



Newsletter – 06th February 2026

I must start today's newsletter with a huge thank you to all those families who braved the rain and the early start this morning, to join us at the first of our reading events this year held to celebrate The National Year of Reading – our Big Book Breakfast. It was fantastic to see so many families here enjoying great stories and equally great bacon rolls! Mrs Ovecka and Mrs McDade lead the teaching of reading and writing here at Furley Park and are both passionate about instilling a love of reading in all of our pupils. They are very excited about the school taking part in the National Year of Reading and have lots of fun events lined up throughout the year. Next term, we celebrate World Book Day - look out for details in future newsletters.

Thank you also to our visiting story tellers this week who have been reading stories in class to help us be part of National Story Telling Week. Children have loved having guests in to take story time, if you would like to read a story to your child's class, just let your class teacher know.

I can't quite believe that we are entering the last week of term next week – Term 3 seems to have flown by. We are set for even more wet weather next week, so please do keep sending children in with coats – we will get them out for play when we can. Please do send PE kits in on Monday so they are here for the week as PE days may change because of the weather.

Have a lovely weekend everyone, Mrs Collip



Our school football team continued their incredible season yesterday with a dominant 18-0 victory in their second league match.

The goals were shared impressively across the squad. Nahom led the scoring with a remarkable 8 goals, followed by Aleksander with 3, Frankie and Pele with 2 each, and Tiernan also adding 2. Liam rounded off the total with a well-taken goal of his own.

A huge well done to every player involved.

Parking On Site

Parking is not permitted on the Academy grounds and an ANPR camera is in operation. It is strictly permit-holders only.

Drivers are not permitted to park and leave their car as this stops the flow of traffic. Limited spaces are available for Blue Badge holders only. please remember that to use a blue badge the named holder of the badge must be present. All blue badges holders should register with the school office to prevent receiving a parking ticket.

The camera will be turned off at 4:40pm to allow for after school club parents to collect their children and will go back on each evening at 6pm.

Please be considerate of our neighbours by not blocking driveways or parking on the bricked private areas. Parking is the responsibility of the driver; please park sensibly and avoid putting our children at risk.

What Builds a Child's Brain - Most

- Reading
- Serve-and-return
- Independent play
- Listening to music
- Doing chores together
- Listening to an audiobook
- Solving puzzles and riddles
- Building something together
- Actively teaching a child life skills
- Embracing boredom as time for creativity
- Go on a listening walk to notice the world

- Watching cartoons that are not age-appropriate
- One-way instructions ("because I said so")
- A high sugar, highly processed diet
- Repetitive tap-and-swipe games
- Adult on phone during play
- Interrupting your child
- Loud and flashy toys
- Endless screentime
- Lack of attunement
- Background TV
- YouTube

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Upcoming Events

- Children's Mental Health Week** - WB Monday 9th February
- Safer Internet Day** - Tuesday 10th February
- Send & Wellbeing Coffee Morning** – Friday 13th February
- Last day of Term 3** - Friday 13th February
- First day of Term 4** - Monday 23rd February