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Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of our second full week back and what a week it's been. This week Mr Cooper (CEO of Spiral Partnership Trust) came to visit us and was very impressed with the behaviour for learning and calmness around the school environment. He also mentioned the wonderful and energetic performance of our Harvest Festival song, Cauliflowers Fluffy! Thank you to our staff and pupils for their hard work and excellent start to the school year!

*This week, our Year 6 pupils enjoyed their visit to **Crucial Crew**, where they took part in a range of valuable workshops designed to help them develop important life skills and stay safe in a variety of situations. The children represented the school brilliantly, and I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the staff who accompanied and supported them throughout the day.*

I would also like to share a polite request on behalf of a local resident and our wider community.

We have received concerns regarding vehicles blocking driveways and contributing to unnecessary congestion on Stansted Road during drop-off and collection times. I kindly ask all parents and carers to park considerately, avoid obstructing residents' access to their homes, and where possible walk a short distance from a suitable parking place. By working together, we can help ensure the safety of our children and maintain positive relationships with our neighbours.

On a similar note, some parents have raised the issue of families gathering in certain areas in the morning and as such blocking the gates and making it tricky to get past with buggies. Please could everyone keep the space outside the gates clear.

Thank you for your continued support, and I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Rebecca Fitts

Headteacher

IMPORTANT DAIRY DATES

Wednesday 23rd September

Year 6 Parent Meeting Grafham Water (6pm)

Thursday 24th September

Year 2 Meet The Teacher 2.45pm

Tuesday 29th September

Harvest Assembly 9am

Saturday 3rd October

EYFS New Starters 2027 Open Day 9.30am-12pm

Monday 12th October

School Individual Photos

Wednesday 14th October

Parents evening 3.30pm-8.30pm

Thursday 22nd October

FOF Disco 3.30pm-4.30pm EYFS & KS1 4.45pm-6pm KS2

Friday 23rd October

INSET DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)

Monday 26th October-Friday 30th October Half Term

Monday 2nd November

INSET DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)

Saturday 21st November

New Starters 2027 Open Day 9.30am-12pm

Wednesday 25th November

Open Classroom 3.15pm-4.45pm

Friday 27th November

Occasional Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)

Thursday 3rd Decemember

9am and 5pm EYFS Christmas Production

Monday 7th December

9am and 5pm KS1 Christmas Production

Friday 4th December

FOF Christmas Fete 3.30pm-5pm

Wednesday 9th December

Christmas Dinner

Thursday 10th December

EYFS Open Evening 6pm-8pm

Thursday 17th December

9.05am KS2 Family Christmas Carol Assembly - Parents and Carers are welcome to join us!

Friday 18th December

SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30PM

More dates to follow....

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Why we are proud of each class this week...



EYFS: Confidence Class

We are proud of Confidence Class for walking respectfully in a line through the school and of the kindness and sharing that has been seen in child-initiated learning.

Year 1: Empathy Class

We are proud of Empathy Class for their hard work in phonics lessons, especially when they come to spell words and write their sentences.

Year 2: Kindness Class

We are proud of Kindness Class for being determined to finish their work and working hard on their handwriting in all subjects!

Year 3/4: Imagination Class

We are proud of Imagination Class for their dedication to their presentation in all areas of learning. They should be very proud of their focus on underline date and WAL and the attention they have used this week. Keep it up.

Year 3/4: Innovation Class

We are proud of Innovation Class for their fantastic learning attitudes and willingness to try hard to meet expectations.

Year 5: Perseverance Class

We are proud of Perseverance Class for their hard work in our flower garden. They have planted herbs, daffodils and tulips while learning about asexual reproduction in plants. The children explored how some plants can reproduce naturally and have carefully chosen and planted species that will continue to grow and spread over time.

Year 6: Determination Class

We are proud of Determination Class for their conduct this week. During a multi school trip on Tuesday they were the best-behaved school and on Wednesday the swimming teacher commented on how amazing their behaviour was. We are so very proud of them.

Celebrating Achievements out of School

Freya for her medals in both the 50m breaststroke and 100m breaststroke in a recent swimming competition for Hoddesdon Swimming Club.

Presentation Champions

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EYFS - everyone for trying to write their graphemes.

Year 1 - Empathy - Kira

Year 2 - Kindness - Samantha

Year 3/4- Innovation - Ralph

Year 3/4- Imagination - Jessie and Billie-Rae

Year 5 - Perseverance - Evie

Year 6 - Determination - Oscar

Attendance Focus

WHOLE SCHOOL: 95.5%

CLASS WINNERS: IMAGINATION CLASS with 100 %

A big thank you to all our families for your continued support with school attendance. Every school day matters, and regular attendance gives children the best opportunity to learn, make progress, build friendships and enjoy all that school has to offer.

As a guide, we encourage children to aim for 95%+ attendance wherever possible. An attendance figure of 90% means missing around 19 days of school across a full 190-day school year, while missing 10% or more is classed by the Department for Education as persistent absence.

Our aim is to work positively with families to remove barriers and support every child to attend school as regularly as possible.

Let's work together to make every school day count!

Messages from the Office



Please can all parents remember that the staff car park is not to be used by parents without the expressed permission of Mrs Fitts.

Internet Safety

How can parents manage parental controls for different ages?
<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/question/managing-parental-controls-for-different-ages/>

PTA

Harvest Festival: Thank you to everyone who has already donated, there is still time so please give what you can do celebrate this wonderful occasion.



Starting School in
SEPTEMBER 2027?

EYFS RECEPTION OPEN SESSIONS

Come and discover what makes Forres Primary Academy
a wonderful place to **learn, grow and thrive!**

We warmly invite prospective families to visit our happy, nurturing school
and experience our outstanding Early Years environment.

OPEN SESSION DATES



SATURDAY
3 OCTOBER
2026



9:30am – 12:00pm



SATURDAY
21 NOVEMBER
2026



9:30am – 12:00pm



THURSDAY
10 DECEMBER
2026



6:00pm – 8:00pm

CHILDREN WELCOME!

Bring your child along to explore our classrooms,
outdoor learning spaces and friendly school
community.

During your visit you can:

- ✓ Meet our Reception team
- ✓ Tour the school
- ✓ Learn about our Early Years curriculum
- ✓ Discover how we help every child flourish
- ✓ Ask any questions about starting school

CAN'T MAKE AN OPEN SESSION?

We would be delighted to arrange
a personal tour of the school.



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what makes Forres
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a special place to
**learn, grow and
thrive!**



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We look forward to
welcoming you and your family! 



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Thank you to our wonderful families for sharing this via your Social Media platforms, we have
already had several requests for tours.

FREE EVENT
FAMILIES TOGETHER
SUMMER SEND
COMMUNITY FREE HOT MEAL

21 SEPT
2026

WORMLEY
COMMUNITY

4:30PM
7:00PM



A Warm, Welcoming Space for Families
Join us for a relaxed community meal designed for bringing families together, navigating SEND challenges.



Sensory play,
crafts & games



Emotional
regulation activities



Informal
Conversations



Wormley Community Centre
Fairfield Drive, Broxbourne,
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Empowering individuals to reach their potential





Parenting when separated for parents of SEN children - online programme

Come along to our six-session programme, specifically tailored to help separated parents navigate the complexities of co-parenting and provide the best possible support for their SEND child. This is a valuable opportunity to enhance co-parenting skills, support children's development and build a strong foundation for the future.

The programme includes:

- Understanding SEN and its impact on children and family dynamics
- Effective communication skills
- Managing emotions and stress
- Collaborative problem solving
- Building a supportive network
- Creating a unified parenting approach

Dates and times

Date: Tuesday 13th and 20th October, 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th November 2026
Time: 9.30am to 11.30am

Date: Wednesday 14th and 21st October, 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th November 2026
Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

This will be delivered online via MS TEAMS



For more information or to make a referral, scan the QR code, email services@coramfamilylives.org.uk or call 0204 522 8700 or 0204 522 8701

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