



Foxhills Infant School



Newsletter - Summer Term 1



**Friday 22nd May
2026**

Welcome to our Foxhills Infant School Newsletter.

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

Year R

This term, the children continued to build their confidence and curiosity across all areas of learning. In Maths, they explored patterns, odd and even numbers, doubling and halving, and practised number bonds through fun games and practical activities. In Literacy, the children developed their reading and writing skills, focusing on capital letters, early sentence writing, and exploring new vocabulary through stories and discussions.

In Science, the children investigated light and sound through exciting hands-on activities, while in History and Geography they learned about significant people, timelines, and where the UK fits in the wider world. Creative learning continued through sculpture in Art, transport design in DT, and musical storytelling inspired by *The Rainbow Fish*. The children also explored resilience in RSHE and

discussed special objects and why they are important to different people in RE.

A huge well done to all of the children for their fantastic six weeks at Forest School. They absolutely loved the experience and were amazing throughout — showing enthusiasm, teamwork, resilience, and brilliant behaviour every week. We are so proud of them all!

We were also incredibly proud of the children during our theatre trip to see *Zog*. They represented the school brilliantly with their excellent behaviour, enthusiasm, and excitement throughout the day, and it was wonderful to see how much they enjoyed the experience.



Year 1

We have had a fantastic half term in Year 1, full of exciting learning across all our subjects.

We started off with our trip to the care home where the whole year 1 team were proud of them all. Every child walked sensibly to the care home and joined in well with all activities when we were there.

In writing lessons, the children learned all about tenses. They discovered how to use the past, present and progressive tenses and applied them in their own stories and sentences. We practised spelling words with common prefixes and suffixes and focused on writing verbs correctly in different tenses. The children became much more confident in choosing the right tense for their writing. In maths, we explored fractions, learning about halves, thirds and quarters through practical activities and problem-solving. The children also began learning about position and direction using different language to explain turns. To finish this half term of maths the children learnt how to tell time with o'clock and half past.

In science, we investigated the four seasons. The children observed how the weather changes throughout the year and how this affects the length of daylight. They made careful





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observations and enjoyed filling in a weather chart each day. They also enjoyed getting outside to experience the seasonal changes first hand.



us all the way to the South Pole to link with our history learning! The children found out what this icy part of the world is like by studying maps and aerial photos. They learned that the South Pole is actually a desert and discovered that people don't live there permanently, but scientists work in special stations to study the environment.

In art, the children explored sculpture and 3D form. They experimented with different materials to create their own imaginative sculptures out of playdough ready to replicate these sculptures with clay next half term. It was lovely to see their creativity come to life in such hands-on ways. This half term in computer was also very hands on learning with the children learning how to use digital devices safely and responsibly. They practised giving instructions to a beebot and working out how to debug an algorithm.

During our RE lessons, the children explored the idea of belonging. They thought about the groups they are part of and learned about Judaism, with a focus on the celebration of Shabbat. They discovered how Jewish families come together on this special day to rest, eat and celebrate. In RSHE the children learned all about healthy eating. They talked about how fruits and vegetables help their bodies grow strong and discussed how

to make healthy food choices in everyday life.

It has been a busy and brilliant half term. We are so proud of everything the children have achieved, and we're looking forward to more exciting learning ahead!

Year 2

Year 2 have had a very busy and exciting half term, with lots of fantastic learning taking place across the curriculum.

In Maths, the children have been learning about money and measurement, including working out change and reading lots of different types of scales. Next half term their focus will switch to time, so please use any opportunity for them to practice over half term. In Science, they have explored how plants grow and what they need to stay healthy, while in History they have compared the lives of Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II, which included creating some royal portraits.

Our Geography learning has focused on comparing the United Kingdom with Australia, using maps and aerial photographs to identify human and physical features. In Computing, the children have created charts and pictograms using their own data and have also learned about staying safe online.

In English, the children have continued to build their reading



In history, the children learned about the famous explorer Ernest Shackleton. They explored his adventurous journey to Antarctica and discussed why he is remembered today. We also compared life during Shackleton's time with life now, helping the children to develop a stronger understanding of the past. Our geography lessons took





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fluency and have written diary entries and imaginative reports linked to their learning. In RSHE and RE, they have explored how to look after themselves and learned about special books, including the Bible and the Torah.

This week we loved sharing our maypole performances with our grown ups, and alongside this our PE sessions have also been focused on preparing for sports day. We have also thoroughly enjoyed our Forest School sessions this half term, where the children have shown fantastic teamwork and enthusiasm while learning outdoors. Excitement is also building as preparations have begun for our end-of-year performance, The Bee Musical, and we cannot wait to share it with you later in the year!



Diary Dates:



- **25.05.26 -31.05.26** – May Half Term
- **Tuesday 2nd June** – Father's Day gift shop deadline for pre-orders.
- **Tuesday 2nd June** – Pupil voice visit to Basic Food Bank
- **Wednesday 3rd June** – Hallett Class Photos
- **Friday 5th June** – FOF Dress down day & bring a hamper item.
- **Friday 5th June** - FOF Swap Shop
- **Sunday 7th June** – FOF Summer Fayre 1pm-4pm
- **8th – 12th June** – Year 1 Phonics Screening Test & Year 2 retakes
- **Friday 12th June** – FOF Father's Day Gift shop (pre-orders only)
- **Thursday 18th June** – Sports Day practice – **children to wear PE kit this day.**
- **Monday 22nd June** – Pupil Voice to visit Parliament
- **Tuesday 23rd June** – MHST Low mood parent workshop
- **Thursday 25th June** – Sports Day Morning Only (back up date Thursday 16th July)
- **Friday 26th June** – Inset Day
- **Thursday 2nd July** – Transition Day 1
- **Friday 3rd July** – Transition Day 2
- **Wednesday 8th July** – FOF Shorts & Shades Summer Disco
- **Friday 10th July** – Year 2 leavers concert to parents 9:15am and 2pm
- **Tuesday 14th July** – Rocksteady Concert 2:30pm – Invites to be sent
- **Friday 17th July** – FOF Swap Shop
- **Wednesday 22nd July** – 12pm Family Picnic
- **Wednesday 22nd July** – Last Day of Term 1.15pm finish.
- **Wednesday 2nd September** – Start of term (Years 1 and 2 only)

Important Notices

Inset Days for the Academic Year 2026-2027

Autumn Term

- Tuesday 1st September 2026
- Friday 9th October 2026
- Monday 12th October 2026

Spring Term

- Friday 12th March 2027

Summer Term

- Friday 25th June 2027



No Drive Zone

08:20 - 08:45

15:00 - 15:25



Parking Reminder

Please ensure you are parking with caution around the school area. We recently took a call from a local resident who raised concerns about parents parking opposite the road entrance.

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.**





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Holiday Clubs

We have been informed of fun activities that will take place during the May half term, please follow this link for more information;

<https://www.foxhillsinf.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Local+Activities%2C+Clubs+%26+Events&pid=107>

Sporting Event Photos

All photos taken of our sporting events will be found on our website here;

<https://www.foxhills-jun.hants.sch.uk/gallery/?pid=62&gcid=4>

Scholastic Book Fair



Thank you for supporting our recent book fair. The children thoroughly enjoyed visiting the fair with their classes and choosing from a range of exciting titles, as well as the odd bit of stationery!

We are delighted to say that the fair took over £1024 in revenue and our schools now benefit from over £500 in commission that we can spend on new stock for our libraries. Throughout the year, both Infants and Junior schools receive new books to add to our libraries for all children to enjoy.

The next book fair has been booked from 10th November 2026 - a date for the diary!

For more information and to purchase books from Scholastic, please visit

<https://www.scholastic.co.uk/>



Bookshop Dates

<u>Year R</u>	<u>Year 1 and 2</u>
17 th June	3 rd June 24 th June

PE Days for next half term

Monday – ACE Sports

Tuesday – Year 2

Wednesday – Year 1

Thursday – Year R

Friday – Year 1 and Year 2

Skoolkit Summer Discount Week

Skoolkit will be holding a 10% discount week in their Totton store from Monday 29th June – Saturday 4th July.



Food Treats

From Monday 20th April 2026, staff will no longer be able to accept or distribute food treats brought in to celebrate children's birthdays or other occasions. This change has been introduced following a couple of recent near misses, where children with

allergies were given sweets or chocolates that they are allergic or intolerant to.

Thank you for your understanding as we prioritise the safety and wellbeing of all children.

Ace Sports – Summer Holiday Club at Foxhills!

At Ace Sports we are counting down the days to The Summer Holidays!!

We are getting set for our first ever Holiday Club at The Foxhills Federation with 3 weeks of action-packed FUN to look forward to!

Our Summer Holiday Clubs will run on the following dates...

- Monday 27th to Thursday 30th July
- Monday 10th to Thursday 14th August
- Monday 17th to Thursday 20th August

You can book individual days or all 4 days in a week for just £110! We are booking up very quickly and already have limited availability remaining already.

We also offer sibling discounts, payment via childcare vouchers and extended day passes as well as a HUGE range of FUN Sports & Activities!!





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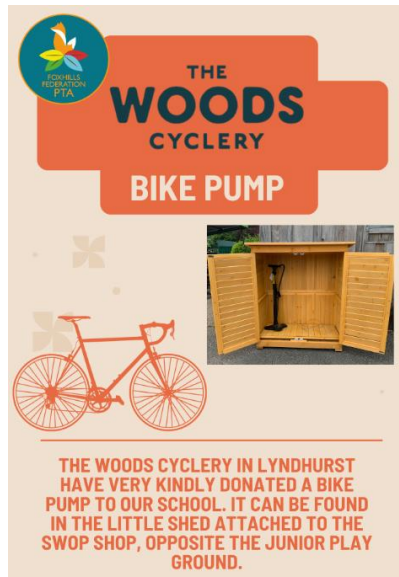
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We also have our Cycling Day on 30th July. Further info online.

Please go to <https://www.acesportsandeducation.com/holidayclubs> for more info & to secure your child a place. Full info can be found in the attached poster.

Please get in touch with Ace Sports directly if you have any questions.

The Woods Cyclery, Lyndhurst have very kindly donated a bike pump to our school. This can be found in the little shed attached to the swap shop, opposite the junior playground.



Friends of Foxhills Notices

Sunday 7th June – FOF
Summer Fayre
1.00pm – 4.00pm



Friends of Foxhills' Swap Shop

- Friday 5th June 2026
- Friday 17th July 2026

