Furley Park Primary Academy

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Newsletter – 25th September 2026

Dear All,
The end of a lovely week. Thank you so much for coming to Booknic on Wednesday. It was a wonderful event, the sun was shining and it lovely to see so many families sharing books with their children. Whilst the sun seems to be shining in the day, the temperature of the pool (with the cooler nights) now means that pool is closed for winter. We hope the children have enjoyed their swimming lessons this season. Looking forward to next week, we will celebrating harvest with all donations being accepted from Monday. There will be Key Stage Harvest assemblies and a Harvest Poetry Celebration Assembly on Friday. Please see the additional information about Harvest attached.

I have enjoyed reading letters from year 6, this week, as they are eager to be given additional responsibilities in their final year at Furley Park. It is always lovely to read about the things they enjoy outside of school, how proud they are of their school and keenly stressing that they want to do something for the school before they leave. They do not have much longer to wait for the outcome...
Have a wonderful weekend. Enjoy the sunshine.
Mrs Collip

Message from SENDco
Dear Parents and Carers,
I am happy to report that all the children that sometimes need a little more support with change have all had a super start to the new term and are settling in to their new classes.
However, we are ever mindful of the emotional and well-being support lots of children often need so please take a look at the posters attached with a free offer or workshops that are being delivered by Kent and Medway Mental Trust by The Emotional Well-being/Support Team during Terms 1 and 2. I hope you find them helpful but, as always, if you need any further advice/support please do not hesitate to contact me.
Kind regards,
Sarah Griffiths. SENDco.

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

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 closes on MCAS Sunday 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.