



# Newsletter – 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

---

Dear Parents

There aren't many weeks that go by when something a little bit different doesn't happen at Turnfurlong Infant School. This week Year 1 had some special visitors to school when the local fire crew came to visit us with the fire engine. This visit supported children's learning in RE as part of our 'people who help us' theme and will be one that I hope the children remember and talk about in the future. The power washing of the playground with the fire engine's hose was certainly something to see!

This newsletter contains updates, reminders and information about a new learning resource to use at home.

## **Safeguarding – Keeping safe online at home**

The internet and being online is part of our everyday life in so many ways but keeping children safe online has never been more important. We have attached a special safeguarding newsletter this week to help us work together to keep children safe at home and school.

## **Health and Safety – blocking the steps and ramp at picking up time**

Please can I politely remind everyone who collects from Reception classrooms not to block the steps and the ramp leading up to the Year 1 classrooms. Year 1 teachers need to be able to see the adults who are collecting the from their classes and the children need to be able to be handed over safely.

## **Read Write Inc online pathways (learning at home)**

All children who are reading with the Read Write Inc scheme who moved colour bands have got new online pathways to help them with their reading at home. We sent links to parents via ParentMail last week and we hope that you enjoy using these at home together.

## **Purple Mash (learning at home)**

Purple Mash is the online scheme that we use in school for teaching computing but it also has resources that we use to enhance learning in other areas of the curriculum, for example History. All the children have an individual login to Purple Mash that they use in school and we'd like to share this with you so that you can explore learning activities across the curriculum with your child at home, if you would like to.

We will be putting every child's individual login information into their yellow home/school book, so keep an eye out for this.

## **Read Write Inc reading books – please take care of them**

Please, please, please take good care of the reading books that children take home from school. When your child brings their book back another child will need to be able to borrow it. Please do not put water bottles in your child's book bag as they often leak and can damage the books they borrow from school.

Sadly, a lot of the grey Read Write Inc 'show off' black and white books that we have brought for home this year have already been lost. Read Write Inc books cannot be

purchased individually in a set and it costs up to £18 to replace a set of the 'black and white' books. Therefore, if your child loses their book or it is returned with water damage, we will be requesting a donation towards a replacement.

### **OPAL update**

Please could children bring some extra pairs of dry socks (to keep in the classroom) that they can change into, if they get wet feet. Our 'school spares' box has a short supply and wet toes get cold very quickly!

If you are having a post-Christmas clean out to make room for new items, please consider donating unwanted, used items to school to add to OPAL. These can be dropped off at the main office, or larger items can be left in the staff car park to be brought in and sorted.

We are desperately in need of

- Toy cars
- Action superhero figures
- Small world figures
- Old mobile phones, hairdryers, remote controls
- Sticklebricks
- Plastic toy animals
- Kitchen utensils e.g. spoons, spatulas
- Toasters, kettles, microwaves
- Scooters and ride on toys
- Drums and musical instruments
- Buckets and spades for the sand pits

If you, or someone you know works in industry, we would also like more

- Scaffold boards
- Plastic 25L barrels

We have enough saucepans, Lego, Brio and mega blocks for the time being, but thank you. Unfortunately, we cannot accept glass items, or very small parts as these are a choking hazard.

### **Relationships and Health Education meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 6.30pm-7.30pm**

Relationships and Health Education (RHE) is a subject that all schools have to teach from Year 1 onwards. However, please note that we don't teach Sex Education in Year 1 and 2. New statutory requirements for schools were published by the Department for Education in July 2025 and schools must introduce these in September 2027.

These can be found here:

[Relationships and sex education \(RSE\) and health education - GOV.UK](#)

Whenever schools revise their RHE curriculum they should share this with parents and therefore I am holding a meeting for parents about this. Please come along to find out what we teach, how we teach it, what is changing in September and to have your questions answered.

## FoTIS Updates

### Fundraising Update

We have some great fundraising initiatives lined up over the next couple of months: Tuck shop will be back on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January, Sponsored Bounce will take place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February and the Valentine's Bake Sale is back on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February after it's huge success last year.

FoTIS Volunteers 2025/26  
WhatsApp group



<b>KEY DATES - 2025-26</b>	
<b>January</b>	
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	FoTIS Sponsored Bounce Sponsorship Forms sent home in book bags
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	SEND Coffee Morning with our SENDco, Mrs Gerhardt, 9.00 -10.00 am
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	FoTIS Tuck Shop after school
<b>February</b>	
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	FoTIS Sponsored Bounce
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Parent involvement morning
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	FoTIS Non-Uniform Day in exchange for baked or bought donations for the Valentine's Bake Sale after school today in the playground
<b>March</b>	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Relationships and Health Education Meeting for Parents 6.30pm - 7.30pm
<b>w/c 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>NO DANCE OR SPORTS FACTOR CLUBS THIS WEEK</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
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	SEND Coffee Morning with our SENDCo, Mrs Gerhardt, 9.00 -10.00 am
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Eid party
<b>April</b>	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	SEND Coffee Morning with our SENDCo, Mrs Gerhardt, 9.00 -10.00 am
<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
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	SEND Coffee Morning with our SENDco, Mrs Gerhardt, 9.00 -10.00 am – <b>Year 2 parents only</b>
<b>July</b>	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Beach Day
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	FoTIS Summer Social
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Move up day 1
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Move up day 2
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	SEND Coffee Morning with our SENDco, Mrs Gerhardt, 9.00 -10.00 am
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Leavers' Assembly, 9.15 am
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day (am)

<b>TERM DATES 2025-26</b>		
	<b>Open on morning of</b>	<b>Close at end of afternoon of</b>
<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>TERM DATES 2026-27</b>		
	<b>Open on morning of</b>	<b>Close at end of afternoon of</b>
<b>Autumn Term</b>	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2026	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2026
	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2026	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2026
<b>Spring Term</b>	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2027	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2027
	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2027	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2027
<b>Summer Term</b>	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2027	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2027
	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2027	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2027
<b>Staff Training Days</b>	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2026 Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2026 Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2026 Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2027 Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2027	
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2027 (school closed)	