



Newsletter – 30th January 2026

Dear Parents

So here we are at the end of January. We had our first tuck shop of 2026 today and I'm really looking forward to the Sponsored Bounce which takes place in the hall next Friday. This is an event which all the children thoroughly enjoy but don't forget to bring your sponsorship forms back in by Thursday 12th February.

Parent Involvement morning – Thursday 12th February 9.00 am-10.30 am

This term's Parent Involvement morning has a maths theme. Join us in the hall to find out more about how we teach maths at Turnfurlong Infant School and then spend time in the classroom with your child to experience teaching and learning alongside them.

Relationships and Health Education meeting – Monday 2nd March 6.30 pm-7.30 pm

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.

PE

This is a reminder that children must have their PE kits in school, including plimsolls or trainers. **School shoes cannot be worn for PE.** On PE days, children should not wear earrings (unless they can remove them safely themselves).

PE days

Tuesdays - 2C & 2S

Wednesdays - 1B & 2M

Thursdays – 1H & 1P and all Reception classes

Is my child too ill to come to school?

Good attendance at school is absolutely critical to children making good progress in their learning.

If your child has a temperature please keep them at home, but if they have runny nose or a cough or a bit of a sore throat they should still come to school. We will always call parents to come to school and collect if we think that a child is too ill to be here. Children with diarrhoea or vomiting must stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

The NHS website has some good advice for parents to look at when deciding whether their child is well enough to come to school [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

FoTIS Updates

FoTIS Volunteers 2025/26
WhatsApp group



Sponsored Bounce

You should have all now received your child's 'Sponsored Bounce' Sponsorship form. This year we're excited to offer a way to pay your sponsorship online at <https://bounce.fotis.org.uk> - check the form for details. Remember that the deadline to volunteer to help at the event is Tuesday next week (3rd February).

Valentine's Bake Sale

We can't wait for this year's Valentine's Bake Sale, but we need your help to match the success of last year! We had some stunning cake and bakes donated last year and can't wait to see what you produce this time round! We will be collecting all cake and bake donations at drop off on Friday 13th February, and in exchange, children can wear non-uniform to school. Please ensure all ingredients are detailed clearly. All cakes and bakes will be available to buy from 3pm at pick up, so do bring parents and grandparents, as there will be something for everyone.

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!

We are still 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

KEY DATES - 2025-26	
February	
Friday 6 th	FoTIS Sponsored Bounce
Thursday 12 th	Parent involvement morning 9.00-10.30 am Last date for completed sponsorship forms to be returned
Friday 13 th	FoTIS Non-Uniform Day in exchange for baked or bought donations for the Valentine's Bake Sale after school today in the playground
March	
Monday 2 nd	Relationships and Health Education Meeting for Parents 6.30pm - 7.30pm
w/c 9th March	NO DANCE OR SPORTS FACTOR CLUBS THIS WEEK
Monday 9 th	Parent Discussions 5.30-7.30 pm
Tuesday 10 th	Parent Discussions 3.30-4.30 pm
Wednesday 11 th	Parent Discussions 3.30-4.30 pm
Monday 23 rd	SEND Coffee Morning with our SENDCo, Mrs Gerhardt, 9.00 -10.00 am
Wednesday 25 th	Eid party
April	
Monday 27 th	SEND Coffee Morning with our SENDCo, Mrs Gerhardt, 9.00 -10.00 am
May	
Monday 11 th	Year 2 SATs week 1
Friday 15 th	Pyjamarama Day
Monday 18 th	Year 2 SATs week 2
June	
Monday 8 th	Year 1 Phonics check / Year 2 recheck week
Monday 15 th	Meeting for new parents (starting school in September 2026)
Monday 22 nd	Open Evening
Monday 29 th	SEND Coffee Morning with our SENDco, Mrs Gerhardt, 9.00 -10.00 am – Year 2 parents only
July	
Friday 3 rd	Beach Day
Saturday 4 th	FoTIS Summer Social
Tuesday 7 th	Move up day 1
Wednesday 8 th	Move up day 2
Monday 13 th	SEND Coffee Morning with our SENDco, Mrs Gerhardt, 9.00 -10.00 am
Tuesday 14 th	Year 2 Leavers' Assembly, 9.15 am
Thursday 16 th	Sports Day (am)

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

TERM DATES 2026-27		
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Autumn Term	Thursday 3 rd September 2026	Friday 23 rd October 2026
	Tuesday 3 rd November 2026	Friday 18 th December 2026
Spring Term	Tuesday 5 th January 2027	Friday 12 th February 2027
	Monday 22 nd February 2027	Thursday 25 th March 2027
Summer Term	Monday 12 th April 2027	Thursday 27 th May 2027
	Monday 7 th June 2027	Wednesday 21 st July 2027
Staff Training Days	Tuesday 1 st September 2026 Wednesday 2 nd September 2026 Monday 2 nd November 2026 Monday 4 th January 2027 Friday 28 th May 2027	
Bank Holiday	Monday 3 rd May 2027 (school closed)	