

South Farnborough Infant School

September 2026 Newsletter

Living and Learning in Harmony



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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you have had a wonderful summer break and enjoyed spending quality time together as a family.

I would like to extend a special welcome to our new Reception families. We are delighted to welcome you to our school community.

All staff will be working hard to ensure a smooth transition back to school. If you need any support or have any questions, please speak to a member of staff at your child's classroom door or a member of the leadership team. A member of the team will also be available at the school gate every morning and afternoon.

This is always a busy term, with lots of exciting events and activities taking place. Please make a note of the important dates listed below, which are also available on the school website calendar. In particular, we encourage Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) parents to attend the *Meet the Teacher* meetings and Reception parents to attend the new parent meeting for an opportunity to meet staff and learn more about the year ahead.

We look forward to working with you and your children this term.

Mrs Duffy – Headteacher

Important Updates

Music Provision in Year 2



In response to the feedback received through our end-of-year parent questionnaire in July 2026, we are delighted to be expanding our music provision this year.

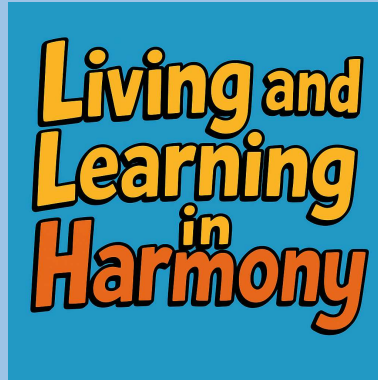
Many parents expressed an interest in children having more opportunities to learn musical instruments. We are therefore pleased to announce that, from this term, all Year 2 pupils will be working with the **Hampshire Music Service** to learn a musical instrument.

Each Year 2 class will benefit from a whole term of specialist music teaching, delivered by an experienced Hampshire Music Service teacher. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to develop new skills, build confidence and experience the enjoyment of making music together.

We look forward to sharing updates on the children's progress and celebrating their achievements throughout the year.

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Curriculum and Values



At South Farnborough Infant School, our curriculum is enriched through the Harmony Principles, which encourage children to think deeply about their role in the wider world. Each topic is linked to a "Big Question" connected to one of the seven Harmony Principles (see below), helping children make meaningful connections between their learning and the world around them.

Wellbeing - 'Healthy, happy learners'

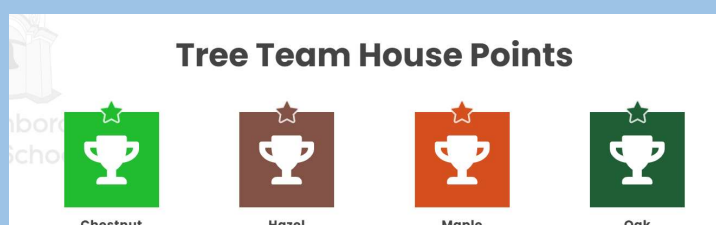
- **Diversity** - 'All different but all the same'
- **Oneness** – 'Oneness is living in harmony with everyone and everything'
- **Adaptation** - 'Mirroring nature's perfect designs'
- **Geometry** - 'Order and pattern, in and around us'
- **Interdependence** - 'Needing one another'
- **Circles and Cycles** - 'Yesterday, today and forever'

Our mission statement, "**Living and Learning in Harmony**," underpins everything we do and reflects our commitment to developing confident, caring and responsible learners.

Alongside this, our school values of **Respect, Reflectiveness, Personal Best and Teamwork** provide daily reminders of how we learn and behave at our best. Children are rewarded for demonstrating these values through our house point system.

House points are celebrated regularly in assembly, as well as being shared on the school website. At the end of each term, the team with the highest number of house points is awarded the Tree Team Trophy and a special reward.

Good luck to all of our teams this term!



Attendance and Punctuality



Good attendance and punctuality are essential to ensure that children have a smooth start to their day and make the most of their learning opportunities.

The school day begins with our **soft start from 8:40am to 8:50am**, during which time children can be brought to their classroom. **School starts promptly at 8:50am**, and we encourage all children to arrive on time.

If your child arrives late:

- **Reception children** should be taken to the green gate at the end of the staff car park. Please press the bell and wait for a member of staff.
- **Key Stage 1 children** should be taken to the main office, where they will be signed in.

If your child arrives late, Arbor will automatically delete any pre-selected lunch order, so please let staff know your child's lunch choice when signing them in.

The school day finishes at **3:05pm**. Please ensure that your child is collected on time. Late collection may incur a charge to cover additional supervision costs.

If your child is going to be absent, please notify the school as soon as possible by reporting their absence through Studybugs (via the app or website) or by calling the school phone line (Option 1) and leaving a message explaining the reason for the absence.

If you need to request an exceptional leave of absence, please notify the school as early as possible. A Leave of Absence Request Form can be collected from the school office and should be submitted at least two weeks before the requested absence wherever possible.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain excellent attendance and punctuality for all pupils.

School Uniform Policy

Please note our new school uniform policy is now fully in place and mandatory for all pupils. Logoed items can be purchased from Brenda's. Non-logoed items can be bought from local supermarkets such as Asda or M&S.

For full details, please click below to view the policy.

<https://www.southfarnborough-inf.hants.sch.uk/uniform>

Reminder



Please note, with the exception of assistance dogs, including guide dogs, dogs are not permitted on school premises. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Important Dates



Wednesday 2nd September 2026 – Year 1 and Year 2 children return to school

Thursday 3rd September 2026 – Year R children start school – 08:40 – 11:30

Friday 4th September 2026 – Year R children – 08:40 – 12:30

Monday 7th September 2026 – Year R children to start fulltime

Tuesday 8th September 2026 – 09:15 Skylarks Year 1 Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 9th September 2026 – 09:00 Mental Health Workshops for parents – all welcome – please come to the main office to sign in

Thursday 10th September 2026 - 09:15 Swifts Year 1 Meet the Teacher

Friday 11th September 2026 - 09:15 Robins Year 1 Meet the Teacher

Monday 14th September 2026 – After school clubs begin

Monday 14th September 2026 – 18:00 Friends of SFIS Annual General Meeting – all welcome – we are looking for a new chair and new members to ensure events can take place this year.

Tuesday 15th September 2026 - 09:15 Barn Owls Year 2 Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 16th September 2026 – 09:00 Mental Health Workshops for parents – all welcome – please come to the main office to sign in

Thursday 17th September 2026 - 09:15 Kestrels Year 2 Meet the Teacher

Friday 18th September 2026 - 09:15 Sparrowhawks Year 2 Meet the Teacher

Monday 21st September 2026 – Individual Photo Day – all children to come to school in full school uniform

Wednesday 23rd September 2026 – Perform Drama workshop for all classes

Thursday 24th September 2026 – 09:00 New Reception parent coffee morning – all Year R parents welcome – please enter via the main office

Tuesday 29th September 2026 – 09:00 Parent Coffee Morning and meet and greet with our school SENCO – all welcome – please enter via the main office

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To keep up to date with the latest school news, weekly Tree Team house point updates, curriculum information and key dates, please visit our school website. You can also sync the school calendar to your mobile device so that important dates are always at your fingertips.