



Newsletter – 6th February 2026

Dear Parents

What a wet week it has been! I have however been very impressed by the range of colourful umbrellas coming into the playground in the mornings. Spiderman and Stitch appear to be particularly popular. As we get ready for the last week before half-term, this newsletter has some dates and some reminders about things that are happening next week and in early March.

Safety in the mornings and at the end of the school

Just a reminder that children are the responsibility of their parents or carers until they are handed over to staff at the classroom door in the mornings. At the end of the school day, or after a club, children are our responsibility until the point that we hand them over to you at the classroom door or at the hall.

Please can we remind everyone that for Health and Safety reasons children should not play on the playground equipment or with the OPAL resources at the beginning or end of the school day. Please also keep a close eye on children as they move towards the school gates. They are often very excited to see you or they may want to go ahead with their friends. This can make them a little distracted and less able to hear you and therefore more at risk of an accident.

Chapped lips – lip balm and Vaseline

We know that chapped lips can be very sore and uncomfortable and that from time to time children may benefit from a lip balm or some Vaseline in school to ease this. If children do need to apply these, they should be named and given them to their teacher to keep. This stops children from sharing them with each other!

There does however seem to be a bit of beauty craze going on in Year 2 as lots of children are bringing in lip balms and tins of Vaseline, some of which are not strictly necessary. I suspect that some children may be asking to bring one into school because their friends are.

We are therefore going to send all lip balm and Vaseline tins home on Friday 13th. Please can we ask that children only return them to school after half term if they need them for very chapped lips. Thanks for your support with this.

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.

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

This will be a non-uniform day at school. Some children may like to dress up as a character, but this is entirely optional.

Children can come to school in costume or in non-uniform but, as always, please make sure that shoes and clothing are suitable for outdoor play and learning.

Reception children have PE on Thursdays. If your child wants to come to school in a costume, please can they also bring their PE kit in a bag to change into when it's PE time.

February Half Term at Discover Bucks Museum

This February half term, dive into hands-on fun with sand art, dragon puppets for Chinese New Year, superhero capes and masks, plus dazzling rainbow science. Make a day of it and explore the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery, discover the 'I Grew Up 90's' exhibition (closing 22nd February), family trail and sensory room for a week packed with imagination and discovery.

FoTIS Updates

FoTIS Volunteers 2025/26
WhatsApp group



Sponsored Bounce

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped make today's Sponsored Bounce event such a success! Remember to send all completed sponsorship forms and sponsorship in to school by Thursday next week (12th). Sponsorship payments can be made by cash, cheque or card. For card payments, the link is <https://bounce.fotis.org.uk> Please remember to add the payment reference to your child's sponsorship form.

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.

Borrowed clothes from school

If your child has come home with clothes borrowed from school, please would you wash and return them as soon as possible. Our stocks of clothes which we use when children get wet at playtime are currently very low. Thank you.

KEY DATES - 2025-26	
February	
Thursday 12 th	Parent involvement morning 9.00-10.30 am Last date for completed 'Sponsored Bounce' 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
Tuesday 28 th	Year 2 trip to Woburn Safari Park (further details to follow) Coaches return at 4.00 pm
May	
Wednesday 6 th	Year 1 trip to Warwick Castle (further details to follow) Coaches return at 4.15 pm
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 14th	Year 2 Leavers' Assembly, 9.15 am
Thursday 16th	Sports Day (am)

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	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)	

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