South Farnborough Infant School

Newsletter 2026 Newsletter

Living and Learning in Harmony

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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you had a lovely half-term break with your families. It is hard to believe that we are already a sixth of the way through the academic year.

This half term, we have lots of exciting events and opportunities coming up, and we hope to see many of you there. Please make a note of the dates listed at the end of this newsletter.

Many thanks,

Mrs Duffy - Headteacher

Important Updates

Remembrance Day



On Wednesday 11th November, we will be marking Remembrance Day across the school. Throughout the day, children will learn about the importance of remembrance, reflecting on those who have served and sacrificed during times of conflict, while also exploring messages of peace, hope and kindness.

Children will take part in a range of age-appropriate activities, including creating poppy artwork, making wreaths and writing remembrance poems. Classes will also spend time discussing the significance of Remembrance Day and learning a special remembrance song, which we will sing together as a whole school.

Children who are members of uniformed organisations such as Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs or Scouts are warmly invited to wear their organisation uniform to school on this day if they wish.

We would also like to invite children to bring in any items of significance connected to remembrance or military service that they would like to share with their class. This might include photographs, medals, stories, letters or other meaningful items from family members. Please ensure that any valuable or precious items are clearly named and sent in at your own discretion.

Our military children will also take part in a special activity during the afternoon, and their work will be shared with the wider school city.

Important Updates

Building Works Update



We are pleased to confirm that building works to improve our front office area will begin on **Saturday 14th November** and are expected to be completed by **Friday 27th November**.

During this period, there will be some temporary changes to access arrangements and the use of certain areas of the school. The front office will be closed to visitors, and any pre-arranged appointments will be directed to alternative entrances. Please do not come to the front office or entrance unless you have been asked to.

ACE Breakfast Club and After School Club will operate from the **Nest Hub** during the first week, with drop-off and collection via the green gate in the park.

Parents' Evening will still take place as planned, although parents will be asked to enter and leave via the side yellow door at the front of the school. Please follow signage.

As with any construction project, timings and arrangements may need to change if works progress differently from expected. We will keep families informed of any significant updates and appreciate your patience and flexibility while these improvements are completed.

We expect there to be some noise and disruption at times, but we will do everything possible to minimise the impact on the children's learning and school routines.

Thank you for your continued support.

Travel Safely and Consider Our Community



We have received reports from both within our school community and the wider local community of dangerous driving, including instances of children not wearing seat belts while vehicles are moving.

In line with our mission statement *Living and Learning in Harmony* and to help keep everyone safe, we kindly ask all families to travel responsibly, ensure that children wear seatbelts, and be considerate of our neighbours and the local community when travelling to and from school.

Free parking permits for Peabody Road are still available from the school office and can help ease congestion around the school site. We encourage families who regularly need to park nearby to make use of this facility.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in helping to keep our children and community safe.

Christmas Events 2026



Year 1 Christmas Crafts (no ticket required)

Skylarks - Tuesday 1st December - 9:15am - 10:30am

Robins - Thursday 3rd December - 9:15am - 10:30am

Swifts - Friday 4th December **-** 9:15am - 10:30am

Year 2 Christmas Concert (no ticket required)

Thursday 10th December at 2:00pm at Farnborough Methodist Church. Our Year 2 children are excited to perform a selection of Christmas songs and festive readings.

Year R Christmas Performance (tickets required – booking link to follow)

Join us as our Reception children proudly present their Christmas performance including a range of carols and Christmas songs.

Tuesday 15th December at 9:30am

Wednesday 16th December at 2:00pm

Important Photography Notice

To ensure we comply with safeguarding requirements and respect the wishes of all families: Photography and video recording are not permitted during any Christmas performance or event. The school will take photographs before performances. Copies of school photographs will be shared with families. Any photographs distributed by the school will be carefully checked and will not include children who do not have photo permissions.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us create a safe and enjoyable experience for all children.

School Fund

Whilst schools receive government funding, this often only covers the essentials and does not provide for the additional experiences that make school life truly memorable. We work hard to raise funds so that we can enhance our curriculum with special visitors, workshops, educational experiences and enrichment opportunities for all children. These experiences help to create lasting memories and inspire a love of learning.

You can make a donation through the **School Shop** area in **Arbor** by selecting **Voluntary Donations**. Please note that the donation amount is set at **£1**. If you would like to donate more, simply increase the quantity in your basket before making payment.

We suggest a voluntary contribution of **£10 per family per year**, which can be paid via **Arbor**. Every contribution, no matter the amount, helps us to provide extra opportunities and experiences for our children.

Planned Absences

If there is an **exceptional reason** for your child to be absent from school, a **Request for Authorised Absence Form** must be completed and submitted **in advance** of the planned absence. Forms are available from the school office or the website. Please note that requests will be considered in line with the school's attendance policy, and authorisation cannot be guaranteed.

Important Dates



Monday 2nd November 2026 – Children return to school

Wednesday 11th November 2026 – Remembrance Day

Monday 16th November 2026 – Anti Bullying Week

Tuesday 17th November 2026 – Parents Evening – all taking place in the main building

Wednesday 18th November 2026 – Year 1 visiting Brooklands

Thursday 19th November 2026 – Parents Evening – all taking place in the main building

Monday 23rd November 2026 – Usborne Book Fair

Wednesday 25th November 2026 @ 09:15 – Maths parent workshop and tour

Friday 27th November 2026 – Friends of SFIS Crispy Crème sale after school

Tuesday 1st December 2026 @ 09:15 – Skylarks Christmas Crafts

Thursday 3rd December 2026 @09:15 – Robins Christmas Crafts

Friday 4th December @ 09:15 – Swifts Christmas Crafts

Monday 7th December 2026 – KS1 Pantomime

Tuesday 8th December 2026 – Year R Pantomime

Wednesday 9th December 2026 – Christmas jumper day / Christmas lunch day

Wednesday 9th December @ 09:20 – Sparrowhawks Ukulele performance for parents

Thursday 10th December @ 14:00 – Year 2 Christmas Concert at Farnborough Methodist Church

Friday 11th December 2026 – Elf Day led by Friends of SFIS during the school day

Friday 11th December 2026 – Friends of SFIS Tuck Shop in the main playground after school

Tuesday 15th December 2026 @ 09:30 - Year R Nativity – booking link to follow

Wednesday 16th December 2026 @ 14:00 - Year R Nativity – booking link to follow

Friday 18th December 2026 - Own Clothes Day £1 donation

Friday 18th December 2026 – School finishes at 13:00 for the Christmas holidays

Tuesday 5th January 2027 – Children return to school