



Newsletter

Week 5 – 06 - 12 - 24

F O R E W O R D



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week with lots going on, especially with the build up to the end of term.

Before going into that, I would like to say how great it was to see so many people at our Christmas Fayre last Friday. It was a superb event and I would like to say a special thanks to our Friends and helpers for making it happen.

On Tuesday Year 1 went to The Milestones Living Museum, which is in Basingstoke. This is related to their topic of Toys through history. On Thursday our Year 3's had a themed workshop day about the Ancient Egyptians, which looked great fun and today we mixed up our Junior daily mile with a Santa Dash! I have to admit I did enjoy throwing snowballs at Year 6!

David Masters

U P D A T E S

Week Attendance:

National Target: 95% +

National Actual YTD: 95.1%

FCVS Infants: **92.8%**

FCVS Juniors: **93.2%**

- **Grapes:** We have recently had a discussion in school about having grapes for snacks or packed lunch. We will from now on leave it to your discretion but would advise you to cut them lengthways, especially for Infant children, as they are a potential choking hazard.
- **Clubs:** Due to feedback from a parent we have been looking at clubs offered for the Juniors and we agree there are not many options apart from sport. We will be looking to provide more variety next half term. In the meantime, could you please complete this question, to help us source clubs – <https://forms.office.com/e/YLYrwZFr9C>
- **Christmas Tree:** We would like to say a massive thank you to Mrs Guillo who works in the Infant office for donating our Christmas Tree.



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Diary Dates

Key	
<p>This is a working document and will change over the year, therefore we use this colour key to show how updated versions are the same or different to previously sent.</p> <p>It is intended to be a list of events so they can be saved in diaries. Alternatively, you can subscribe to our online calendar using this link: https://farnhamcommonjunior.secure-primariesite.net/diary/grid/2024/01/</p>	
	What has stayed the same
	What is new
	What has been changed from previously stated
ED	An 'Event Details' document will be sent home

Date/Time	Event
Autumn 2 2024-25 Monday 4th November – Friday 20th December	
Tuesday 10 th December 9:30am	KS1 Christmas Show ED
Wednesday 11 th December 9:30am	KS1 Christmas Show ED
Wednesday 11 th December	<p>Christmas Lunch at both schools</p> <p>Infants: This is a gentle reminder for infant school parents to submit children's lunch choices for 29th November, 4th December and 11th December (Christmas Lunch day). Please fill in the form even if you are going to have a packed lunch on any of those days to help us minimise food wastage. Here is the link to the form Festive Season Lunches. Many thanks.</p> <p>Juniors: Orders will be sent out on Tuesday 26th with the usual lunch order. Deadline is 9am on Monday 2nd December 2024. No orders will be taken after this time.</p>



Thursday 12 th December 9:30am	EYFS Christmas Sing-Along ED
Thursday 12 th December 9:10am in Hall	Year 5 Viking Parent Assembly
Friday 13 th December 9:30am	EYFS Christmas Sing-Along ED
Wednesday 18 th December Years 3+4 2:00pm Years 5+6 2:30pm	Carols ED
Spring 1 2024-25 Monday 6th January – Friday 14th February	
Monday 6 th January	INSET Day – Schools Closed
Friday 24 th January	Target sheet for parent consultations to go home
Tuesday 28 th January 2:00pm – 5:00pm	Parent Consultations Learning and Progress Based (All except Hawthorn – tbc)
Wednesday 29 th January	Parent Consultations Hawthorn and Linden – times tbc
Thursday 30 th January 4:00pm 7:00pm	Parent Consultations Learning and Progress Based (All except Linden – tbc)
Monday 10 th February	Junior Choir to Young Voices at Wembley
Spring 2 2024-25 Monday 24th February Friday 4th April	
Monday 24 th February	Junior Book fair until 3 rd March
Wednesday 26 th February	Prospective Parents Open Evening
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day (Dressing up) ED
Monday 14 th March	Junior Theatre Group in School The Jungle Book
Summer 1 2024-25 Tuesday 22nd April – Friday 23rd May	
Monday 12 th May – Thursday 15 th May	KS2 SAT's Week – Year 6
Friday 23 rd May	INSET Day – Schools Closed
Summer 2 2024-25 Tuesday 2nd June – Wednesday 23rd July	



Monday 2 nd June – Friday 13 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Test Window
Thursday 5 th June	Meeting about Secondary Transfer Test and applying for secondary school – Year 5's
Wednesday 11 th June	KS2 Celebration of Work Year 3 to Year 6 ED
Thursday 12 th June	EYFS and KS1 Celebration of Work Nursery to Year 2 ED
Monday 16 th June – Friday 20 th June	Year 6 River Dart Residential
Tuesday 24 th June	New Reception Parents Meeting
Thursday 26 th June	New Year 3 Parents Meeting
Thursday 26 th June	Junior Clock Sports
Thursday 26 th June	New Classes Letters to Parents
Friday 27 th June	Sports Day ED
Tuesday 1 st July	Transition Day
Tuesday 8 th July	Nursery Transition Afternoon
Wednesday 9 th July	Nursery Transition Afternoon
Tuesday 15 th July	Reports to Parents
Tuesday 15 th July	Year 4 to Oakwood
Tuesday 15 th July	Year 2 Show
Wednesday 16 th July	Year 6 Show - Afternoon
Thursday 17 th July	Year 6 Show - Evening
Wednesday 23 rd July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 23 rd July	End of Year



Next Week's Menu

Week Five

W/C: 30/9,4/11,9/12

Meat Free Monday

V Baked Potato with Grated Cheese

GF Vg Vegetable Paella

Cheese, Tuna or Ham Roll

All accompanied by carrot sticks and cucumber

Duo of Tropical Fruits (Melon, Pineapple)

Tuesday

Mexican Chicken Fajita Vg Sliced Carrots & Rice

Vg Vegetable & Mixed Bean Fajita in Tomato Sauce with
Vg Sliced Carrots & Rice

V Baked Potato with Grated Cheese or Baked Beans
Cheese, Tuna or Ham Roll

All accompanied with a fresh side salad

Vg American Style Pancakes with Chocolate Sauce

or

Fresh Fruit

Wednesday

GF Roast Chicken, Vg GF Roast Potatoes,
Mixed Vegetables & V GF Gravy

V Broccoli & Cauliflower Cheese, Vg GF Roast Potatoes,
Mixed Vegetables

V Baked Potato with Grated Cheese
Cheese, Tuna or Ham Roll

All accompanied with a fresh side salad

V Yoghurt

or

Fresh Fruit

Thursday

Vg Tomato & Basil Pasta & Peas

V Vegetarian Sausage Roll & Peas

V Baked Potato with Grated Cheese
Cheese, Tuna or Ham Roll

All accompanied with a fresh side salad

V GF Strawberry Ice cream

or

Fresh Fruit

Friday

* Breaded Fishcake, Vg GF Oven Chips & Beans

Vg Vegetable Samosa, Vg GF Oven Chips & Beans

V Baked Potato with Grated Cheese
Cheese, Tuna or Ham Roll

All accompanied with cucumber slices

V Caramel Wafer Biscuit

or

Fresh Fruit

As with all food retailers our suppliers take every care to remove bones from relative products. Fish and meat products may contain bones due to the way the products are manufactured.



A r t i c l e s :

1. Santa Dash:

The festive spirit was brought to the daily mile today!!! With hats of Santa, elves and even the odd cowboy, the children jumped hurdles, weaved cones and swerved the pinpoint aim of their teachers throwing snowballs.

Sadly, we couldn't set the course up on the field due to the overnight rain, meaning some of the planned obstacles couldn't be set up. However, the giggles and laughter heightened all our moods!

Thanks to everyone for sending in hats and trainers. Your support makes such a difference.



2. Year 3 Egyptian Day:

A Journey Back to Ancient Egypt: Year 3 Explore the Reign of Akhenaten

Yesterday, Thursday 5th December, we were transported back in time to the golden sands of ancient Egypt, where we explored the fascinating reign of Akhenaten. Our pupils embraced the challenge of learning through hands-on activities and immersive role play, making it a truly unforgettable day.

The morning session was filled with excitement as we dived into practical activities that brought ancient Egyptian culture to life. The hall was transformed into a bustling hub of creativity and discovery, where pupils took on the roles of artisans, embalmers, and scribes. They explored stations that included mummification, canopic jar making, tomb painting, amulet crafting, and even ancient bread and perfume cone making. By lunchtime, the children had not only learned about daily life in Akhenaten's time but had also created a wonderful collection of artefacts to showcase their learning.

In the afternoon, the focus shifted to the grandeur and majesty of Akhenaten and Nefertiti's royal court at Amarna. Following a short introduction, the children split into groups to rehearse their roles as members of the royal court, priests, dancers, actors, or even slaves. Under the guidance of our teacher, each group worked hard to bring the royal festival to life.

The grand festival was a spectacle to behold! The royal procession, led by Akhenaten and Nefertiti, set the scene for the celebration, with priests performing rituals to Aten, dancers showcasing their choreographed performances, and actors depicting the daily life and religious practices of the time. The energy and enthusiasm were infectious, and everyone fully immersed themselves in their roles, creating a truly magical experience.

By the end of the day, we had not only deepened our understanding of this unique period in history but also developed our creativity and teamwork. It was a day filled with learning, laughter, and memories we'll treasure.

A huge thank you to all the staff, parent volunteers and pupils who made the day such a success. It was a wonderful reminder of how history can come alive when we step into the shoes of those who lived it.





Junior Challenge:

Today our Gold JC's took a trip to Signature Care Home to read and do some art work with some of the residents. A very special experience for all.

