



Where all our Pupils SHINE

Newsletter – Week 1 Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025



Welcome to the new school year – we hope you all had an enjoyable summer and many memories have been made! A special welcome to our new Reception Class and our new Pre-School starters.

Mr Bookless has joined Team Forton and will be working in Pendle Class whilst Mrs Addison is on her maternity leave.

### School Uniform

We are very proud of our school uniform and how smart the children are. We have a second hand uniform which is very well stocked, please speak with a FOFS member if you need any uniform.

Please ensure children are in school shoes and not trainers.

Sometimes children inadvertently pick up the wrong jumpers/cardigans, please check name tags in case you have someone else's jumpers!

***Please ensure all items are clearly named including shoes!***

### Home/School Diary

All children will be provided with a home/school diary for parents to record their child's reading each night and to share any other information. Please ensure this comes into school each day.

### PE Days

The children need to bring their full PE kit into school and these will be sent home for washing at the end of each half term (unless they get particularly dirty before then). Please ensure that the children wear the correct kit – All children should have the following PE Kit during the whole of the school week:

- ◆ A PE bag, preferably with a drawstring top
- ◆ Pumps (elasticised for Infants) Trainers for Juniors
- ◆ Navy shorts

- ◆ Sky blue tee shirt with school logo (navy blue hoodie, which is **optional**).

### Home School Agreements

This document will be coming home next week, please spend some time sharing this with your child and then both sign and return to school.

### Consent and Local Visit Forms

You should have received an email regarding image consent and local visits. Consent can be given over the schoolgateway. Please ensure this is done by 12<sup>th</sup> September.

### Health and Safety

Please ensure that children are not left unsupervised on the playground before 8.45am. This is to maintain the children's safety at all times. Please also note that it is our policy that dogs are allowed on the school playground, but must always be on a lead and under control. We do appreciate your support and understanding with these matters.

### Phonics Information Evening

All our current Reception and KS1 parents are invited to a short, informal session on how to support your child with phonics at home. The event will provide an opportunity to see how phonics is delivered in school. This meeting will take place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 3.30 pm – 4.00 pm. Children will be supervised by staff during this meeting.

### Junior Reading Evening

Junior parents are invited to join us for a short, informal meeting to talk about reading in KS2. This will take place at 3.30 pm – 4.00 pm on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September**. Children will be supervised during this meeting by staff.

### Water Bottles

We encourage the children to drink **water** throughout the school day not juice. Please ensure bottles are named.



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## Assembly Themes Monday – Thursday

### Autumn Term 1

Week 1 -	Rules
Week 2 -	Belonging to a family
Week 3 -	Saying Sorry
Week 4 -	Sharing
Week 5 -	Abilities and Disabilities
Week 6 -	Our World
Week 7 -	Great Stories
Week 8 -	Good and Evil

**Celebration Assembly is held on Friday at 3.00 pm  
parents and families are invited to join us.**

Assembly themes can be found for the full year on the website.

### Yellow Hoodies

Children can wear their yellow hoodies on Friday's and any external school trips. New Reception and Pre-school children will be provided with a hoodie.

If your child has out grown their hoodie, please return it to Miss Smillie in Class 1.

### Birthday's at Forton!

On the day of your birthday you may wear your own clothes (if your birthday falls in the holidays/weekend) own clothes can be worn the day before/nearest.

Cakes that are brought into school will be handed out at the end of the school day for parents to decide if they are suitable for their child to eat. Please remember we do have children with allergies, which is why we take this additional care.

Any party invitations please hand to parents directly, to avoid any upset to those not invited.

### Friends of Forton School (FOFS)

A Warm welcome to everyone from team FOFS for the new school year!

Here at Forton school we are really fortunate to have a lovely team of parents (Friends of Forton School) that are here to help you and your child along in their school journey. Throughout the

year we have lots of events, some are arranged purposely to just get people together and some are huge fundraisers. Rest assured there is something for everyone! All monies raised goes directly back to each and every child at Forton. Sometimes the money is used to buy new equipment for the school, including books, iPad, toasters and sometimes the money raised is used to subsidise trips and coach hire for everyone. The trip to the dukes in Lancaster at Christmas to see a pantomime is fully funded by friends of Forton School.

### FOFS Welcome soft play session at Hugos

**Happyland soft play** - Monday 22nd September 2025, 3.30pm - 4.30pm for pre-school and reception children. A chance to have a brew, get to know new faces while the kids have a play. It's completely free of charge so get booked on. Please message Jenna Metcalf on 07850008428 to confirm if you can come along with the name of your child.

Each class has a WhatsApp group just for parents in that class. They are really handy for people posting reminders (non uniform days, trip information etc) and great for asking those things your just not sure about.

Please message the following relevant number -  
**The Nook and Nicky Nook** - Jenna Metcalf 07850008428,  
**Clougha** - Carla Wison 07891723144,  
**Pendle** - Kelly Rushton 07840572719 or Karen Helm 07790898613

All this would not be possible with out the team behind the scenes and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the continued support. Last year was an absolute cracker, raising £1000s and having a great time too. If you fancy getting involved please get in touch or catch myself or any of the team in the play ground at pickup time. Any time you can give would be massively appreciated and any fresh ideas greatly received whether it be a few



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minutes on a stall or putting together our posters. We have quarterly meetings with the team and teachers, but mainly organise things through the Fofs WhatsApp group so if you can't make the meetings, you can still be involved. Any questions just ask, my number is 07816912133 and I'm Rachel, I have Tim in year 5.

We wish you all the best for the coming school year  
Team FOFS



**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

at Forton Village Hall (PR3 OAS)

19:00 open for viewing



19:45 auction starts.



Free entry with

Ploughman's platters provided.

Licensed bar

Scan this QR code to see our Auction brochure and auction lots!



Or for more information email [jennifer@stjohnsellel.co.uk](mailto:jennifer@stjohnsellel.co.uk)



Dates for the Diary	
September	
16 <sup>th</sup>	3.30 pm KS2 Reading Information Session
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Pre-School and Reception – Hugo's - FOFS
23 <sup>rd</sup>	3.30 pm Reception & KS1 Phonics/Reading Information Session
25 <sup>th</sup>	Life Education Van 08.50 – 09.05 Parent/Carer Session
26 <sup>th</sup>	London Parents Meeting 3.30 pm
October	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Reception Vision Screening
7 <sup>th</sup>	London – Pendle Class
8 <sup>th</sup>	London – Pendle Class
10 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival - Assembly
16 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Vaccinations – Information to follow
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Parents Evening & Close School
23 <sup>rd</sup>	INSET DAY
24 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY
November	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Re-open School



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**OPEN DAY**

**14<sup>th</sup> Sept, 11am - 4pm**

**St James' Church, Forton**

**All Welcome**



St James' Church, Whinney Brow Lane  
Forton, PR3 0AE

- Free Entry
- Refreshments
- Local History
- Beautiful Architecture
- Organ Music

If you're interested in art, history, religion, or if you just want to come and 'have a nosey', why not pop down and say hello?



Entry is free, but donations will be welcome.

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