



Foreland Fields School Newsletter

October 2026



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 Wednesday 4th November. Doors will open at 5.15pm, with fireworks at 6.00pm. Tickets are priced at £6 per head for adults and £4 for children aged 16 and under. Under 3s go free. Please use the slip attached to the letter sent out earlier this term to purchase tickets. Cheques should be made payable to Foreland Fields School. Tickets can also be purchased from main reception. Payment can also be made via bank transfer.



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. 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.

Unlike other years, we are unable to sell food items on the night. Hot drinks and glow sticks will however, be available.

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 farmer's gate, 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



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use a wheelchair, does not park in these bays in order to ensure all children can enter and exit school with ease.

Could we 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.

Could we also please ask that parents/carers and students do not sit in reception before school starts.

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>

Halloween Event



We will be holding a Halloween Sensory Spectacular Event for students who attend the Foreland Fields main site on Friday 6th November.

Throughout the day, students will enjoy a range of exciting, Halloween-themed sensory experiences.

Students attending the main site can come to school wearing fancy dress or non-school uniform. Please ensure that costumes are suitable for school, and kindly remember



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that masks, and accessories such as toy weapons, are not permitted for safety reasons.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Harvest Festival

On Monday 19th October, we held our annual Harvest Festival assembly.

Carl Whitewood from the Salvation Army joined us in the assembly and told a story about what it means to share within a community. The signing choir rounded off the assembly with a harvest themed song.

Huge thanks to all parents/carers who sent their child in with items for the harvest festival. These were all donated to The Salvation Army.



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 Monday 26th 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.

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

Hello!

This term we have welcomed new staff to the school. We have the following new teachers; Gemma Parr, Anna Sakka, Abigail Bucket, Chloe Fairhurst. We also have a number of teaching assistants who have started with us; Dezire Scott-Yates, Vikki Verrall, Carly Weaving, Elliana Carr-Heath, Louise Connolly, Maryam Docrat, Ruta



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Gregory, Melanie Hobbs, Chloe Howard, Natalie Lees, Kayleigh Luck, Liberty Alexander-Castro and Emma Hutchinson.

We have also welcomed 3 new classroom support assistants; Charlotte Side, Amanda Fox and Jennifer McGinley. We have also welcomed Amy Nevett who is providing midday meal support.

In addition, we have welcomed Steve Drummond who is the new site operative and Jack Hills has joined the site team in the role of premises support assistant. I hope they will all be very happy at the school.

FAREWELL

Over the term we have said farewell to Georgia Williams, Amy Coster and Billie Haines.

At the end of term, we say a sad farewell to one of our longer standing teaching assistants. Teresa Dyer has worked at the school since 1994 and has supported many young people at the school over the years. Teresa has most recently been taking students for aromatherapy sessions. We hope that Teresa has a long and happy retirement.

We will also be saying a fond farewell to Alex Hayward, Charlotte Oldfield and Kirisa Fleck all of whom are moving on to pastures new. We wish them lots of luck in their future endeavours.

Inclusion Quality Mark Reassessment

We were visited in school on Monday 19th October to be reassessed for the Inclusion Quality Mark (IQM). The IQM is a nationally and internationally recognised accreditation framework that evaluates, measures, and certifies inclusive practice in educational settings across the UK, Ireland, and abroad. Foreland Fields School currently holds flagship status, which is the highest level of accreditation in the IQM programme, reserved for schools that demonstrate sustained, exemplary commitment to inclusive education



The IQM assessor met with members of the leadership team, staff teams, governors as well as, and most importantly, members from the student council.

Whilst we have to wait until the outcome is formally ratified by the IQM board, we are pleased that the visit was so positive.



Communication Hub Updates

We have some new and updated visual supports around school this term. This is to build on the success of our big playground and shared room boards installed before the summer.



Students and staff are practicing their signs to be “Caught Mak-handed” and using the new communication boards on staff doors to initiate conversations.



Family Support for Communication

Our Christmas themed communication session for parents, carers and family members is booked in for **Tuesday 1st December** at The Hive.

It's a chance to discuss your child's communication with a group of like-minded people. We tend to adapt the session to meet the needs of the group – learn a few signs and look together at resources that could support at home. As it is in December, we will look at festive signs and songs.

On that note, just after half term I'm off to visit Santa and his elves at Westwood Cross to deliver their yearly Makaton and SEN refresher session. Watch out for updates about a special signing choir performance at Westwood Cross!

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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.



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Dates for your Diary

- Monday 2nd November – Start of Term 2
- Wednesday 4th November @ 5.15pm- Fireworks Display
- Friday 6th November – Halloween Sensory Spectacular Event
- Friday 4th December @ 1pm – Christmas Fair
- Thursday 10th December from 9.30am – 11am - Explorers Christmas Pathway Event
- Thursday 10th December from 12.30pm – 1.30pm - Adventurers Christmas Pathway Event
- Friday 11th December from 1pm – 2.15pm - Foundation Christmas Pathway Event
- W/c 14th December 2025 - Christmas Party Week
- Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th December @ 1.30pm - Discoverers Christmas Pathway Event*
- Wednesday 16th December from 10am – 12pm - Queens Road Baptist Church - Pioneers Christmas Pathway Event
- Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day
- Thursday 17th December @ 10am – Staff Pantomime
- Friday 18th December @ 10am Christmas Assembly / Last Day of Term 2

*Parents of students in the Discoverers Pathway to be informed early next term on which day they should attend.

Further details regarding all pathway Christmas events to be sent early next term.

For term dates for academic years 2026/27 and 2027/28, please 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 2nd November.



Adrian