

FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 10 : 28th February 2025



Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

I hope you all had a great half term. I must confess after the residential and OFSTED, I was truly ready for a rest 😊

I was so happy and relieved to finally be able to share with you the results of our OFSTED, thank you to those who have kindly congratulated us on the results. We are very happy with the outcome and a banner is being created as I write, to confirm and celebrate our success with our neighbours.

I am very much looking forward to this afternoon, when we will be singing to the ladies and gentlemen at 'Books and Bakes' in the village hall. Thank you to Mrs. Sanders for organising this and for teaching the children the songs.

We are pleased to welcome Willow, Lara and their families to our school community, I am sure you will make them all welcome. However, it was with great sadness that we had to say goodbye to Mary Ward, we wish her every happiness in her new school.

Have a great weekend

Please take very special care, Ms Turner and the Farthinghoe Team

Notices

- Our comprehensive school calendar is available at the bottom of the homepage of our school website – it is a Google calendar so can be synced with your own, if you have one
- **Children will not be allowed to play outside if they do not have a coat**

World Book Day Celebrations, to take place on Friday 7th March

During Tuesday's assembly, Ms Turner spoke to the children about our plans for World Book Day next Friday. The children are invited to come in dressed as their favourite book character (optional) and we will be having a fun 'book scavenger hunt' during the school day.

Proposed year 5 and 6 residential trip, February 2026

Thank you to those of you that have already expressed an interest in your child attending a residential trip to Longtown in February 2026 (current year 4/5 children). We are working hard to obtain the most competitive pricing for the trip and we are confident that it will not cost more than the £341.00 quoted (based on the majority of the class attending). If you have not yet returned your interest form, there is still time. Alternatively, you can email Mrs Woolacott a yes/no.

ClubsComplete – parent meeting

A representative from our new after school club provider, Clubs Complete, will be holding a parent meeting after school next Thursday (3.15pm). She will be running through the different daily activities and the offering from the provision. The club has now received its OFSTED registration; therefore, they are able to accept childcare vouchers. We hope you can come along to learn more about how our wrap around care can support your family.

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Pancake Day races, Tuesday 4th March

We shall be holding our annual pancake day races on the playground, from 2.45pm on Tuesday. We do hope you can join us to cheer the children on. If children can please bring in a name labelled frying pan (one per family will suffice) that would be great.

Music lessons with Northamptonshire Music & Performing Arts Trust

Mrs Mold comes into school every Thursday morning to teach guitar, violin and piano to the children. Her lessons are 10 minutes long and the cost is £8.33/week. If your child would be interested in signing up, please speak to Mrs Woolacott.

Term dates, 2025-2026

Our term dates for the next academic year have now been confirmed. They can be found on our school website (<https://www.farthinghoeprimaryschool.co.uk/term-dates.html>). We kindly remind you not to book holidays during term time.

Note from Farthinghoe Parish Council

Residents and Councillors,

Your parish council have set up an e-petition to ask WNC to reinstate Farthinghoe Bypass in the WNC Local Transport Plan:

<https://westnorthants.moderngov.co.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?id=34>

The local transport plan is a WNC document that plans expenditure on roads for up to 40 years ahead. WNC have removed a Bypass option for Farthinghoe.

By removing the option of having a Bypass there will be no chance of one being considered in the long term. The parish council have repeatedly asked that a bypass option remains on the local transport plan. Their requests have been totally ignored.

Please sign the petition and circulate to show the strength of local feeling against this decision by WNC.



Star of the Week Award

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded the 'Star of the Week' award

- EYFS, Year 1 & 2 – Willow
- Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 – Monty & Zac



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 4th March, 2.45pm – Pancake Day races– please join us on the playground

Thursday 6th March, 3.15pm – Parent meeting with Clubs Complete representative

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day (celebrations to take place on Friday)

Friday 7th March – World Book Day celebrations – dress as your favourite book character

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Monday 10th March – EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2 trip to Cadbury's World

Tuesday 11th March – School Ties meeting in the Library – all welcome to attend

Wednesday 2nd April – School Ties 'Boots & Bonnets' Easter Hunt at the Village Hall

Friday 4th April – End of Term

Wednesday 16th April – Primary school places to be confirmed

Tuesday 22nd April – INSET, school closed to pupils

Wednesday 23rd April – Back to School

Thursday 8th May, 2.30pm – VE day sing-a-long, all welcome to join us on the playground

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