



Foxhills Infant School

Newsletter - Spring Term 2



Friday 27th March 2026

Welcome to our Foxhills Infant School Newsletter.

Here is a roundup of the wonderful things your children have been doing this term as well as important notices and dates for your diary.

Year R

As we come to the end of another busy and exciting half term in Year R, we wanted to take a moment to share some of the wonderful learning and experiences the children have been part of. It has been a joyful term full of curiosity, creativity, and growing independence – and we couldn't be prouder of how much the children have achieved!

One of the absolute highlights of the term was the arrival of our duck eggs. The children were fascinated watching them closely, and there was huge excitement as they began to hatch. We are so pleased to say the ducklings are doing really well, and the children have absolutely loved observing them and learning about how they grow and change.

This half term, the children have continued to build their confidence across all areas of learning. In Maths, they have been exploring numbers within 10, including adding, subtracting, and understanding number bonds through practical activities and number stories.

In Literacy, the children have been developing their phonics, reading, and early writing skills. They have practised reading and writing longer words and are beginning to use simple descriptive language to build short sentences. They have also enjoyed listening to a range of stories and talking about what they have heard.

Our learning about the world has linked closely to the season of spring. The children have explored how plants, animals, and the weather change at this time of year, as well as learning about the Easter story and its themes of kindness and new beginnings.

In our wider learning, the children have been introduced to simple maps, thought about how things change over time, and explored the work of artists through colourful collage creations. They have also enjoyed experimenting with different materials,

building models, and exploring music through singing and instruments.

Alongside this, we have focused on caring for others and the world around us, encouraging kindness, sharing, and responsibility in our daily classroom life.

We are so incredibly proud of all the children and how hard they have worked this term. They have shown enthusiasm, resilience, and kindness every day. We hope you all have a wonderful and restful Easter break, and we are looking forward to a fun-filled and exciting summer term ahead!



Year 1

This half term, our learning journey focused on creativity in writing composition. The children effectively used a variety of sentence structures and explored different sentence types, including statements, questions, and exclamations. They learned how to punctuate these correctly before working on creating a balanced and effective use of them in creative writing. Over the half term, the children built on their understanding of equal groups as they explored multiplication. They learned to organise objects into arrays to help visualise how groups are formed. They also moved from repeated addition to using the multiplication symbol (\times) for the first time—for example, writing “3 groups of 5” as 3×5 . In reading this half term, the children have been linking texts to things they already know. They have used their experience and knowledge to predict what might happen in different texts.

The children had lots of fun in our science learning this half term as we continued our exploration of animals, shifting our focus to their diets. Children learned about carnivores, herbivores, and omnivores and what each group ate. Their biology learning journey concluded with an investigation into the human body, particularly health and hygiene, where

they identified and labelled body parts and associated them with the five senses. In geography the children expanded their knowledge of global locations by identifying hot and cold areas of the world. They discussed which continents the equator passes through and explored how this impacted climate and weather in different regions. This half term in history we continued to develop historical inquiry skills. Children learned to interpret evidence and explored ways we discover information about the past. Using knowledge organisers, PowerPoints, information texts, and fact files, they learned about Jacques Cousteau, an ocean photographer, and his contributions.

In Art, the children had lots of fun using shape and colour to create landscape pictures inspired by artists David Hockney and Etel Adnan. They began by copying one of these artists' works before creating their own. The children also enjoyed their DT learning where we focused on designing and building a bridge. Building on their previous learning about bridge stability and strength, they applied their designs to create a sturdy structure capable of holding a toy car. In music the children explored percussion instruments to create different beats. Additionally, they participated in African drumming sessions to prepare

for a performance, listening to rhythms and replicating them. The children really enjoyed performing their piece to their adults and we were very proud of how well they all did!

This half term in PE, the focus was on creativity in movement. Children developed coordination (ball skills) and balance while learning netball skills, including throwing and catching. All children really enjoyed our netball lessons outside within which they worked well in pairs to complete different ball skills.

Finally, the children loved when we had the science dome come and visit us. They had a wonderful time looking at the different planets and stars. They also learnt how an astronaut trains to go into space.

We had an exciting and engaging half-term!





Year 2

What a fantastic half term we've had in Year 2! The children have worked incredibly hard and have enjoyed lots of exciting learning experiences along the way.

We began the term with a wonderful visit from a theatre company, who brought the story of the Great Fire of London to life. The children loved taking part in the interactive workshop and learned so many fascinating facts about how the fire started, how it spread, and how London was rebuilt afterwards. This led to some fascinating history lessons and also linked to our DT learning where we made our own Tudor houses.

In English, we have been focusing on using apostrophes for possession and contractions. We explored this through the fun and colourful book *The Day the Crayons Quit*, which inspired some brilliant writing. The children have done a great job learning how to show that something

belongs to someone and how to shorten words using contractions. They needed all of their skills when our chairs quit and we had to write a letter to apologise and ask them to come back!

In Maths, we have been mastering fractions. The children have been learning how to recognise, find, and understand fractions such as halves, quarters, and thirds. They've shown great determination and are becoming much more confident in this area.

Our Science lessons have been all about habitats. We've explored different environments and learned about the animals and plants that live there, as well as how they depend on each other to survive.

In Geography, we have been learning about the weather. The children have been observing daily changes, discussing different types of weather, and thinking about how weather can affect our lives. At our weather station we saw so many changes with the arrival of spring.

Well done to all of Year 2 for such a brilliant half term, we're very proud of you all!



Important Notices

Diary Dates:



- **30.3.26- 12.4.25** – Easter Half Term
- **Monday 13th April** – New term starts (Summer 1)
- **W/C 13.4.26** – African Drumming Performances (see timetable)
- **Wednesday 15th April** – Squirrel class Care home visit (morning)
Consent via Arbor required.
- **Thursday 16th April** – Hedgehog class Care home visit (morning)
Consent via Arbor required.
- **Thursday 16th April** - Year R and 3 school admissions confirmed
- **Thursday 16th April** – No reading assembly for Hedgehogs.
- **22.4.26 – 27.4.26** – Scholastic Book Fair
- **Monday 4th May** – Bank Holiday
- **Tuesday 5th May** – MHST Emotional Based School Avoidance Parent Workshop 9:15am-10:30am (Juniors school)
- **Friday 15th May** – Year R MAST Theatre trip.
- **Friday 22nd May** – PTA Dress Down day– Bring a jar – Information to follow
- **Monday 18th May** – Summer Celebration of Work & Maypole Dance 2.30pm – 3.00pm
- **25.05.26 -31.05.26** – May Half Term

- **Wednesday 3rd June** – Hallett Class Photos
- **Sunday 7th June** – PTA Summer Fayre – 13.00-16.00
- **8th – 12th June** – Year 1 Phonics Screening Test & Year 2 retakes
- **Friday 12th June** - PTA Father's Day Gift shop
- **Monday 22nd June** – Pupil Voice to visit Parliament
- **Tuesday 23rd June** – MHST Low mood parent workshop
- **Thursday 25th June** – Sports Day (AM)
- **Friday 26th June** – Inset Day
- **Thursday 2nd July** – Transition Day 1
- **Friday 3rd July** – Transition Day 2
- **Wednesday 8th July** – PTA Shorts & Shades Summer Disco
- **Friday 10th July** – Year 2 leavers concert to parents 9:15am and 2pm
- **Tuesday 14th July** – Rocksteady Concert 2:30pm – Invites to be sent
- **Thursday 16th July** – Back up Sports Day (AM)
- **Wednesday 22nd July** – 12pm Family Picnic
- **Wednesday 22nd July** – Last Day of Term – 1.15pm finish.

Inset Days for the Academic Year 2026-2027

- Tuesday 1st September  2026
- Friday 9th October 2026
- Monday 12th October 2026
- Friday 12th March 2027
- Friday 25th June

No Drive Zone

08:20-08:45

15:00-15:25



Parking Reminder

Please ensure you are parking with caution around the school area. We recently took a call from a local resident who raised concerns about parents parking opposite the road entrance.

Appointments

If your child has a morning appointment please either email or call the school office to notify us. **If your child requires a hot lunch that day please ensure you order this before 9am.**



Easter Activities and Holiday Clubs



We have been informed of fun activities that will take place during the Easter Holidays, please follow this link for more information;

<https://www.foxhillsinf.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Local+Activities%2C+Clubs+%26amp%3B+Events&pid=107>

School Office hours

A reminder that the school office will close at **3:30 pm on Fridays** (instead of the usual 4:00pm).

If you need to contact us after 3:30pm on a Friday, please feel free to leave a voicemail or send us an email - we will get back to you as soon as we reopen on Monday.

Sporting Event Photos

All photos taken of our sporting events will be found on our website here;

<https://www.foxhills-jun.hants.sch.uk/gallery/?pid=62&gcatid=4>

Forest Schools – Summer Term 1

Wednesday mornings – Year R
Wednesday afternoon - Owls
Thursday – Robins



Please see the email sent on 19/3/26 regarding the clothes/shoes your child needs to wear for Forest schools.



Reading Assemblies

This half term our weekly reading assemblies will continue to be on **Thursdays from 2:45pm.**

There will be no reading assembly for Robins class in the summer 1 term due to forest schools.



Friends of Foxhills' Swap Shop

- Friday 17th April 2026
- Friday 22nd May 2026
- Friday 5th June 2026
- Friday 17th July 2026

Updated PE Days

Monday: ACE Sports

Tuesday: Year 2

Wednesday: Year 1

Thursday: Year R

Friday: Year 1 and Year 2



Foxhills Federation Scholastic Book Fair – 22.4.26 to 27.4.26

Excitingly, the fantastic Scholastic Book Fair will once again be coming to Foxhills Federation!

This event is always popular, with a huge variety of books at discounted prices. Buying from the Book Fair is a great way to support reading at our school, as for every £1 you spend through Scholastic, the school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards, to buy

brand new books for our library and classrooms. Our last Book Fair raised in excess of £500 which allowed us to purchase our children's choice of books for our school libraries.

A farewell to Mrs Spencer and Mrs Tarbard

At the end of Easter half term, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Tarbard, who will be taking up a full-time teaching role closer to home.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Spencer, who will be leaving us on Friday 1st May. She has made the decision to step away from teaching for now, in order to achieve a better work-life balance while raising her young family.

We would like to thank both Mrs Tarbard and Mrs Spencer for their contributions to the school and wish them all the very best in their future endeavours.



A Welcome Back to Mrs Bromley

Welcome back to Mrs Bromley, who will be teaching in Robins Class from 4th May.

Also, Mrs Pattinson will be teaching full time in Ladybirds class after Easter, with Mrs Pointer continuing PPA cover.



African Drumming Performances

This half term your child has been taking part in West African drumming sessions as part of their music curriculum.

We would like to welcome parents to their child's music performance as their celebration of work on the dates and times below:

- **Tuesday 14th April - Owls**
Class drumming concert
9- 9:15am
- **Wednesday 15th April – Robins**
Class drumming concert
9.00-9.15am
- **Thursday 16th April – Squirrels**
Class drumming concert
9.00-9.15am
- **Thursday 16th April – Hedgehogs**
Class drumming concert to parents 2.45-3.00pm
- **Friday 17th April – Ladybirds**
Class drumming concert to parents 9.00-9.15am
- **Friday 17th April – Butterflies**
Class drumming concert to parents 2.45-3.00pm



A big thank you from Friends of Foxhills!

Thank you so much to everyone who joined us for the Friends of Foxhills Comedy Night on 5th March – what a fantastic evening it was! We were treated to brilliant performances from Madeleine Brettingham, Natalie Bryce and Keefy, all expertly brought together by our wonderful MC for the night, Kathryn Vine. There was lots of laughter, great company and a real buzz in the room.

Guests enjoyed a fully stocked bar alongside a tempting selection of delicious homemade cakes and snacks, which added to the relaxed and sociable atmosphere. A huge thank you to Colbury Church for kindly lending us their glasses and hot water urn, and to Mr Gill for staying and supporting the event. Thanks to everyone's generosity, the night was a real success, raising an amazing £500 – and we're already hoping this might become an annual event!

We'd also like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported our Mother's Day gift shop. With sales reaching £405, we hope all the mums and special people loved their gifts. We're looking forward to being back in June with our Father's Day gift shop and hope to see you there again.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support!



Southampton City Art Museum

Southampton City Art Gallery is free to visit and open Monday to Saturday - come and see a range of exhibitions. The gallery has recently undergone a successful refurbishment and offers a series of exciting displays. If you'd like to take part in art, view the gallery's website for an exciting range of activities suitable for all ages.

<https://southamptoncityartgallery.com/>

ProStrike Fundraiser!



A huge thank you to everyone that took part in the Pro Strike football fundraiser last week, as a Federation we raised **£1,875.30!**

