



Newsletter – 27th February 2026

Dear Parents

I hope that everyone had a good half term. My drive to work has suddenly become much lighter and the daffodils are in full bloom which are always the first signs that Spring is just around the corner. After such a wet first half of term let's keep our fingers crossed for some sunshine!

With the beginning of Lent, Ramadan and the Lunar New Year all coinciding on the calendar, it is a busy time for many of our families. As always, we will be using the children's experiences as a starting point for respectful conversations about similarities and differences at home.

Buckinghamshire Schools Awards – Teacher of the Year, Teaching Assistant of the Year 2026

Since 2023, Turnfurlong Infant School has been a finalist in at least one of the categories of the Buckinghamshire Schools Awards. In previous years I have nominated teams within the school and last year our Governing Body were finalists. However, I haven't ever nominated a teacher or a teaching assistant within our team because it's impossible for me to nominate just one person from our team. So, this year I'm putting this out to our school community. Is there a teacher or a teaching assistant at Turnfurlong Infant School that you feel has gone the extra mile for your child? If there is, please email the office to tell us who you think deserves a nomination and why.

Nominations need to be emailed to the school by 3pm on Monday 9th March.

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.

Yes day – Friday 20th March

This is a really fun FoTIS fundraising day. Children pay a suggested donation to £1 to

- wear non-uniform
- nail varnish
- face paint
- temporary tattoos
- hair accessories etc

Children donate for each extra thing they do. For example a child wearing non-uniform AND face paint would make two donations.

Health and Safety – helmets for bikes and scooters

We know that many of our children like to scoot or cycle their way into school. Please can we take this opportunity to remind you of how important it is to make sure that children are wearing a helmet to keep themselves safe.

Helmets help to prevent head injuries. When riding a bike or scooter, or when riding on the back of your bike, your child should wear a helmet that fits properly, and with the chin strap fastened.

Toys from home

Please can we remind parents that children should not be bringing toys from home into school. This includes soft toys.

We have lots of toys for the children to use in school and bringing things from home risks things being broken, lost or damaged. Thanks for your support with this

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.

Snacks at playtime

All of the children in our school are able to have a piece of free fruit every day. This is a health initiative that the Government funds and provides for children in Early Years and Key Stage 1. Children should therefore not be bringing in snacks from home, such as crackers, to eat for snack at playtime.

FoTIS Updates

Fundraising Update

Thank you to everyone that donated to the Valentine's Bake Sale the last day of term. It was an incredibly popular event and raised amazing £634.66 towards our total! We hope you all enjoyed the treats you bought!

Thank you also to everyone that returned Sponsored Bounce sponsorship to school - it raised a record £2,150.35!

As a result of these and other smaller events, our total raised towards new books for the library stands at over £7,000!

FoTIS Volunteers 2025/26
WhatsApp group



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KEY DATES - 2025-26	
March	
Monday 2 nd	Relationships and Health Education Meeting for Parents 6.30pm -7.30pm
Thursday 5 th	World Book Day
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
Friday 20 th	FoTIS 'Yes you can!' day For one day only, children can wear non-uniform, nail varnish, face paint, temporary tattoos and hair accessories etc. Suggested donation £1 for every 'Yes'.
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 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 (2nd half)	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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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	
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