

South Farnborough Infant School

February 2026 Newsletter

Living and Learning in Harmony



Dear parents and carers,

I hope you are all well and enjoying the start of the new year. It has been a busy and productive beginning to 2026, with lots of celebrate.



Last week we were delighted to welcome the Hampshire Travel team along with Basil the Parrot to school. Their visit focused on promoting sustainable travel, safe driving, and responsible parking – topics I know that are important to you. Thank you to everyone that signed up for a parking permit.

We are confident that the messages they shared will have a lasting positive impact.

Mrs Duffy – Headteacher

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>

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

School Contact Details



adminoffice@southfarnborough-inf.hants.sch.uk
01252 543727

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.

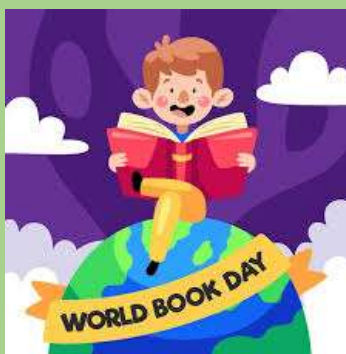
Important Updates

Home-Start Hampshire



There comes a time in every family's life when a friendly, reliable hand can make all the difference, especially for parents who don't have relatives nearby to lean on—and that's exactly where Home-Start Hampshire steps in. Offering completely free, tailored assistance to households with children aged 0-11, the service matches each family with a dedicated volunteer who visits the home for two to three hours each week, runs regular family-support groups, and can connect parents to specialist help for issues such as mental-health concerns, social isolation, or parenting challenges. Whether you hear about it from a professional or simply spot the need yourself, you can self-refer by completing a short online form or calling your local office; teams are based across Basingstoke, East Hampshire (Butser), Winchester and Rushmoor, and they aim to get back to you within three weeks to discuss the exact support you'd like. If you have any questions about the referral process, you can visit the Home-Start website (<https://home-starthampshire.org.uk/contact-us/>), or speak to Mrs Duffy or a member of the staff and we will support you to make the referral.

World Book Day – 5th March 2026



World Book Day 2026 is just around the corner—**mark your calendars for Thursday 5th March 2026!** This year we're once again **inviting every child to step into the pages of their favourite story by dressing up as their favourite book character** and, if possible, bringing a copy of that book to share. To make the celebration even more magical, each class will be paired with a class from a different year-group, giving the children the chance to listen to each other's favourite books and take part in fun, literacy-focused activities together. We can't wait to see the wonderful costumes. **Family members are also invited to join us at 14:30 to read with your child** - this was a very well attended and popular event so please do join us. If you are unable to attend due to work commitments, please send another family member on your behalf.

Smoking and Vaping on the School Premise



Smoking and vaping on all the school premises, including the staff car park, outdoor playgrounds, and indoor facilities, is strictly prohibited. Violations of this rule not only compromise the wellbeing of others but can also expose the school to significant financial penalties by regulatory authorities. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Important Updates

Parkwise



The poster is titled 'Parkwise' and 'Parking and driving safely near your school'. It features a green car with two children in the front seats. The text is organized into several sections:

- Ways you can be Parkwise:**
 - Never stop or park on School Keep Clear zig-zag lines.
 - Avoid driving onto school grounds and never use school entrances to turn your car around.
 - Try not park or leave the car (DfL) from a road junction.
 - Don't park on yellow lines.
 - Never park on pavements or verges.
 - Ensure your passengers get out of and into the car on the side next to the kerb.
 - Do not wait or park in front of zebra crossings, points such as marked-off driveways.
 - Do not wait or park in bus stops or bus lay-bys.
 - Never double park or stop alongside a parked car.
 - Take extra care when carrying out manoeuvres, especially reversing, near to the school.
 - Drive at the appropriate speed (20 is plenty near school).
 - When stopping or parking on the road, face the direction of travel.
 - Never mount a pavement or verge to let another vehicle pass.
- Car sharing:**
 - If you know someone in your neighbourhood who travels to the same school, why not arrange a car share?
 - By sharing the school run your car both uses less fuel and costs less. You will be helping to reduce the congestion and air pollution outside school or park from.
- Park and Drive:**
 - If taking your child to and from school is the only option, why not drop them off and pick them up away from the school, perhaps at the main bus stop? This could be in a friend's house who lives closer to school. **There are lots of benefits:**
 - Walking improves fitness and health for you and your child.
 - It will give your child an opportunity to be more independent and develop important life skills.
 - Your child will be more alert and more prepared for learning in class.
 - You will avoid any congestion near to the school and contribute towards a healthier, less stressful and safer school run.
 - You will help to make the car share!
- Further information:**
 - School travel planning:** visit mapsonline.hampshire.gov.uk
 - Parking rules and driver responsibilities:** visit gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code-driving-and-parking-paragraphs-236-252
 - Reporting highway issues:** e.g. street lights, faded lines, blocked drains or overgrown vegetation visit roads.gov.uk/transport
 - Road safety education:** visit roads.gov.uk/safety

Logos for Hampshire County Council and Hampshire Travel Team are at the bottom.

Last month, we were delighted to welcome the Hampshire Travel Team to school to promote safer parking through the Park Wise initiative, designed to help ease parking challenges and ensure a safer environment for everyone. As part of this effort, we continued to promote and **offer free parking permits for the Peabody Road carpark**, aiming to provide a reliable and less congested place to place for families. Thank you, all families and staff who have supported our ongoing work. However, we are concerned about recent reports of unsafe driving near the school, including two incidents last month where vehicles failed to stop at the zebra crossing. Under Rule 195 of the Highway Code, drivers must always give way to pedestrians crossing. **We urge everyone to drive with care.** As a school, while we cannot enforce traffic laws directly, we deeply value your cooperation and support. Together, we can create a safer and more considerate community for all.

Book Look 2026 - Thank You for your Support



Thank you to everyone who attended our Book Look—once again, it was extremely well attended by family members, and the children truly enjoyed sharing their books with you. We hope the **updated report cards** provided you with a clearer understanding of your child's current progress and the next steps in their learning journey. **This improvement was based on feedback from the annual parent questionnaire** conducted in July 2025, and we're pleased to have implemented a suggestion that came directly from you. We hope this enhanced format was well received and continues to support meaningful conversations about your child's development.

SCHOOL VALUES



Punctuality



We understand that occasional unforeseen circumstances may cause lateness. However, in recent months, we have seen a notable increase in children **arriving late regularly**. **Regular lateness disrupts learning by causing children to miss the start of lessons and delays administrative tasks such as signing in and processing lunch orders**. This can also impact children emotionally, leaving them unsettled and affecting their overall well-being. Additionally, staff members are frequently required to divert from their responsibilities to manage late arrivals. To address this, we kindly ask families that are regularly late to make a conscious effort to leave home slightly earlier. **School opens at 08:40, and gates close at 08:50.**

For further support, our ACEs breakfast club opens at 07:30 and can be booked via the school website. **If there is a change of circumstance that we need to be aware of please contact us and we will do our best to support you.**

School Website – Don't Miss Out!

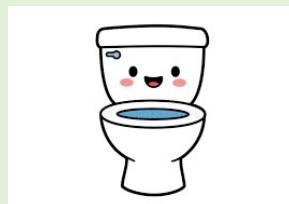
Our school website is buzzing with fresh content every week! Head straight to the Latest News section <https://www.southfarnborough-inf.hants.sch.uk/> for quick updates, then head to the School News area <https://www.southfarnborough-inf.hants.sch.uk/> where you'll find termly summaries of what each year group has been exploring in class.



Don't miss the Tree Team scoreboard at the bottom of the homepage: each week the house points are announced during the assembly, uploaded to the site, and tallied throughout the term. At the end of the term the team that has earned the most points for demonstrating our school values earns a special reward, so keep an eye on the scores and cheer on your house!

Toilet – Flush – Wash Hands – Bins

Please reinforce the important message about toilet hygiene with your children at home—we have recently discussed this during assembly. Good toilet habits are essential for keeping our school clean and healthy for everyone.



Please remind your child to always wee in the toilet bowl and not on the floor, use a sensible amount of toilet paper (not too much), and to flush the toilet after use. Handwashing is very important: they should wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water, then dry them using a paper towel. Finally, encourage them to put the paper towel in the bin, not on the floor.

Thank you for your support.

IMPORTANT DATES



Wednesday 4th February – Welcome to Farnham Youth Choir Singing Workshop with Year 1 and Year 2

Friday 6th February - Friends of SFIS Disco - tickets required

Monday 9th February - Friday 13th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 9th February - Swifts class assembly 14:30

Tuesday 10th February - Skylarks class assembly 14:30

Tuesday 10th February @ 09:00 - Computing Parent Workshop for parents and carers led by Miss Shipsey - Computing Lead

Wednesday 11th February - Robins class assembly 14:30

Wednesday 11th February - Safer Internet Day

Friday 13th February - Friends Valentines Crafternoon – tickets required

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

Monday 23rd February - Children return to school

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day. Please join us for family reading at 14:30.

Saturday 7th March - Family Roots and Shoots from 09:00 - 12:00 - please support us

Monday 9th March - Friday 13th March - Science Week

Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th March – Year 2 visiting Air Science Museum – more information to follow

Wednesday 11th March @ 09:00 - Science Parent Workshop led by Mrs Toop - Science Lead

Friday 13th March – Friends Krispy Kreme sale

Monday 16th - Thursday 19th March - Book fair after school

Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th March - Year R and KS1 Parent Evening - more information to follow

Friday 20th March – Friends Easter Crafternoon

Friday 27th March - Schools finishes at 13:30 for the Easter Holidays

Monday 13th April - Children return to school

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