



Furley Park Primary Academy

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Newsletter – 9th October 2026

Dear All,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful week, I would like to thank all of our families for their continued support. It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers attending Parents' Evening this week. The school was filled with happy faces and positive conversations about children's learning, progress and achievements. Opportunities to work together in partnership are so important, and it was lovely to see so many encouraging discussions taking place between staff, parents and pupils.

On Monday, we were also delighted to formally introduce our new prefects during assembly. They have made an excellent start to their roles and have already demonstrated responsibility, enthusiasm and pride in our school community. We are very proud of the way they have embraced their new responsibilities and look forward to seeing them continue to grow as leaders throughout the year.

As we head into the weekend, I would like to wish all of our children and families a restful and enjoyable break. A special message goes to our Year 6 pupils who will be attending PGL next week. We wish you a truly wonderful trip. Enjoy the experiences, embrace the culture, make lasting memories and represent our school with the confidence and kindness we know you always show. As you will be aware, for a numerous reasons, this is the final PGL Paris. We look forward to doing something very new next year and details of this will come out soon for those children currently in year 5. For those Year 6 pupils remaining in school, we also have an exciting week planned and hope you enjoy the activities and experiences on offer.

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

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.