



Foxhills Infants School



Newsletter - Autumn Term 2

Friday 19th December 2025



Welcome to our half termly Foxhills Infants newsletter!

It has been a wonderfully busy and festive half term. We would like to thank all our families for their continued support and wish you all a very merry Christmas and happy new year! We look forward to welcoming the children back after the Christmas holidays on Monday 5th January.

Here is a roundup of the wonderful things your children have been doing throughout this half term as well as some important notices and dates for your diary.

Year R

What a busy and exciting half term we have had! We're so proud of the children for their wonderful nativity performance, A Not So Silent Night. Every single child was amazing – they sang, spoke and shone with such confidence. Thank you so much for your support!

In English, the children enjoyed exploring rhyming words and poetry, joining in with and performing simple poems. In writing, they focused on correct letter formation using letter families, practising good

pencil grip, clear letter shapes and writing simple words.

In maths, the children worked confidently with numbers to 5. They explored number bonds, made totals, and began simple addition and subtraction using practical resources and pictures.

Across science and geography, the children learned about animals that live near us and different types of environments, including towns, villages and cities. They discussed how animals are cared for and explored where people live, work and play.

In history and PSHE, the children explored how community roles have changed over time and talked about what makes them special, helping to build confidence, self-awareness and positive relationships.

In art and D&T, the children experimented with lines, shapes and portraits inspired by famous artists, and explored food by learning where it comes from and how to prepare simple dishes safely.

In RE, the children learned about the Christmas story, exploring the events of Jesus' birth and why Christmas is an important celebration for Christians through stories, songs and creative activities.

We also had great fun at our New Forest National Park Authority enrichment visit! Looking after some furry friends, pretending to be squirrels and seeing some amazing artefacts from the New Forest! What a fantastic half term! Merry Christmas Year R!



Year 1

This half term, the children have been working hard across all areas of the curriculum and we are incredibly proud of their progress.

In mathematics, the children learned how to read, write, and interpret mathematical statements involving addition and subtraction. They practised adding one-digit numbers to two-digit numbers before moving on to subtracting one-digit and two-digit numbers within 20.

In writing, the children focused on sequencing sentences using a mixture of proper nouns and pronouns. They learned to re-read their work carefully to ensure each sentence made sense and that full stops were used accurately to mark sentence boundaries. In reading, the children particularly enjoyed learning about poems. They listened to and discussed a variety of poems with their friends and finished the unit by learning 'Sound Collector' by heart.

In science, the children continued learning about different materials, exploring their properties and discussing which materials are best suited for certain purposes. In geography, the children enjoyed learning about the continents and oceans of the world. They loved singing songs to help them remember this knowledge and locating continents and oceans on a map.

In history, we explored different decades from the 1930s up to 2020. The children enjoyed discussing how life has changed

over time, particularly games, toys, and music. A special thank you to the parent who brought in toys and games from the 1980s for the children to explore - they asked fantastic questions and were eager to learn more.

In design and technology, the children used their previous knowledge of fruits to design and review a healthy fruit salad dish. In RE, the focus was on journeys, linking to the Christmas story and understanding the importance of each journey within the Nativity. During RSHE, the children learned about kindness and celebrated similarities and differences between themselves and others.

We are especially proud of the children for their wonderful Christmas performances. They learned their lines beautifully and performed with great confidence. The children also sang festive songs learned in singing assembly at the church service - they were absolutely delightful 🎄

Merry Christmas, Year 1! We look forward to seeing you all in the new year.



What a busy and successful half term it has been in Year 2! The children have worked extremely hard across the curriculum and shown great enthusiasm for their learning.

In reading, the children have focused on developing their love of reading through poetry, exploring different poems and practising reciting them with expression. In writing, they have built on their sentence work by using a range of sentence types and conjunctions to write fantastic stories inspired by Vlad and the Florence Nightingale Adventure.

In maths, the children have been learning about addition and subtraction, using practical resources, number lines and mental strategies. They have also worked on number bonds, fact families and inverse operations to build fluency.

In science, the children explored how animals grow and what they need to survive, learning to observe and classify different animals. In history, they learned about the inspiring lives of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole and compared life in the 1800s to today.

In geography, the children continued learning about the United Kingdom, including the surrounding seas and capital cities, and applied this knowledge to answer the question, "How do I get to Belfast City?"

In design and technology, the children designed, made and evaluated a healthy snack for Paddington Bear. In RE, they explored light as a symbol, learning about Hanukkah and



how Christians use light at Christmas.

In RSHE, the focus was on relationships, kindness and resolving conflict. In PE, the children developed teamwork and social skills through jumping and landing activities. In music, they explored pitch and rhythm through Christmas songs and percussion. In computing, they created posters using word processing tools, and in art, they completed self-portraits using a range of materials.

We are incredibly proud of the children for their wonderful Christmas performance, *Christmas with the Aliens*. They showed fantastic confidence and teamwork, and all of their hard work truly paid off. We are also proud of how the children represented the school during our visits to the care home. Well done, Year 2!



Important Notices

Diary Dates

22nd Dec – 4th Jan – Christmas Holidays

Monday 5th Jan – New term starts (Spring 1)

Tuesday 6th Jan – Year 1 Oceanarium Trip

Tuesday 6th Jan – Year R National Child Measurement Checks School Nursing Team

Wednesday 7th Jan – Additional Rocksteady session (*due to missed session owed*)

Friday 9th Jan – Yr 2 Seacity Museum Trip

Thursday 15th Jan - Yr R & Yr 3 application deadline

Thursday 15th Jan – Reading assemblies restarting 2:45pm & Owls class library reading session with parents

Monday 19th Jan – Rebecca & Teddy restarting

Wednesday 21st January – MHST Parent Workshop - Anxiety

Thursday 22nd Jan – Robins class library reading session with parents 2:45pm

Friday 23rd January 2026 – Parents Evening – Booking Opens at 8pm

Thursday 29th Jan –Squirrels class library reading session with parents 2:45pm

Friday 30th January 2026 – Neurodiversity Parent Workshop Day 2, 09.30-10.30

Friday 30th January 2026 – Parents evening - Booking closes at 12pm

Thursday 5th Feb - Hedgehogs class library reading session with parents 2:45pm

Tuesday 10th Feb – Year 1 and 2 Big Mouth Theatre workshops

Thursday 5th Feb – Parent Consultations 1- 7pm (Information to follow)

Wednesday 11th February – FOF School Disco – Information to follow

Friday 13th Feb – Federation Celebration of Work 14:30-15:15

16th – 22nd Feb – February Half Term

Monday 23rd February 2026 – New term starts (Spring 2)

Friday 27th Feb – Year 2 Great Fire of London workshop

2nd – 6th March – Reading Week

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day (Dress as your favourite book character)

Friday 13th March – INSET Day

W/C 23rd March – FOF Mother's Day Gift Shop (Information to follow)

30th Mar – 12th April – Easter Holidays

Monday 13th April – New term starts (Summer 1)

Remaining Inset Days

- Friday 13th March 2026
- Friday 26th June 2026



No Drive Zone

08:20-08:45



15:00-15:25



Appointments

If your child has a morning appointment, please email or call the school office to inform us. When doing so, it is important that you provide details of your child's symptoms. This helps us to monitor patterns of illness and ensure the health and wellbeing of both pupils and staff.

If your child will be returning to school and requires a hot lunch that day, please ensure this is ordered before 9am.

School Driveway

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.

We have been informed of near misses on the main road outside of school where a child was almost hit by a car when they fell off their bike. Please can we ask that children are supervised and drivers are extra cautious of all

pedestrians walking and all riding bikes.



Reading Assemblies – Spring Term

Our reading assemblies will be taking place on **Thursdays from 2:45pm.**

Please check the key diary dates to find out which Thursday your child's class will be holding their reading assembly in the school library. This will give you an opportunity to explore new books with your child and help them choose their weekly library book.

PE Days – Spring Term

Please see the updated PE timetable for next term.

Monday – ACE Sports Timetable

Tuesday – Year 1

Wednesday – Year R and Year 2

Thursday – Year 2

Friday – Year 1



Office hours 2026 changes.

We want to let you know that starting on **5th January 2026**, the school office will close at **3:30 pm on Fridays** (instead of the current 4:00 pm).

If you need to contact us after 3:30pm on a Friday, please feel free to leave a voicemail or send us an email - we will get back to you as soon as we reopen.

Holiday clubs and activities



Please visit our website for up to date information on local events and holiday clubs taking place over half term that may be of interest to families.

<https://www.foxhills-inf.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Half+Term+Clubs+and+Holiday+Activities&pid=108>

Friends of Foxhills' Swap Shop

Friday 9th January 2026

Friday 27th February 2026

Friday 27th March 2026

Friday 17th April 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026

Friday 5th June 2026

Friday 17th July 2026

Drop

Kids outgrow their school uniforms ALREADY!!!! Dropping the ball to school shops! The FOF swap and shop has got you covered!

Drop off your unwanted school uniforms, swap them for tokens then shop till you drop.

Pop your items in a bag along with an envelope with your child's name and class written clearly.

All items MUST be:

- in good condition (if you wouldn't take it home, don't send it in)
- Clean
- Current (if it doesn't comply with the current federation dress code it won't qualify for a swap token)

For each item donated you will receive a swap token in the envelope you provided.

Come along to the FOF swap and shop and exchange your 'swap tokens' for school uniforms.

Get other items you'd like to donate?

Good quality clothes and shoes can be donated to FOF to be sold at the swap and shop to raise money for the school.

- Good quality children's clothes
- New / Nearly new children's shoes
- Non current uniform / Pre-School uniform / Uniform from other schools
- New / Nearly new adult clothes

Unsold items will be donated to charity.

Swap

Get nothing to swap? No problem! All uniform items, clothes and shoes will be available to purchase.

All money raised goes to FOF to continue the amazing work they do for our school!

Shop

Saving The Planet & Your Pocket!

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.

YFM – Basic Food Bank



The opening hours over Christmas 2025 for the YFM Totton Basics Bank are as follows:

- 22nd to 24th December – open as usual (10am – 12pm)
- 25th December – 30th December – closed
- 31st December - open as usual (10am – 12pm)
- 1st and 2nd January – closed
- 5th January onwards – open as usual (10am – 12pm).

YFM Totton Basics Bank usual opening hours are 10am – 12pm, Monday to Friday all year round. Closures on Bank Holidays, Easter and Christmas.

Donations can be dropped off from 9am – 1pm.



Totton and Eling Wellbeing & Support

The Hampshire County Council has developed a comprehensive Support Services and Community Directory, which offers a wide range of information, advice, and guidance to residents.

<https://www.tottoneling-tc.gov.uk/wellbeing-and-support-resources/>



Is my child too ill for school?

Please see the NHS link for further information.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Nut Free School

Please can we remind families that we are a nut-free school as we have children in our community with severe allergies to nuts. Please ensure that your children do not have any snacks or lunch items containing any type of nut.

PLEASE



NO PEANUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS

Community Policing



Please follow the link below for the next beat report.

<https://www.foxhills-jun.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Community+Policing&pid=109>

Spotlight

Scarlett's Smiles
SPOTLIGHT UK
Creating positive memories

Discounted Family Fun upto half price off





Ninja Warrior

Paddle Boarding

Donutting

Laser Tag



Glo Golf

Soft Play

Flip Out

Bowling

Days Out including Chessington, Legoland 4 Kingdoms and more

AND MORE...

Gold membership is £5 per person per year which gives you access to a year's timetable of activities at upto 50% off and then our charity funds the difference.
email activities@spotlightuk.org

Big Mouth Theatre Flyer

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