



Furley Park Primary Academy

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Newsletter – 18th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we welcomed our Read Write Inc. Phonics advisor in to school to work with staff as part of our commitment to delivering the very best phonics teaching to our younger children. She was very impressed with how well all of the children have settled into their new phonics groups and how hard they were all working. Learning to read is such an important life skill and at Furley Park we are very proud with how quickly the children make progress in their RWI lessons.

The Foundation Stage children have completed their first full week of school – they are doing brilliantly! They have been busy exploring the foundation classrooms and outside areas, and have even been out on the main playgrounds playing with the big boys and girls at playtimes. There have been some delighted siblings and cousins who have shown the little ones the ropes!

Later on today our booking system for this term's parents' evenings will go live. Please do book up a slot to come in to talk to your child's class teacher, we always love meeting families and getting the opportunity to discuss children's progress. Mrs Griffiths, the school SENCO will also be available during parents' evenings for you to meet with if your child has particular needs you would like to discuss.

We hope to see many of you at next week's reading event – our very first Furley Park Booknic.

On Wednesday, the KS2 gate will be opened at 2.30pm for you to come in and collect your children from their classrooms. You can then take them round to the school field to enjoy a picnic and some stories. Please note this must be a nut-free event, and children must stay with you rather than run around the field once you have collected them from class. If you cannot attend, your children will take part in the Booknic with the adults in their year groups. They will then be taken back to class to be dismissed as normal at the end of the day. Families on the field can exit from the bottom, wooden field gate – please do let an adult on the gate know that you are leaving.

Have a great weekend

Miss Blundy

Love books?
Love picnics?
Then join us for a
Booknic!

See the attached poster for more information.



Uniform Reminder – Plain Black Trainers

As part of our updated uniform expectations, we would like to clarify that **plain black trainers are permitted** and may be worn instead of traditional black school shoes. This is intended to provide families with greater flexibility and comfort while maintaining a smart and consistent appearance across the school.

By plain black trainers, we mean trainers that are entirely black, including soles, logos and laces, with no coloured branding, patterns or fashion elements. We would like to stress that this is a significant shift away from our previous requirement for black school shoes and reflects our commitment to making our uniform policy more practical and affordable for families. We are grateful to the many families who have embraced this change positively and ensured that their children continue to look smart and ready for school. However, this more relaxed approach can only work if families follow the guidance carefully. If we find that increasing numbers of pupils are wearing trainers that do not meet the expected standard, we will need to review and may have no option but to return to a stricter requirement for traditional black school shoes. We appreciate your support in ensuring that all children comply with our uniform expectations so that we can continue to offer this flexibility to families.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Key Dates

Booknic – Wednesday 23rd September 2.30pm

Individual and Sibling Photographs – Wednesday 30th September

National Poetry Day – Thursday 1st October

Parent's Evening – Monday 5th, Tuesday 6th or Wednesday 7th October. Booking will be live on MCAS from 5pm on Friday night and will close on 4th October 4pm.

Year 6 PGL Trip – 12th – 16th October

Nasal Flu Vaccinations – Wednesday 21st October

Term 1 Ends – Thursday 22nd October

IS YOUR CHILD STARTING SCHOOL NEXT YEAR?

New Starters Information Evening

- Tuesday 20th October

- 6pm–7pm

Please arrive for 6pm so we can start promptly.

Join us for an opportunity to **tour the school** and hear from our **Headteacher**. There's **no need to book** — **just turn up!**

We look forward to welcoming you and answering any questions you may have.

KS2 Fruit Trolley

Our KS2 fruit trolley is available for children to purchase a healthy snack during morning play.

- Fruit is **20p per piece**.
- Please send children in with the **correct change where possible**.
- Children should **only purchase fruit for themselves** and should not be buying fruit for other pupils.