



Newsletter #3 Friday 25th September 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week here at Forres Primary Academy. On Monday in Assembly we discussed kindness and how we can spread positivity. The children took part in their first fire drill of the year, we were so proud of how quietly and sensibly they left the building. A special shout out to Confidence (Reception) class, as this was their first time doing a drill like this at school.

On Tuesday we welcomed in a Safeguarding specialist (Emma) who conducted an audit, she was impressed with our staff and their knowledge, as well as our wonderful children, who spoke confidently about the ways they are kept safe at school and how happy they are to attend Forres.

On Wednesday we welcomed some of our Year 6 parents/carers in to talk about the upcoming residential trip to Grafham. For those who were unable to make the meeting, you should have

received the presentation slides for your information. If you have any questions please speak to the Year 6 Team.

Thank you to our Year 6 families for supporting the children this week to attend their Booster sessions, its very much appreciated and the adults involved had nothing but positive praise for the engagement and enthusiasm.

*We are excited to share that Forres Primary Academy is now on Instagram, another way for us to communicate with our families and share some of the wonderful things going on here. Our Instagram is **@forresprimaryacademy** Please follow, like and share our page!*

***A polite reminder:** Please can we ask that any school books taken home are looked after carefully. We understand that accidents can happen, but we have unfortunately had a few books damaged recently. We would really appreciate your help in keeping our books in good condition so that they can continue to be enjoyed by all of our children. Thank you for your understanding and support.*

Mrs Rebecca Fitts

Headteacher

IMPORTANT DAIRY DATES

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 December

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 Great progress learning.

Year 1: Empathy Class

We are proud of Empathy Class for I am very proud of year 1 for their hard work during an art lesson where we were experimenting with paint and how to use a brush in many different ways, they could remember all of the steps.

Year 2: Kindness Class

We are proud of Kindness Class for Working independently with their writing especially in their English.

Year 3/4: Imagination Class

We are proud of Imagination Class for I am proud of their attendance and focus during morning learning activities.

Year 3/4: Innovation Class

We are proud of Innovation Class for For working hard on their adventure stories that they have been writing in English.

Year 5: Perseverance Class

We are proud of Perseverance Class for I'm so proud of my class for the pride they are taking in their learning every day. It has been wonderful to see the care and effort they put into their work, and the high standard of presentation they consistently achieve across all lessons.

Year 6: Determination Class

We are proud of Determination Class for How welcoming and friendly the class has been to a new pupil that joined us this week.

Celebrating Achievements out of School

Freddie H for learning to balance on the bike, something he was never able to do at home

Ava J - completed the summer reading challenge at the Library.

Casey C – Completed in Karate tournament - and Won first place.

Year 6 Layers of the earth 3D models – AMAZING.

Presentation Champions



EYFS - Violet and Angelo won the king and queen award for taking special care when following curvy lines.

Year 1 - Empathy - Teddy M

Year 2 - Kindness - Aida W

Year 3/4- Innovation - Nathan

Year 3/4- Imagination - Chloe H

Year 5 - Perseverance - Ava C

Year 6 - Determination - Alexis Y

Attendance Focus

WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.3%

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

[Advice for Parents and Carers: Phones](#)

Included in this article:

How to start a conversation with your child about using a phone safely.

Top Tips and exploring parental controls.



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
Primary Academy
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.*

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