



# Foxhills Infants School



## Newsletter - Autumn Term 1



Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

### Welcome to our first Foxhills Infants newsletter for this academic year!

It has been a fantastic start to the new academic year and we have been so impressed with how well the children have settled into school life. Here is a roundup of the wonderful things your children have been doing throughout their first half term as well as some important notices and dates for your diary.

### Year R

This half term has been full of exciting learning and discovery!

In Reading and Writing, children have enjoyed daily story times, retelling familiar stories, and exploring mark making. They have been developing fine motor skills, practising holding a pencil correctly, and beginning to communicate meaning through drawings and labels. In **Science**, they've explored plants through nature walks and sensory activities, learning about trees, flowers, and wildflowers.

In Geography and History, children have investigated places, spaces, and their local

environment. They have learned to represent surroundings on simple maps and plans and explored homes, schools, and local areas to notice similarities and differences between past and present. In PSHE, children have focused on relationships and feelings, discussing special people in their lives, ways to care for themselves and others, and enjoying ELSA support sessions.

In Art, Design & Technology, and Religious Education, children have been creative and curious. They have experimented with lines, shapes, colours, and portraits inspired by famous artists, explored food through taste and texture while learning about healthy eating, and considered celebrations, including the Christian festival of Harvest, reflecting on their meaning and traditions. It's been a wonderful start to the year, full of curiosity, creativity, and fun!

### Year 1

#### **Wow, Year 1, what a start to the year!**

All the children have really enjoyed beginning the year by attending Forest School one afternoon a week. Each week, they have got involved in whittling sticks, threading conkers, bug hunting, or building bug houses. The children have absolutely loved exploring the forest and working together.

In Science this half term, the children have been learning all about different types of materials. They have looked at various objects and grouped them based on the materials they are made from. The children have also discussed why different materials are suitable for different purposes.

In Maths this half term, the children have been learning to count forwards and backwards to 20. They then learned how to find one more and one less than a given number. We also explored how to work out whether a number is greater or less than another number



which all the children were really good at! Finally, in Maths, we looked at different 2D and 3D shapes, thinking about their names and how many sides they have. Every child was fantastic at shape learning and loved singing the shape songs.

In Writing this half term, the children have gained lots of new knowledge to help them become better writers. To begin with, they practised their handwriting before learning how to sequence words to form a coherent sentence. Following this, they learned how to use finger spaces, full stops, and capital letters.

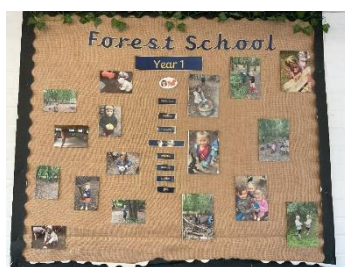
In Geography, the children have learnt all about physical and human features. We went onto the playground and field to spot these different features around school. In History, the children have learnt what the past is and all about chronology. We then talked about events before and after the summer holidays, discussing what belongs in the past.

This half term in RSHE, the children talked all about classroom rules and how we can look after our friends. They discussed how to actively listen to others, and all the children have been showing these fantastic behaviours throughout the half term. To support this learning, the children explored the idea of

being thankful through their RE lessons. This led them to learn about the Harvest Festival and how Christians say thanks to God. The children even enjoyed a harvest assembly from the church to support this learning.

The children also enjoyed our DT learning, which involved exploring different fruits. They got to try various fruits, discuss how they looked and felt, and decide whether they liked them or not.

Fantastic first term,  
Year 1 keep up the  
hard work!



## Year 2

What a busy and exciting half term it's been in Year 2! The children have been soaring through their learning — quite literally — as we've explored everything from maths and materials to Paddington Bear and the Wright brothers!

In maths, we've been diving into place value, making sure we really understand the importance of each digit, and getting hands-on with 2D and 3D shapes. The children have loved spotting shapes all around the classroom and describing their properties like real mathematicians!

In writing, we've been mastering the four different types of sentences — statements, questions, commands and exclamations — before putting our skills to use by writing our very own Paddington stories. We think Michael Bond would be proud!

Paddington has also inspired our Design and Technology learning. We've been helping him find some new favourite foods by designing and taste-testing our own healthy wraps — delicious and nutritious!

Over in science, we've been exploring the world of materials, investigating their properties and thinking carefully about why certain materials are used for particular purposes.



In reading, we've journeyed through magical worlds as we explored fairy tales and fables, learning about their messages and what makes them such timeless stories.

To enrich our learning, we took a very special trip with Foxhills Airways — complete with passports, boarding passes, in-flight drinks and snacks! As if that wasn't exciting enough, we were also visited by a real-life pilot, who shared amazing stories from the skies. This fantastic experience helped launch our history topic all about the Wright brothers and the invention of flight.

Flight also linked into our music learning, where we have explored dynamics and tempo in the music of 'How to train your dragon' before creating our own dragons and composing them their own theme.

In geography, we've been learning about compass directions and have been putting our new skills to the test in orienteering lessons during PE — a brilliant way to combine teamwork, map skills and movement!

Finally, in RE, we've been thinking about bread as a symbol. The children made their own beautiful salt dough bread symbols and had the chance to taste a variety of breads, including rye and chapati — yum!

It's been a wonderful start to the year, and we can't wait to see where our next learning adventure takes us!



## Important Notices

### Diary Dates:

- **27/10/25 – 2/11/25** – Half Term
- **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov** – Year R and 3 Admissions open
- **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov** – Autumn Term 2 starts
- **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Infant Flu Vaccinations – online consent must be given via NHS link.
- **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Years 1 and 2 reading assemblies start (2:45pm)
- **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Foxy Fireworks
- **12<sup>th</sup>- 17<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Scholastic Book Fair
- **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Children in Need- children can wear themed accessories with school uniform if they wish.
- **Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Dress down day for bring in a coloured item (more info to follow)
- **Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec** – Christmas Gift Shop TBC
- **Monday 8<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Productions (*ticketed event – letters sent home at later date*)
- **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas jumper day
- **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Winter Fayre
- **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Colbury Church whole school visit for Christmas
- **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas lunch
- **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Rocksteady Concert to parents
- **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Class party day / Christmas Grotto
- **22/12/25 - 2/1/26** – Christmas holidays
- **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Spring Term 1 starts
- **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Year 2 Seacity Museum Trip
- **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Year R and 3 admissions deadline

### Remaining Inset Days

- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026

### No Drive Zone

08:20-08:45



15:00-15:25



### Appointments

If your child has a morning appointment please either email or call the school office to notify us. **If your child requires a hot lunch that day please ensure you order this before 9am.**

### School Driveway

We have been informed of near misses on the drive way. As you can agree the safety of our children is paramount.

Therefore, please can we ask that families **walk** on the pavement and not our school drive way. Can we remind families that we **do not** ride scooters on the school footpaths or on our drive way. The drive way is for cyclists and drivers only.

### Parking outside the school



Parking outside school continues to be problematic. Please could we ask that you are considerate towards our neighbours and other road users when parking.

### Voluntary one-way system

To help with congestion at school pick up and drop off we have

adopted a voluntary one-way system during these times.

Please could we ask you to help by following the one-way system (flowing from the



A326 towards Whartons Lane), this will ensure traffic travels in one direction and hopefully eases congestion.

### Reading Assemblies

Our reading assemblies will continue on **Thursdays from 2:45pm**. Please arrive outside your child's external classroom door for this time if you wish to join in with the class story time.

### PE Days – Autumn Term 2

Please check your emails for the ACE PE timetable for next half term. Please also note, Years 1 and 2 normal PE days will also change after half term.

- **Year 2:** Wednesday and Friday
- **Year 1:** Tuesday and Thursday
- **Year R:** Wednesday

### Holiday clubs and activities



Please visit our website to see any local events or holiday clubs that will be taking place over October half term. We regularly update our website with any local events that may be of interest to our families.

<https://www.foxhillsfederation.org.uk/page/?title=Half+Term+Club+s+and+Holiday+Activities&pid=108>



## PLEASE Nut Free School



NO PEANUTS  
OR  
NUT PRODUCTS

Please can we remind families that we are a nut free school. We have children with a severe allergy to nuts. Please ensure that your children do not have any snacks and lunch items containing any form of nuts.

### Is your child too ill for school? NHS Guidance



As we move through the season of coughs, colds, and other common bugs, it can be difficult to decide when your child is too unwell for school. The NHS has a helpful guide that explains how to manage common childhood illnesses and when it's best to keep your child at home.

[https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?es\\_c=51B1F3E8B8E30353BF0EC2E45EEC5F17&es\\_cl=369E365B9785EACE3B4E4723ED22B84C&es\\_id=ph7%c2%a3o1](https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?es_c=51B1F3E8B8E30353BF0EC2E45EEC5F17&es_cl=369E365B9785EACE3B4E4723ED22B84C&es_id=ph7%c2%a3o1)

### FOF Swap Shop Dates

Our school uniform swap shops will be taking place **3.00-4.00pm** on the following dates this year:

- Friday 24th October 2025
- Friday 19th December 2025
- Friday 9th January 2026
- Friday 13th February 2026
- Friday 27th February 2026
- Friday 27th March 2026
- Friday 17th April 2026
- Friday 22nd May 2026
- Friday 5th June 2026
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026



### Friends of Foxhills Bookshop

Year R	Year 1 and Year 2
5 <sup>th</sup> November	12 <sup>th</sup> November
19 <sup>th</sup> November	26 <sup>th</sup> November

### Infant & Junior School Open Days for 2026 Year R & 3 Admissions

#### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

- Juniors Year 3 – 9:30am
- Infants Year R - 1:30pm

#### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December

- Infants Year R - 9:30am
- Juniors Year 3 - 1:30pm

Infant booking form -  
<https://forms.office.com/e/hpdaaK5M6c>

Junior booking form -  
<https://forms.office.com/e/S6GdjJYK5P>



### Christmas Gift and Craft Fair Stallholders Wanted



The trustees of Colbury Memorial Hall are hosting a Christmas Gift and Craft Fair on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2025, from 11am to 5pm. Stallholders can have one table for £15, or two tables for £25.

If you would like to be a stallholder, or know of anyone

else who may be interested, please email [clerk.cmh@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.cmh@gmail.com), putting 'Christmas Fair' in the subject line. Further information will then be sent to you, including how to book and pay.

### Christmas Concert Dates

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 9:15am – Year 2 performance



Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm – Year 1 performance

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 9:15am – Year 1 performance

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm – Year R performance

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 9:15am – Year R performance

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm – Year 2 performance

**Booking information will be emailed to parents at a later date.**

### Pupil Voice

All classes are currently in the process of electing their Pupil Voice Representatives for this academic year.

Meetings will begin on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November and will take place every Monday from 2:40pm to 3:00pm.

Our Pupil Voice Representatives will have the important role of representing their classmates, sharing pupils' views,



and taking part in decisions that help shape our school community.



**Home Start  
Hampshire –  
Volunteers needed!**

Home-Start Hampshire in the New Forest needs your help. They are a local charity that supports families with children up to the age of 11 in your community. Their volunteers offer friendly, practical support to parents who may be finding things tough — helping to make a real difference in their lives. They are currently in urgent need of volunteers who can spare just a few hours a week to visit a local family.

To find out more about what we do, please visit our website: [www.home-starthampshire.org.uk](http://www.home-starthampshire.org.uk).



**Big Mouth Theatre**

Big Mouth Theatre are offering x2 Free Taster Sessions at their Saturday locations!

At Big Mouth, your child will discover a ton of performance techniques every Saturday while co-creating their own production, using their ideas for characters, costume, lighting & set!

For their taster sessions, they'll receive:

- **2 FREE 2-HOUR** taster sessions full of fun!
- Structured sessions packed full of games and activities designed to encourage their creative confidence.

- An introduction to the world of theatre and an opportunity to make new friends.
- Non-competitive, inclusive environment!

To see what Big Mouth Theatre is all about, just click below & book 2 free sessions at a location near you!

<https://www.bigmouththeatre.co.uk/try-for-free>

**New Forest Childcare**

**October**  
Half term Holiday Club  
Monday 27th to Friday 31st October 2025

**Autumn**  
Autumn Vegetable Printing  
Autumn Hunt Outside

**Little Monsters**  
Balloon Monsters  
Rice Crispie Monsters

**Halloween**  
Haunted House with Spiders, Bats, Ghosts  
Halloween Dress-Up-Day  
Apple Bobbing Competitions  
Pumpkin Carving  
Halloween Cooking

A week of fun, themed activities for 4-12 years. Plus outdoor sports & games

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