



Where all our Pupils SHINE

Newsletter – Week 1 Friday 4th September 2026



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.

Unfortunately we have already a number of complaints from parents and neighbours about the parking outside school. Please avoid parking on the junction (obscuring visibility) and on any yellow lines around the village. Thank you.

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!

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. Infants and juniors!

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**).

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 Year 1 parents are invited to a short, informal session on how to support your child with phonics at home. This meeting will take place on Tuesday 15th September 3.30 pm – 4.00 pm. Children will be supervised by staff during this meeting.

Reception Parents

We are also offering a session on Tuesday 22nd September at 9.30 am for Reception Parents only to have a look at phonics in action. Please call in if you can.

Water Bottles

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

Website

Remember to check the website for assembly themes for each term.

Holiday dates are also on the website and a copy of the weekly newsletter amongst

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



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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 by 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.

Dates for the Diary	
September	
15 th	3.30 pm Reception & Year 1 Phonics/Reading Information Session
22 nd	Reception Parents – watch phonics in action – 9.30 am
24 th	Life Education Van – Health and Well Being 09.00 – 09.15 Parent/Carer Session
October	
6 th	Lune Aqueduct Trip – Clougha Class – details to follow
9 th	Robinwood Meeting 3.30 pm – Pendle Class
19 th	Pendle – Robinwood Residential
20 th	Pendle – Robinwood Residential
21 st	Pendle – Return from Robinwood
22 nd	INSET DAY
23 rd	INSET DAY
26 th – 30 th	HALF TERM WEEK
November	
2 nd	Re-open School
5 th	Parents Evening
10 th	Nicky Nook Trip Lancaster Castle – details to follow
12 th	Individual Photographs
December	
14 th	The Dukes Trip – Whole School
16 th	Christmas Performance
17 th	Christingle
18 th	School Christmas Lunch & Party
18 th	CLOSE SCHOOL – NO PM CLUB



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Friday 3rd 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!



QR code



Or for more information email jennifer@stjohnsellel.co.uk



OPEN DAY

14th 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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OPEN EVENING

Explore Your Child's Future

Thursday 24th September 2026
6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

GROW

HEADTEACHER WELCOME
STUDENT TOURS

CARE

MEET THE TEACHERS,
PASTORAL TEAM
SUPPORT STAFF

ACHIEVE

DEPARTMENT DISPLAYS
SUBJECT DEMOS

ALL PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND PARENTS WELCOME!

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