

South Farnborough Infant School

January 2026 Newsletter

Living and Learning in Harmony



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to school and Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break.

We are thrilled to begin the new term and are excited about all the learning opportunities and events taking place this term.

To stay informed about key dates, upcoming events, and important updates, please continue to refer to the school website calendar and the Whole School News section.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we wish you a happy and prosperous year ahead!

Many thanks,

Mrs Duffy – Headteacher

Our school day is between 08:40 and 08:50. We kindly request that all children arrive within this 10-minute window, ready to begin their day.



We understand that morning routines can sometimes present challenges, and that congestion can often be a concern around the school. Where possible, walking to school is an excellent way to avoid traffic. **For those who need to drive, please remember that free school parking permits are available for the Peabody Road Car Park.** Please contact the school office for more

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Please note that messages left after 14:45 on the answering phone will not be picked up until the following day.

The school office is open from 08:40 am until 15:15.

New School Website



Please subscribe to the new school website calendar by clicking on the link below (Parents-Calendar)

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

Important Updates

This term your children will be learning about exciting new topics. We would like to encourage you to support your child's learning by discussing the key topic vocabulary with them.

Year 2: This term, our Year 2 pupils will be exploring the continent of Africa in Geography. They will use their geographical knowledge and skills to discover the diverse landscapes and weather patterns of Africa, comparing them to those found in England.

The key vocabulary for this topic includes:

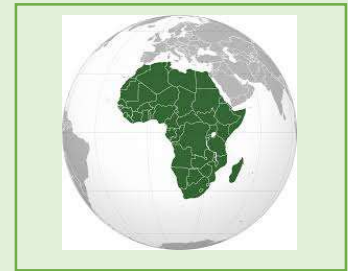
Equator: An imaginary circle around the Earth which is halfway between the North and South Poles.

Ocean: A huge body of salt-water covering 2/3 of the Earth's surface.

Climate: The usual weather conditions in a particular place.

Temperature: The degree of heat or cold within an environment.

Kenya: A country situated on the continent of Africa.



Year 1: In Year 1, we will be learning about The Great Fire of London. The children will be thinking about life during the 17th century and how it differs from our lives today.

The key vocabulary for this topic includes:

17th Century: From the year 1601 to 1700. The Great Fire of London happened in the 17th century, in 1666.

Diary: A book that people write about their lives in.

Rebuilt: Building something again after it's been broken or destroyed.

St Paul's Cathedral: A very large church in London. St Paul's Cathedral was rebuilt after the fire.



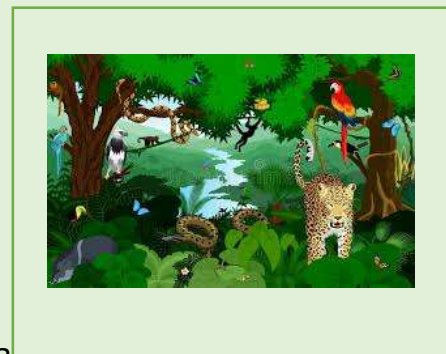
Year R: Our Reception children will be going on a jungle adventure, exploring jungle animals and reading the books "Walking Through the Jungle" and "Handa's Surprise" in our book club.

The key vocabulary for this topic includes:

Jungle Animals: Lion, Tiger, Elephant, Monkey, Snake, Hippo, Crocodile, Parrot, Gorilla.

Action words: Movement (Walking, Creeping, Running, Leaping, Swinging, Wading, Slithered)

Fruits: Guava, Tangerine, Mango, Pineapple, Avocado, Passion Fruit, Banana.



We would be grateful if you could take some time to discuss these words with your child, asking them to share what they have learned and what they are looking forward to learning more about. This will not only help to reinforce their understanding but also foster a love of learning that extends beyond the classroom.

Important Updates

Celebrating Success

As part of our weekly celebration assemblies, we are excited to expand our focus this term to **recognise and celebrate your child's achievements beyond the classroom!** This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate their talents, dedication, and successes in sports, music, dance, and other extracurricular activities.

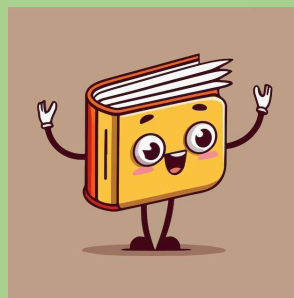


If your child wins a tournament or receives a medal in a sport; achieves a new grade or certification in music or dance; or has any other accomplishment they're proud of, please let us know! We would love to feature their achievements in our weekly assembly, where their peers and teachers can cheer them on.



This month we will be saying farewell to our dedicated teaching assistant, Mrs Kerner who has worked at the school for 17 years. We are very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Kerner, and we will miss her greatly. We want to wish her all the very best of luck and success in her new role. Thank you for the many years of service and commitment to the school community.

Book Look 2026



Following the success of last year's Book Look event, we are excited to build on this with spring report card. Book Look will take place on **Wednesday 21st January, from 8:30 AM to 8:50 AM**, in your child's classroom.

During this time, we invite you to join your child in school to look at their books and discuss what they have been learning in class. This year, we are also trialling a new initiative to provide you with an even clearer picture of your child's academic growth. You will receive a concise, individual report card outlining your child's current progress this term along with a simple next step that they can work on.

We look forward to welcoming as many parents and carers as possible to this morning's event. Thank you for your continued support in partnering with us to nurture your child's education.

IMPORTANT DATES

January 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Tuesday 6th January 2026 – Children return to school

Tuesday 13th January 2026 - Raptorxotics visiting Year 2

Tuesday 20th January 2026 – Rainbow Theatre visiting Year 1

Wednesday 21st January 2026 – Parent Book Look 08:30 – 08:50

Monday 26th January 2026 – PSHE SCARF workshops for all year groups

Tuesday 27th January 2026 – PSHE SCARF workshops for all year groups

Friday 6th February 2026 – Friends of SFIS Disco (tickets required / more information to follow)

Monday 9th February 2026 – Children’s Mental Health Week

Tuesday 10th February 2026 – Computing / E-Safety parent workshop 09:00 – 09:30 – all welcome

Wednesday 11th February 2026 – Safer Internet Day

Thursday 12th February 2026 – Friends of SFIS Crafternoon (tickets required / more information to follow)

Friday 13th February 2026 – School finishes at 15:05 for February half term

Monday 23rd February 2026 – Children return to school



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