



Furley Park Primary Academy

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Newsletter – 16th October 2026

Dear Families,

I have very much enjoyed following the Year 6 PGL trip this week through the photos posted on the photo blog. It is great to see the children trying new things and having fun experiences. The Year 6 children who have stayed, have also been out and about visiting new places like Dover Castle and Square One Padel Club, and places that are more familiar, like Hamstreet Woods and Ashford Cinema. It'll be fun for them all to swap stories when we return to a more regular week next week! After the half term break, it is the turn of our Year 5s to be off curriculum for three days, with most of them going to Grosvenor Hall in Ashford for their PGL trip. We highly value these special experiences which help to develop children's resilience, curiosity and confidence, thank you so much for supporting the school with all of the wider curriculum activities we arrange. Just a reminder to you all that the children are not in school next Friday, the last day of school for them is Thursday 22nd October. Have a smashing weekend everyone, Miss Blundy

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to be welcoming an Olympic/Elite athlete from Sports for Champions to Furley Park on Wednesday 18th November.

As part of this exciting event, all children will take part in a fun fitness circuit alongside the athlete. Children are encouraged to raise sponsorship from friends and family for taking part, with funds helping to support both the athlete and our school.

If you would like to support our fundraising efforts, please visit and share our fundraising page:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/furley-park-primary-academyfundraiser>

60% of all funds raised come directly back to our school, helping us to provide additional opportunities, resources and experiences for our children.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. We are looking forward to an inspiring and memorable day for all of our pupils!

RSPCA Spooktacular

Ahead of their visit to school next term, the RSPCA have asked us to let families know about their Halloween Spooktacular next weekend. Please see attached poster for further information.

Medical, Allergy & Dietary
Information Form



Please can all parents who have yet to complete the Medical, Allergy & Dietary Information Form. Please do so as soon as possible. It only takes a few minutes. Thank you. . Scan the QR code to access the form.

Key Dates

Foundation Stage New Entrants Open Evening – Tuesday 20th October 6pm

Nasal Flu Vaccinations – Wednesday 21st October

Term 1 Ends – Thursday 22nd October

Term 2 Starts – Monday 2nd November

Year 5 PGL Grosvenor Hall – 4th, 5th & 6th November

PTA Laser Light Show – Saturday 14th November

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.

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.