allergies and dietary requirements across the school.

Dismissal - Children will be dismissed from the field but they must be checked off a class register before you leave. Any child in clubs will be brought back to school.

If you feel your child may be worried or anxious, it can be helpful to talk through the afternoon in advance and, if possible, visit the recreation ground beforehand. We will also be supporting children with this at school.

If your child has a physical or medical need that may affect their participation, please speak to your child's class teacher so that we can make appropriate adaptations.

We look forward to a fun and enjoyable afternoon with the children. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Save Our Parents' Association – Friends of SFIS



As you will know, we are incredibly fortunate to have our wonderful Parents' Association, **Friends of SFIS**, who dedicate their time to organising fundraising events that directly benefit all our children. This year alone, fundraising by Friends has enabled the school to purchase valuable resources to enhance the curriculum, subsidise school trips for families, fund enrichment experiences, such as the recent **Sublime Science** visit and run much-loved events including discos and crafternoons.

Thanks to the hard work and generosity of the Friends of the School, a wide range of resources and experiences have been funded this year to directly benefit our children across the school.

This includes significant investment in **technology**, such as interactive whiteboards for all Reception classrooms and 17 Chromebooks for pupils, helping to enhance teaching and learning across all year groups. Friends have also supported key **curriculum resources and subscriptions**, including Power Maths, Little Wandle, LanguageLink, Letter-join, Tapestry, Sing Up and Access Art, ensuring pupils and staff have access to high-quality learning tools.

In addition, Friends have funded a wide variety of **classroom and play resources**, such as toys, construction and magnetic sets, creative materials, books, and role-play equipment that support learning through play.

Children have also benefited from **enrichment experiences**, including science and drama workshops and safer internet workshops from Perform.

Importantly, as Friends of SFIS is a **registered charity**, the school can also benefit from **match funding** – something we would lose entirely if Friends were to close. **We urgently need your help from September.** To keep Friends of SFIS going, we need **at least 4 parents (or family members)** to volunteer for the following committee roles, for a **minimum of one year;**

Chair

Leads FRIENDS OF SFIS, ensuring meetings run smoothly and activities support the school's goals. Works closely with school leadership and oversees fundraising and volunteers.

Vice Chair

Supports the Chair and steps in when needed. Helps plan events, liaises with school staff, and supports the smooth running of FRIENDS activities.

Secretary

Keeps meeting records and prepares agendas. Manages correspondence and communication between committee members, parents, and the school.

Communications & Social Media Officer

Manages social media, newsletters, and other communications to keep parents informed about events, meetings, and fundraising.

Without this support, Friends of SFIS may be forced to close – and this could mean no more school discos, fewer school visitors, reduced enrichment opportunities and fewer resources for children. Even a small amount of time can make a huge difference. You do not need prior experience – just a willingness to help.

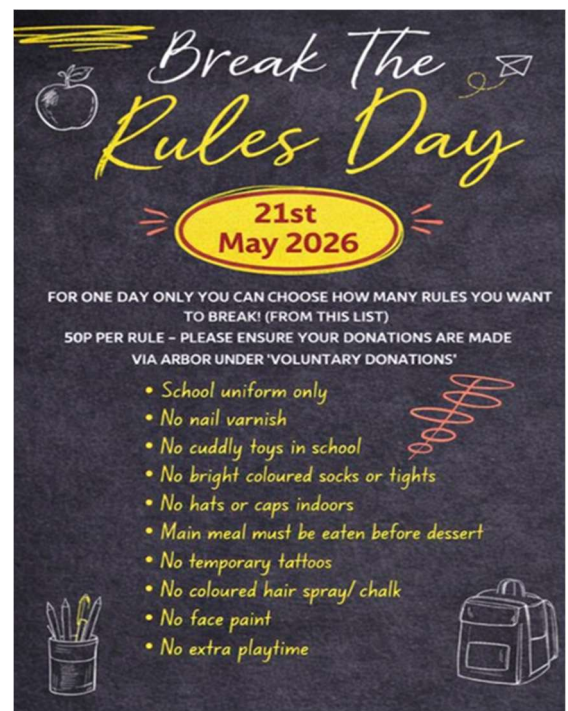
If you think you could get involved, please contact the school or Friends of SFIS or speak to Mrs Duffy directly.



This term Year 1 children have had a fantastic time taking part on their bike course! They began the week on balance bikes and as their confidence grew, they progressed onto pedal bikes and learnt important bike safety skills. Throughout the week, they have demonstrated excellent behaviour, showing respect to visitors in school and engaging positively in all activities. We are very proud of how well they have participated and supported one another each day. Well done Year 1!

Break the Rules Day - Thursday 21st May 2026

This fun event is designed to raise money for the remaining i-pads we have been fundraising for and the new reception area. To help us reach our fundraising goal, we're inviting your child to break the rules for one day only! For each rule listed on the poster above breaking it will **cost 50p per rule**. So, choose your rule-breaking wisely! Please ensure your donations are made via **Arbor under 'Voluntary Donations'** before the day child brings in their money on the day and hands it to their class teacher.



HAPPY
100th
BIRTHDAY!

On **8th May**, we will be celebrating Sir David Attenborough's **100th birthday**. The children will take part in a range of activities to honour his incredible contribution to the planet, including art, outdoor learning, and nature-inspired projects.

Important Dates



Wednesday 6th May 2026 – 13:30 Sports Day at Queen’s Road Recreation Ground – all welcome

Thursday 7th May 2026 - Class photos for all year groups and individual photos for Year 2 children

Friday 8th May – David Attenborough’s 100th Birthday

Tuesday 12th May 2026 – Year R visiting Wellington Country Park

Thursday 14th May 2026 – Year 1 Computing workshop with Miss Shipsey – 15 parent tickets available via ticket source <https://www.ticketsource.com/south-farnborough-infant-school/t-qmmdax>

Friday 15th May 2026 – Non uniform day for Friends of SFIS Disco – no donation required. All children can participate even if they are not attending the disco after school.

Friday 15th May 2026 – Friends of SFIS Disco – tickets required

Tuesday 19th May 2026 – Bling Your Bike Day – more information to follow

Thursday 21st May 2026 – Summer Census – all children will have a school lunch. Please note there will be a menu change for Census Day and the day previous, Wednesday 20th. Parents will receive an email the week before as a reminder.

Wednesday 20th May 2026 – SeaCity workshops for Year 2

Thursday 21st May 2026 – Break the Rules Day (more information to follow)

Thursday 21st May 2026 – School finishes at 15:05 for May Half Term

Children return to school on **Tuesday 2nd June 2026**

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