

South Farnborough Infant School

June 2026 Newsletter

Living and Learning in Harmony



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Infant School

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely half term and were able to enjoy the glorious sunshine.

As we begin the final half term of the academic year, it is an important time to reflect on the achievements and progress the children have made, as well as to prepare them for the next stage of their educational journey. Within this newsletter, you will find some useful guidance on how you can support your child with this transition at home.

Please also take note of the key dates included, as there are a number of events and performances this half term to which parents are invited. We are very much looking forward to sharing these special moments with you.

Mrs Duffy

Important Updates



Congratulations to Maple Team, who earned an impressive **965 points** and were the winners of Sports Day 2026! All points earned will be added to the overall house totals, which are updated weekly and can be viewed on the home page of the school website. At the end of term, we will announce the overall house team winner for 2026. The winning team will enjoy an extra special playtime and rewards to celebrate their achievement.



Tree Team House Points



Chestnut
3281



Hazel
3428



Maple
3458



Oak
3192

As you can see, there is very little between the teams, making every point count.

The children have worked incredibly hard to earn these points by consistently demonstrating our school values of **Respect, Reflectiveness, Teamwork and Personal Best**. Good luck to all teams for the remainder of the term—keep up the fantastic work!

Important Updates



Thank you to everyone who participated in Break the Rules Day and made a donation to the school. It was wonderful to see so many creative outfits and hairstyles.

Together, **you raised an impressive £457**, which will go towards the development of our **new front office** area. This project will provide a much more secure entrance and improved environment for our school community. The building works have now been approved, and the commissioning process is underway, with anticipated completion by the end of the autumn term.

Thank you for your continued support in helping to make our school the very best it can be for your children and for future generations of pupils.

To minimise disruption to your child's learning, we kindly ask that, where possible, GP and dental appointments are made outside of school hours or during the holidays.



Supporting Your Child's Emotional Wellbeing



If you have any concerns about your child's mental health or wellbeing, please speak with your child's class teacher in the first instance. They will be able to offer support and can signpost you to appropriate services, including access to a free mental health assessment referral where needed.

For families who may wish to explore additional support, private play therapy is also available. Play therapy can support children with a range of needs, including anxiety, bereavement, emotional regulation, friendship difficulties, low self-esteem, nightmares and sleep challenges, among others.

Parents may wish to contact Zoe Ruffle from Wisdom Play Therapy. Zoe has worked within our school for a number of years and is also available for private therapy sessions. She can be contacted directly via email at wisdomplaytherapy@outlook.com.

For more information about the support available within school, please visit our Health and Wellbeing page: [View Health and Wellbeing support](#)

Supporting Your Child's Transition to Their Next Year Group

This term, every class will be taking part in a range of activities to support their transition to the next phase of their educational journey. These will include circle times, opportunities to talk about the changes ahead, a whole-school move-up day on **Thursday 2nd July**, class visits, and the creation of class scrapbooks to help children reflect on their year. If you would like to support your child at home this term and over the summer holidays, you could try some of the following:

Talk positively about the move - Children take their emotional cues from the adults around them.

- Try to speak positively about the next year group
- Reassure your child that they will be supported
- Avoid language that could create unnecessary worry. For example: Instead of *"It will be harder next year,"* try *"You're going to learn lots of exciting new things!"*

Keep the transition 'alive' over the summer - The summer holiday is long, so it's helpful to keep September in mind. You could:

- Talk about what school will be like next year
- Create a **summer holiday diary or scrapbook**
- Include things your child is looking forward to
- Share any information you have about their new class or routines

Read, read, read! - Reading is one of the most powerful ways to support your child's learning.

- Read with your child every day
- Encourage them to talk about stories
- Discuss characters, settings and events
- Let them see you enjoying reading too

Encourage independence - As children move through school, they are expected to become more independent. You can help by encouraging your child to:

- Organise and carry their own school bag
- Dress themselves (including managing buttons, zips and shoes)
- Take responsibility for their belongings
- Tidy up after themselves

Establish and maintain routines - Consistent routines help children feel secure and reduce anxiety. Over the summer:

- Keep regular bedtimes and wake-up times
- Practise morning routines ready for school
- Build in calm, screen-free time each day

Support social skills and confidence - Transitions involve new classrooms and adults. You can support your child by:

- Encouraging play with other children
- Practising turn-taking and sharing
- Talking about being kind and respectful
- Helping them solve small problems independently

Talk openly about feelings - It is natural for children to feel excited, nervous or unsure.

- Encourage your child to talk about how they feel
- Let them know these feelings are normal

Important Dates



Tuesday 9th June 14:45 – 15:30 – WOW strider visit

Tuesday 9th June 17:30 to 18:30 – Welcome meeting for parents for new reception children starting in September 2026 (parent only event)

Friday 12th June – Non-Uniform Day in support of Friends Summer Fair – please bring in a tombola donation. Accepting donations on Friday 12th at the Nest gate at drop off or the shed at the back of the main playground at drop off or pick up (not office)

Tuesday 16th June at 15:30 – Stay and Play session for new reception children starting in September 2026

Saturday 20th June – Summer Fair 11:00 to 14:00 – please support

Wednesday 24th June at 15:30 – Stay and Play session for new reception children starting in September 2026

Tuesday 30th June at 14:15 – Year R Eddie the Penguin Performance for parents (tickets required)

Wednesday 1st July at 09:30 – Year R Eddie the Penguin Performance for parents (tickets required)

Thursday 2nd July – Move Up day

Monday 6th to Wednesday 8th July - Usborne book sale after school

Tuesday 7th July 16:15 to 18:00 – Year 2 Leavers Festival for Year 2 children (party / festival dress code) – please note the children will receive pizza and snacks during the leavers party. NB After school clubs running as usual. If children are attending both will they bring clothes to school to change into after club.

Wednesday 15th July at 14:00 – Year 2 Leaver assembly for parents (tickets required)

Thursday 16th July at 09:30 - Year 2 Leaver assembly for parents (tickets required)

Wednesday 22nd July – School finishes at 13:30 / Non-Uniform Day

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WATER SAFETY

Stay safe. Have fun. Enjoy the water. 

DROWNING IS
ONE OF THE
LEADING CAUSES
OF ACCIDENTAL
DEATH IN CHILDREN
IN THE UK.

**MOST INCIDENTS
ARE PREVENTABLE.**



As the weather warms up, children and young people spend more time around water – at home, on days out or on holiday. Let's keep them safe.



Almost half of drownings occur during the summer months when temperatures are higher – especially when 25°C or above.

THE HSCP WATER SAFETY TOOLKIT FOR PARENTS & CARERS INCLUDES:



EVERYDAY RISKS AT HOME

Including bath time safety and garden hazards.



STAYING SAFE OUTDOORS

Such as the beach, around rivers and in open water.



PRACTICAL SAFETY ADVICE

Including the Water Safety Code and how to "Float to Live".



AGE-SPECIFIC GUIDANCE

For babies, young children, older children and teenagers.



WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY

Including simple first aid steps and where to find further support.

Small
actions,
big
difference 

- ✓ Keep children within arm's reach of water.
- ✓ Choose safe places to swim.
- ✓ Talk to your children about water safety.



Together, we can
help prevent tragedies
and keep our children
safe this summer.



For practical advice and resources,
download the Water Safety Toolkit:
[www.hampshirescp.org.uk/
parents-and-carers/water-safety/](http://www.hampshirescp.org.uk/parents-and-carers/water-safety/)



Enjoy the water
Stay safe
Look out for
each other



HSCP

Hampshire Safeguarding
Children Partnership

Safeguarding children together

Let's Build a KINDER, SAFER HAMPSHIRE

Everyone has the right to
feel safe and be respected.

**DOMESTIC
ABUSE
CAN AFFECT
ANYONE**

Help and support is available.



Call Hampshire
Domestic Abuse Service
03300 165 112 (24/7)



Visit
hants.gov.uk/domesticabuse
for support and information



In an emergency, always dial **999**.



*Together, we can
make a difference. *

**YOU
ARE NOT
ALONE**

**Let's listen. Let's support.
Let's build a safer Hampshire.
#SaferHampshire**



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