



Furley Park Primary Academy

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Newsletter – 2nd October 2026

Dear All,
The end of a busy, and rather warm, week. Starting with some wonderful news, Miss Waterfield and her partner Connor, welcomed their beautiful baby boy last week. A huge congratulations to them both- we can't wait to meet him.

The children enjoyed a Harvest Festival assembly with Miss Blundy yesterday and today we had our Harvest Poetry celebration. Thank you for all of your wonderful donations. They will go off to Bright City Church who runs Vinnie's Diner. This supports people who have been impacted by homelessness and they also provide food parcels.

Year 6 received the outcome on Monday of who has been selected as head boys, head girls, house captains, sports captains and prefects. They are all proudly wearing their badges and it was fantastic to see how supportive they were of each other and celebrated who had been selected for each role. I think they are going to be an absolute asset to the school this year and I look forward to seeing how they develop their leadership skills and sense of responsibility.

Have a wonderful weekend
Mrs Collip



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.

Key Dates

Parents' Evenings – Monday 5th, Tuesday 6th & 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

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.