



## Where all our Pupils SHINE

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

#### Illness

Illness seems to be hitting the school early this year, if your child is a little under the weather, has a cold, cough or sore throat please send them into school. We will always phone you if we feel they are not improving as the day goes on. As always if your child has sickness or diarrhoea, then keep them at home for 48 hours.

Any absences should be phoned to the school office before 9.00 am on each day of the child's absence.

#### 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.**

#### 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.

#### Assembly Themes Monday – Thursday

##### Autumn Term 1

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.

#### Home/School Agreement

These are in book bags tonight. Please read them with your child, sign and return to school. Thank you.

#### Life Education Visit

The Life Education visit will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025. The timetable is as follows:-

Year 5 & 6 Friends  
Year 3 & 4 Meet the Brain  
Y1 & Y2 My Wonderful Body  
Year R All about Me

If you wish to attend, the parent session will be held at 8.50 – 09.05 am in the school hall on the morning of the visit.

#### 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



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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 Metcalfe 07850008428, Clougha - Carla Wison 07891723144, Pendle - Kelly Rushton 07840572719 or Karen Helm 07790898613

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 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

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
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



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



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





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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 nose',  
why not pop down and say hello?

Entry is free, but donations will be welcome.



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