



# Newsletter – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to everyone for the beginning of another school year and a very warm welcome to all the children and families who have joined us at Turnfurlong Infant School this week.

Whilst I hope everyone enjoyed the Summer holidays, the first few days of September are one of my favourite times of year. Everything has a 'new start' and 'back to school' feel that is energising and exciting. I also always love to see how the children seem to 'grow' into their new year group at the beginning of September. The children, including our new Reception children, have made a great start to the year and everyone is settling in well.

I'd also like to give my thanks to all of you for remembering where your children's new classrooms are. I was ready to start giving directions to where everyone needed to be but it wasn't necessary so 'gold stars' all round!

This newsletter has some dates for your diary and a few reminders for the beginning of the year. Please note that dates do get added to the calendar during the year.

## **Attendance and punctuality**

Our school day begins at 8.45 am and children who arrive after this time are recorded as arriving late. Arriving at school on time helps your child have a more settled start to their day and helps them to be ready to learn.

## **Timings of the school day**

- Gates open to parents: 8.25 am
- Classrooms open to children: 8.35 am
- All children in school and learning begins: 8.45 am
- **Gates are locked at 8.45 am.**
  
- Gates open to parents: 3.00 pm
- Children are dismissed to go home: 3.15 pm

Traffic congestion in the Turnfurlong area is very challenging so we would always advise families to walk, cycle or scoot all or part of the way to school if you are able to. If you do have to use a car, I know that roadworks can at times seem to pop up with no warning. Keeping up to date with any planned roadworks that affect your journey can help you to plan when you'll need to leave home earlier. <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/check-for-roadworks-and-closures/>

If parents wish to take their child out of school during term time for any reason other than a medical appointment they must make a request to do so at least two weeks in advance, in writing and complete a leave of absence request form. The form is available from the school office. Please note that there are very few circumstances where headteachers can authorise absence. Our attendance policy is on the school website and lists which circumstances would be considered exceptional.

## **Parking**

Please can we politely remind you to park with care and consideration for local residents and other road users when you drop off and pick up from school. Parents should not be parking in the staff car parks of either the Infant school or the Junior school. The only exception is if the car has a blue badge, and the person entitled to park in the blue badge bay is the person who is collecting their child from school.

## **Junior school car park**

We would like to remind all parents that they should only use the pedestrian gates as entry and exit points to the Infant school, and not walk through the Junior school car park. This is not a safe route for children or parents when it is in constant use for staff parking and delivery vans.

Parents using Little Rascals or dropping off or collecting from Nursery should not park in the Junior school car park at any time.

## **Change of address? Change of contact details?**

Please don't forget to let the office know your new address if you have moved house or your new phone number or email address if this has changed.

**PE days** are as follows:

2C & 2S	Tuesday afternoon
1B & 2M	Wednesday afternoon
All Reception classes	Thursday morning
1H & 1P	Thursday afternoon

Please ensure that PE kits are in school, and children do not wear earrings if they are unable to take them out themselves. Thank you.

## **Reading**

Our first INSET day of the year this week was a refresher for staff on how we teach Read Write Inc phonics. We are going to be integrating the teaching of reading into our phonics sessions and we will just be using the Read Write Inc reading books for this. There will also be changes to home reading and therefore I will send out much more detailed information to parents next Friday.

<b>TERM DATES 2025-26</b>		
	<b>Open on morning of</b>	<b>Close at end of afternoon of</b>
<b>Autumn Term</b>	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025
	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025
<b>Spring Term</b>	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
<b>Summer Term</b>	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026
	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2026
<b>Staff Training Days</b>	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025 Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025 Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 (school closed)	

<b>KEY DATES - 2025-26</b>	
<b>September</b>	
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	FoTIS AGM, 7.15 pm in the school hall
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	SATs workshop for Year 2 parents, 9.00 am
<b>October</b>	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	OPAL stay and play for parents, 9.00 -10.00 am
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Parent information target sheets sent home
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Photographer in for individual photos
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Discussions 5.30-7.30 pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Discussions 3.30-4.30 pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Discussions 3.30-4.30 pm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Harvest Assembly, 9.15 am
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Parent involvement morning – Oracy
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Staff training day (children not in school)
<b>November</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Staff training day (children not in school)
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Diwali dance with Kalpesh
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Flu immunisations (Reception-Year 2)

<b>December</b>	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Christmas production, 9.15 am
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Christmas production, 9.15 am
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Christmas production, 9.15 am
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas party day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Carols around the tree (afternoon)
<b>January</b>	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Staff training day (children not in school)
<b>February</b>	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Parent involvement morning
<b>March</b>	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Discussions 5.30-7.30 pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Discussions 3.30-4.30 pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Discussions 3.30-4.30 pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Eid party
<b>May</b>	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 SATs week 1
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Pyjamarama Day
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 SATs week 2
<b>June</b>	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Phonics check / Year 2 recheck week
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting for new parents (starting school in September 2026)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Open Evening
<b>July</b>	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Beach Day
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Move up day 1
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Move up day 2
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day (am)