



Foreland Fields School Newsletter

October 2025



Newsletters

Newsletters are sent out to parents/carers on a termly (X6 a year) basis.

For day-to-day news, we suggest parents/carers sign up to ClassDojo, the app we use for daily communication. If you have not yet signed up, please contact your child's class teacher for further details.

Fireworks Event

We will be holding our annual firework event on Thursday 6th November. Doors will open at 5.15pm, with fireworks at 6.00pm. Please note, this is an earlier time than previous years. Tickets are priced at £5 per head for adults and £3 for children aged 16 and under. Under 3s go free. Tickets can be purchased by returning the tear-off slip sent out earlier this week or directly from the main office.



Could we please ask that everyone arrive promptly as doors will be shut at 6.00pm in order to ensure that everyone can enjoy the display.

Please note, Foreland Fields School is a no smoking site. The use of sparklers or any other kind of personal firework is not permitted, so please do not bring them with you to the event. Dogs will not be admitted.

Should the event need to be cancelled due to adverse weather conditions, we will notify parents/carers on the day through ClassDojo and our website. Please note, the decision to cancel is made purely by Viking Fireworks who stage the display, not the school.

Arrangements for the Beginning and End of the School Day

As you are aware, we are having ongoing issues regarding the volume of traffic on the school site and, in particular, vehicles parking on Newlands Lane which leads to traffic gridlock. We ask that parents/carers do not park on Newlands Lane or the grass verge by the farmers field, especially in front of the farmers gates, as this is making traffic movement more difficult and is also doing nothing for neighbour relations.

Outside the front of the school are a number of disabled parking bays. These spaces, which are marked as disabled bays, have dropped kerbs and are wider to accommodate vehicles with tail/side lifts. They are intended to be used by parents/carers of children who require the use of a wheelchair. Could we please ask that any parents/carers whose child does not use a wheelchair does not park in these bays in order to ensure all children can enter and exit school with ease.



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Could we also remind parents/carers not to walk on the roads around and within school but to use the pathways. We need to set an example to our young people and show them that it is not safe to walk around, and within, busy traffic.

We appreciate that parents/carers may struggle at the beginning and end of the school day to pick up/drop off children, especially if they have children who attend multiple schools. However, we are not able to sanction parents bringing their children late, or picking them up early, unless there are exceptional reasons for them to do so. Please be aware that Foreland Fields School opens at 8.30am and ends at 2.50pm. We are more than happy to speak with parents/carers should they have any issues with school drop off or pick up.

Macmillan Cancer Support

Earlier this term we held a Macmillan Coffee Morning Bake Sale. Money raised from this helps support the almost 3.5 million people in the UK living with cancer. This year, we raised an impressive £70. A massive thank you to parents/carers, students and staff who either baked or donated bakes for this event. Special thanks to Lianne Unstead-Joss for organising this worthwhile event.



The Hive Thanet

Traineeship



The Hive Thanet Traineeship is a day service for young people aged 19 - 25 with SEND, preparing for employment. It offers a wide range of bespoke activities to develop social, life, and employability skills. Trainees gain skills in areas that interest them such as sport, gardening and horticulture, hospitality, site management, and health and social care.

For more information, contact info@thehivethanet.com or visit the Hive Website at www.thehivethanet.com

Illness

Many of our pupils and 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 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/chapter-9-managing-specific-infectious-diseases>



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Halloween Event



On Friday 31st October, we will be holding a Halloween event for students who attend the Foreland Fields main site. Throughout the day, students who want to participate will enjoy a range of fun, engaging and sensory rich activities, both within their classrooms and during whole-school sessions.

Students based at the main Foreland Fields site are welcome to attend in non-uniform or Halloween themed fancy dress.

Please ensure that costumes are comfortable and appropriate for school activities. For safety reasons, we kindly ask that masks are not worn.

During the day, all satellite classes will be visiting the main site to take part in the exciting hall-based activities. Teachers from the satellite classes will be in touch in regards to arrangements for the day. Satellite students must attend their setting on the day in their usual school uniform/attire, but are permitted to bring something to change into for when they visit the main site.

Harvest Festival

On Wednesday 29th October, we will be holding our annual Harvest Festival assembly.

We will once again be collecting food items which will be donated to the Queen's Road Baptist Church for the GAP charity for homeless and poorly housed local people.



Please send in non-perishable food items which includes canned items, soups and stews on Wednesday 29th October, and we will make sure they are sent on to this worthwhile charity.

Playground Opening During the Half-Term Break

Once again we will be opening our playgrounds to parents/carers of children within our infant and junior departments over the break.

The Playgrounds will be open on Thursday 23rd October between 10am and 1pm.

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



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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 these arrangements change, we will post a message on ClassDojo.

Hello and Goodbye



Since the summer term, we have said a sad goodbye to a number of staff; Roseanne Hollander, Jade Chant, Georgia Barker, Summer Greenfield, Trish Wright and Emma Blackburn.

On behalf of all students and staff, huge thanks to you all.

Owing to the increase in classes, we have had a number of new staff join us since September. Please join me in welcoming;

New Teachers - Rory Browne, Lauren Miller and Sophie Tomlinson.

Teaching Assistants - Louise Askew, Anna Baldwin, Alli Blakemore, Kayleigh Burkimsher, Chloe Champion, Courtney Cheasman, Harry Cory, Casey Davies, Roisin Graham, Shara Grindle, Kyra Higman, Nicola Kain, Grant Maben, Chelsea Raymond, Laura Roberts, Jessica Silva, Izabella Wells, Mercedes Jack, Paignton Steptoe.

Classroom Support Assistant Lauren McKay.

Midday Meal Supervisors - Clare Barton Peake, Andrea Cueto, Cerys Haine and Danielle Hawkett.

We hope you will all be very happy at Foreland Fields.

Communication Updates

Earlier this term, our signing choir were invited to visit Copperfield Court Care Home to showcase our skills for the International Day of Signing. The residents enjoyed watching our set – which included Dua Lipa and Fleetwood Mac – and joined in with the signs for “Friend in Me” from Toy Story. It was a lovely partnership opportunity and we hope to visit again soon.



Communication Workshops for Families

The first session for this year will be on Tuesday 18th November (9:15am-11am).

This will be held at The Hive and everyone is welcome. It will be a practical session with plenty of time for tea and biscuits!

We will look at Makaton core vocabulary, using signs and symbols to support our young people to get their message across.



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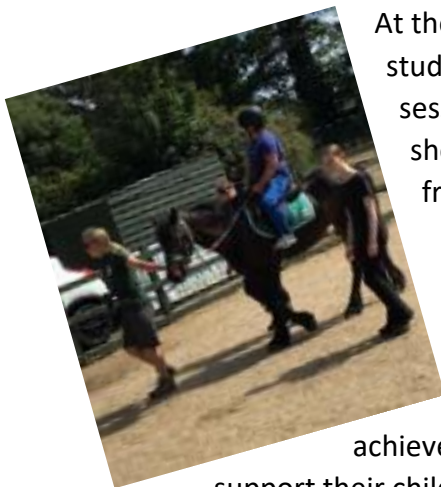
Communication Hub Online

You can find lots of resources and links on our website. Scan the QR code to go directly to the Communication Hub Online Resources.



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Gymkhana 2025

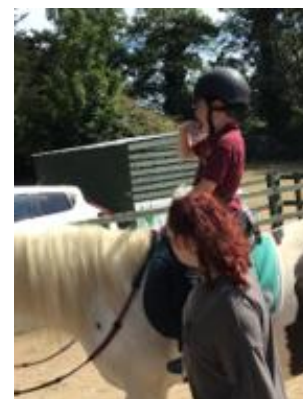


At the end of last academic year (July 18th), students who had attended horse riding sessions through the year, were able to show off the skills they had gained in front of a judge at the Gymkhana.

Each pupil was observed by a judge and then awarded rosettes and medals for their achievements. It was great that parents came to support their children and see how much they could do.



Thanet Disabled Riding Centre are amazing with our pupils, accommodating their needs, building positive relationships, supporting their social and communication skills as well as their physical skills.





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Reporting Child Absences

Could we remind all parents/carers to phone into the main office to report a child's absence. Parents/carers whose children travel on school transport should inform the driver or passenger assistant that their child is not attending however, parents/carers still have a responsibility to inform the school - messages cannot be passed through drivers or passenger assistants.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 27th October – First Day of Term 2
Friday 31st October – Whole School Halloween Event
Thursday 6th November 6pm – Firework Event
Tuesday 18th November – Communication Workshop
Friday 19th December – Last Day of Term 2



Dates and times of Christmas events will be sent next term.

For term dates for academic years 2025/26 and 2026/27, see the school website
<https://www.foreland.kent.sch.uk/>

I hope you all have a great break and we look forward to seeing all pupils and students back on Monday 27th October.

Adrian