

Leavers Graduation Ceremony

Our graduation ceremony will take place on Tuesday 14th July. As well as saying goodbye to our Year 14 leavers, we also have students from other year groups moving on, who will also be included in the ceremony. The event will start with our leavers, entering the school via the red carpet and walking through the building being applauded by the pupils/students and staff. This is a very special day for our young people, so we hope that as many of our leavers' families can attend. This is the final day at Foreland Fields School for our Year 14 students, so we must ensure it is a day to remember.



Full details of this event will be sent early in Term 6.

Summer Fair

The school will be having building work completed during the summer break, the preparation for which may impact on events planned for the end of Term 6. We have therefore made the difficult decision to cancel this year's summer fair.

We will however, be holding a music event in the school grounds a little earlier in the term, to which we will be inviting our families...

My Music Summer Festival

We are excited to introduce our new 'My Music Festival', where throughout a week in June our students will be exploring our new 'My Music' curriculum through fun and engaging workshops.

We will end the week with a music festival family finale, to be held on Friday 19th June, which will be a celebration of music with student performances, guest performances, live music to dance and sing to and lots of sensory fun.

Bring along a picnic blanket and enjoy a relaxed, inclusive atmosphere. More exciting details and the full line-up will be released soon. Save the date and stay tuned!





Playground Opening During the May Half-Term Break

Over the week, we will be opening our playgrounds to parents/carers of children within our infant and junior departments.

Playgrounds will be open between 10.00am and 1.00pm on Tuesday 26th May .

The infant playground should be used by students in Year R/KS1 (Year 2 and under). The junior playground should be used by students in Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and over). Siblings who do not attend the school are also welcome to attend.

Kurtis Coombe will remain on site for the duration however, parents/carers are responsible for the supervision and support of their own children. Whilst we will have toilets for children to use, we are unable to provide any drinks or snacks. If any parent/carer would like to bring anything with them, they are more than welcome.

Should there be any changes to arrangements, we will post a message on ClassDojo.

Parent and Child Group at The Hive - Half Term Wednesday 27th May 10am-midday

This group now meet regularly at the Hive for social support, fun and activities. The group is led by Kerry Smith, Governor and parent of a child who attends the school. The Hive has fully inclusive changing rooms and access to playing fields. The Hive can be found directly to the rear of the school - just follow the signs.



Reporting an Absence

When a child is absent from school, parents/carers should phone into the school office by 9.00am on the first morning of absence and keep the school updated on a daily basis of any further absence. Any absence not reported in this way has to be recorded as 'unauthorised'. This is a safeguarding requirement in order that all parties know that children are safe and their whereabouts are known. In cases where a child's whereabouts are unknown, this could result in a visit from a member of school staff.

Can we remind parents/carers that absence should not be reported on ClassDojo, or through drivers/escorts.



Changes to Support for Families with Free School Meals

Holiday Activities and Food Programme Kent



Helping families to flourish

In recent years, families of children eligible for free school meals have received supermarket vouchers during school holidays. These vouchers were funded by the Government's Household Support Fund (HSF). The HSF ended on 31st March 2026, with no further supermarket vouchers issued from Easter 2026. Easter 2026 vouchers remain live and still can be redeemed if not yet used.

Support continues to be available through the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, details of which can be found here: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-haf>

Royal Academy Young Artists Summer Show 2026

As you are all aware, we recently submitted work for the Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Show. Whilst in this instance none of the work was selected as a winner, all pupils/students will receive a certificate recognising their achievements and their participation in the competition.



Support the Hive

The Hive is entirely grant and donation funded and needs your support.

Grow, Share, Thrive at The Hive in <https://www.spacehive.com/grow> needs our help to back their crowdfunding campaign on Spacehive. If we can raise £11,000, we can activate match funding. Please consider making a donation. This can be as little as £2.

The Hive CIC continues to support adults with learning difficulties through its traineeship programme for adults (19-25) with learning difficulties. This fund raiser will directly support the traineeship. The CIC has also successfully enabled the continued development of the Hive site, which is shared with the school and used by our students all year round. We continue to develop the horticulture and sensory garden facilities as well as the range of sports and cycling equipment on offer. A wide variety of SEND schools, clubs and organisations also rent and use the site.





Emergency Contacts

It is a requirement that schools and colleges hold more than one emergency contact number for each pupil or student. Could you please ensure you provide at least one, but preferably two, additional emergency contact numbers for your child and ensure that these numbers are current.

LEADING PARENT PARTNERSHIP AWARD

The school continues to work on a variety of elements that support our whole school development in the area of our partnership with Parents and Carers. This is all about ensuring our communication is the best it can be, and make certain that parents and carers feel supported and can access the information they need. Since Christmas, we have been working on a number of tasks. For example, we have updated and improved our systems relating to the use of ClassDojo and evidence for learning to try and deliver the most consistent experience possible. We have also signed up to the National College, which provides free training resources for parents and carers. The link is below:



<https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/foreland-fields-school>

There is lots of training related to staying safe online, which is such an important topic at the moment. Unfortunately, the national college App has been discontinued, so I would advise using chrome for this link. When you sign up for the first time make sure to select 'Parent' on the drop down menu.

Moving forward, we will be looking at improving the reception area, the family room and signs and displays around the school.

We have also received the results of our annual parent and carer survey. The response was overwhelmingly positive with some of the headline figures shown below:

- My Child is happy at school - Agree and Strongly Agree - 100%
- I am fully aware of my child's outcomes and the goals they are working towards - Agree and Strongly Agree - 94.74%
- The school lets me know how my child is progressing - Agree and Strongly Agree 94.21%
- School staff, including members of the leadership team are approachable and contactable - Agree and Strongly Agree 96.49%

It is always great to get such positive feedback, but as ever we are keen to learn from the helpful feedback in areas that we can still work on. For example, the area of online safety and cyberbullying is something that we will continue to focus on in school. This is a societal

issue that all schools and families are grappling with and we are keenly aware of the potential vulnerability of our pupils in this area, as such we will continue to refresh and review our work on this topic. In regards to this, we have signed up to whole school Online Safety training which will be delivered by SWGFL <https://swgfl.org.uk/>. Please see below.

Training for Parents

Online Safety for Parents of Children and Young People with SEND - Helping Families Navigate the Digital World with Confidence

The South West Grid for Learning (SWGFL) is a UK-based charitable trust that specialises in digital safeguarding, online safety, and educational technology. They work with governments, schools, and tech industries to protect both children and adults from online harms

SWGFL will be delivering a free Online Safety session for our parents on the 4th June between 12.30pm and 1.45pm at the school. Please email the school at foreland@foreland.kent.sch.uk to book a place. You can also turn up on the day, though it would be helpful if we knew about planned attendees. For those who cannot attend in person, we will make the training available via Microsoft Teams.



In today's connected world, understanding how children use technology is vital—especially for parents and carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). This interactive session offers a clear, engaging look at the digital platforms young people are using, how they engage with them, and what that means for their safety and wellbeing.

Discover the benefits and potential risks of the online world, and gain practical, accessible strategies to support your child's digital life in a way that's safe, positive, and empowering. You'll leave equipped with knowledge to help you engage confidently in your child's online journey.

The session will be delivered by Traci Gregory from SWGFL, a world-leading online safety charity and founding member of the UK Safer Internet Centre. SWGFL works nationally and globally to protect children and young people online through policy advice, cutting-edge tools, and expert training. Their mission is simple: Everyone should benefit from technology—free from harm.

Dates for your Diary – Term 6 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026 – Inset Day 5. Staff Training Day – School Closed to All Students

Term 6

Monday 1st June 2026 – First Day of Term 6

Wednesday 17th – Friday 19th June 2026 – My Music Festival (Families invited to attend Friday 19th June)

Monday 22nd June 2026 - School Diversity Day

Sports Events/Stay and Play*:

Tuesday 23rd June @ 1:30pm - Adventurers Pathway

Wednesday 24th June 2026 @ 1:30pm - Primary Discoverers Pathway

Thursday 25th June 2026 @10am Pioneers Pathway – The Hive

Monday 29th June 2026 @ 1:30pm - Foundation Pathway

Wednesday 1st July 2026 @10:30am - Explorers Pathway

Friday 3rd July 2026 @ 1:30pm - Secondary Discoverers Pathway

Thursday 2nd July 2026 - Transition Open Afternoon

Tuesday 14th July 2026 - Graduation Day/Final Day for Year 14s

Tuesday 21st July 2026 – End of Term 6



*Please note, these dates may differ from those previously published.

Hello/Goodbye



Megan Taylor-Evans, our Seals class teacher, started her maternity leave this week. We all wish Megan and her family all the best, and can't wait to hear the news of baby's arrival.

Unfortunately, we have/will be saying goodbye to some of our staff in the near future. Brandon Dymond, Helena Willson and Stacey White are all off to pastures new. We would like to wish them all the best in their future endeavours and thank them for everything they have done in support of our students.

Of special note is Barbara Edwards who has worked at the school for over 30 years. Barbara will be leaving us at the end of this term. We would like to thank Barbara for everything she has done to support our students. She will be missed by all staff and students.

This term we have welcomed some new staff. Matilda Foster has joined us as a midday meal supervisor. Clare Bax also joined the school in the room of Classroom Support Assistant. We have also welcomed some new Teaching Assistants to the school, Stacey Cain, Abbi Matthews and Scott Stevenson. We hope they all enjoy their time at Foreland Fields.



After the break we will be welcoming a new Teaching Assistant, Laura Stubbs.

Have a good half-term break, and we look forward to seeing all pupils and students back with us on Monday 1st June.

Adrian

**HAVE FUN &
STAY SAFE
THIS HALF TERM**