



Foreland Fields School

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Inclusion Quality Mark Reaccreditation

The Inclusion Quality Mark reaccreditation was held on 19th November.

The assessor evaluated the school's commitment to inclusion through a wide range of evidence including the website, Ofsted reports, curriculum documents and interviews with stakeholders including parents, governors, teachers, teaching assistants and students.



At the end of the assessment, it was felt that Foreland Fields School exemplified a fully inclusive approach. The assessor stated in conclusion that he was of the opinion that the school fully meets the standard required to pursue flagship status. Following on from this, the school has been notified that we have achieved Flagship School Status, which is a real achievement.

Thank you to all parents who met with the assessor.



Christmas Events

We have had a number of Christmas events held over the past few weeks. These have included specific pathway events, Christmas parties, the Christmas Fair and the all-important staff pantomime. These were much enjoyed by students and where they attended, parents.

The amount of effort staff put into ensuring that all students can access these events is admirable. Can I thank all parent/carers who helped with the organisation and running of our Christmas events. Your efforts are much appreciated.

St George's Church – Christmas Tree Festival

Students from Keller Class had the pleasure of decorating a tree at St George's Church in Ramsgate. This was organised by Steve Pamphilon, our Chair of Governors, as part of the St George's Church Christmas Tree Festival. This is the 17th Festival held by the church, whereby friends, families, schools and organisations are invited to participate in decorating a tree.



Please feel free to pop along to St George's Church between now and 21st December to view the beautiful display of trees.



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Procedures for School Closure

After Christmas we enter the coldest months and there is always a chance of snow. In the unlikely event that the school should have to close due to adverse weather conditions, we will put an early morning notice on ClassDojo, the school website and post a notification on the Kent Closures website. This will then be broadcast, along with other school closures, over the radio.



Whilst we endeavour to keep the school open, many of our staff live outside the area and it could prove dangerous for them to travel into school. In addition, some of our pupils arrive each day by school transport and sometimes providers are unable to drive the buses in the heavy snow, particularly those travelling from further afield. The decision as to whether to drive is the individual transport providers, not the schools.

Playground Opening During the Christmas and New Year Period

Unfortunately, we are unable to open our playgrounds to families over the Christmas and New Year period.

Apologies for this however, as I am sure you will understand, the majority of our staff take leave across this period to enjoy the festivities with their families, so it is not possible to safely open the playgrounds.

The Dragon's Toast

Back in 2023, Steve Pamphilon (Chair of Governors) came along to one of our World Book Day events and read to some classes. Later that year, Steve was admitted to hospital with a medical condition, and whilst in hospital some of our students sent him a get well picture book that they had created.

In response, Steve wrote a simple story in rhyme as a thank you, 'The Dragons Toast'. This story has since been published and can be ordered from Amazon. A donation from the proceeds of the book will be made to the school





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Communication Hub Online Resources



Communication at Foreland Fields

Don't forget that the Foreland Fields Communication Hub Online Resources are available on our school website - www.foreland.kent.sch.uk

It has been great to meet and get to know many of our new students and families this term to support with their ongoing communication journeys.

As you will see from our signing choir update, our sessions are very busy with over 60 students accessing a sing and sign session each week. It's the best way to learn new signs!

We are continuing to build our links with the NHS Speech and Language Team with regular support for our staff making a fantastic impact. We look forward to a few little planned projects in the new year.

Date for the diary:

The next Communication Workshop for families and friends of our students is Tuesday 17th March – 9-11am at The Hive

Nikki Gray
Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN) Lead Teacher

The Hive

The Hive is a dual-use resource which provides sport, recreation and training facilities for pupils/students whom attend Foreland Fields School and the wider SEND community. During school hours Foreland Fields School has priority use of The Hive and surrounding land.





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The following are all currently held/have been held at The Hive:

The Hive Traineeship operates twice a week. Currently there are 7 trainees. This is a day service for young people aged 19 - 25 preparing for employment. It offers a wide range of bespoke activities to develop social, life, and employability skills.

So far attendees have completed their first aid certificate, attended job fairs, organised and run a coffee morning for stakeholders and engaged in other work and skill related activities.

Thanet Galaxy is a community-focused pan disability football club dedicated to providing inclusive, accessible, and enjoyable football sessions for people of all ages in the Thanet area.

Inclusive Sport offer welcoming and engaging sessions at The Hive, providing adults with learning difficulties the opportunity to participate in fun and inclusive activities three times a week.

Beecycle: Beecycle is a monthly event where SEND families can use our adapted bikes free of charge, enjoying safe rides along the coast or on our large, enclosed bike track at The Hive Thanet.

A full impact report for the Hive can be accessed at:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/663dfd10ecfa467f790d10b8/t/68679c4569d5222bb28be607/1751620677781/Hive+Impact+Report+2024-25.pdf>

For anyone who has yet to see it, please follow the link below to the Hive website. The website provides a wealth of information including venue hire and our traineeship opportunity. Please visit the site on this link: <https://www.thehivethanet.com/>



Signing Choir on Tour!

This Tuesday morning, we entertained the crowds at Westwood Cross with some of our talented Signing Choir. After visiting Santa in his grotto and checking out his signing skills, we gathered outside the big festive bauble and belted out some Christmas tunes!

Quite a crowd of family, friends and Christmas shoppers gathered to sing and clap along. Everyone had a fabulous time and it certainly put us in the festive spirit.





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Big thanks go to the management team at Westwood Cross for supporting us to make such lovely memories. They have been supported by Nikki Gray throughout the year to develop accessibility to different services across the shopping centre. They have learnt plenty of Makaton signs too!

As we drove away, the team lined up to sign "Happy Christmas" and to wave goodbye until next time.

Illness

Many of our students are vulnerable to infections which can spread quickly at this time of year. Remember, your child should be kept away from school for 48 hours from the last period of sickness and/or diarrhoea.



Details from Public Health England about infectious diseases and exclusion periods can be found on the school website or through the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities>

Could parents/carers please ensure they call reception to report their child's absence.



Earlier this term we said a sad goodbye to Donna Foley who had worked at the school for 13 years. We also said goodbye to Donna Smith who had worked at Foreland Fields, managing the kitchen, for the past 7 years. We have a replacement kitchen manager Ashlea Masters, who worked closely with Donna before she left in order to ensure continuity in the important process of preparing meals for our students. We also say a fond farewell to Harry Corey who has worked at the school a short time. We all wish Harry well in his future career.

A number of new teaching assistants have joined the school this term: Megan Church, Nicole Edwards, Kimberley Hooker, Sarah Pibworth, Rosie Brooker and Charlie Stannard. We welcome them all and hope they will be very happy at the school. We also this term welcomed our site apprentice, Brandon Dymond.





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After the Christmas break we have a new teacher, Rosie Molloy who will be working in Potter Class to replace Katie Mason who is on maternity leave. In addition, we will be welcoming new teaching assistants, Sophie Carter and Rebekah Hopper.

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Term 3

Monday 5th January 2026 - First Day of Term 3

Monday 9th – Friday 13th February 2026 - Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 10th February 2026 - Safer Internet Day

Friday 13th February 2026 - Last Day of Term 3

Term 4

Monday 23rd February 2026 - Staff Training Day. School is closed to all pupils and students.

Tuesday 24th February 2026 - Start of Term 4

Monday 2nd - Friday 6th March 2026 - National Careers Week

Thursday 5th March 2026 - World Book Day

Tuesday 17th March 2026 - Parent/Carer Communication Workshop (9-11am at The Hive)

Friday 20th March 2026 - Red Nose Day

Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th March 2026 - Circus Skills Workshops

Thursday 2nd April 2026 - Last Day of Term 4

We look forward to seeing all students back with us on Monday 5th January. I hope you all have a great Christmas break and a happy and healthy New Year.



Adrian