SEPTEMBER Newsletter

It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school after the summer holidays. They came in happily on the first day and we have had a very settled start to the term. Children are enjoying their new year groups and getting to know their new teachers. For the children in Years 1-6 we started the term with fun at the circus skills workshop and also a hoola hooping workshop. Lots of fun was had by all!

A Big Falla Park welcome to our new Busy Bees who have settled into Reception so well as they start 'big school'. We are really proud of them all – Iremide, Tomike, Mohammed A, Janat, Myla, Ellie, Lexi-Mae, Brodie, Zara, Cassidy, Leo C, Louie, River-Mae, Mubin, Lara F, Lara G, Lila, Tomin, Dammy, Elizabeth, Fortress, Muhammad O, Fauziyah, Lis, Ivanna, Jimmy, Leo S and David. A warm welcome to our other new children who have joined different year groups too – Izzan, Neemat, Jahmai, Isaac, Viola, Thomas, Alan, Tiaraoluwa, Louie, Noah and Layah.

Uniform

All children are expected to wear school uniform every day. Children need to wear:

- White polo shirt
- Red sweatshirt or red cardigan (with or without school logo)
- Grey trousers, grey skirt, grey pinafore
- Red gingham dress
- Black shoes (trainers are **not** allowed)

Leggings, joggers or trainers are not part of our uniform and must not be worn for school. No jewellery can be worn and long hair must be tied up every day.

On PE days children need to come into school wearing school PE kit. Our school kit is:

- Red t-shirt
- Plain black joggers
- Plain black hoody
- Trainers

Children wearing the correct uniform will be awarded dojo points each week.

Keep Our Children Safe

Since the opening of the Sister Winifred Centre next to the nursery we have had constant complaints from the council, the centre and from parents/carers also about people using the centre car park as a short cut or even parking in the car park to drop children off at nursery or school. Before the summer holidays there was a serious incident where a car narrowly missed hitting a lady walking through the car park with a pushchair. She was not visiting the centre but was using the car park as a short cut. When walking to and from school and nursery parents/carers and children should use the path and not use the car park as a short cut to walk through.

No-one dropping off at the nursery or school in a car should be entering the car park at all. Parking for the nursery and school is on the road only. There is always lots of space on Nursery Lane next to the school field and some space on Falla Park Road. Parent/carers should not be parking on the yellow zig zag lines. They are there for the safety of our children so when parking here you are choosing to put children at risk.

Our priority is always children's safety and I would urge parents/carers to think carefully about this when dropping off and collecting children at school and nursery. We will continue to work closely with the relevant authorities to ensure drop off and pick up times for our children are as safe as possible.

Dates for your Diary

SEPTEMBER

10 – Deadline for After School Club Letters
15 – After School Clubs begin
23 – Year 6 Residential Meeting 3.30pm

October

6 – Year 4 Bikeability
7 - 9 – Year 5/6 Bikeability
14 – Year 4 Open Event (9.30am)
15 – School Photographs (Reception-Year 6)
15 – Year 3 Open Event (2.15pm)
16 – Reception Open Event (9.30am)
16 – Year 1 Open Event (2.15pm)
17 – Year 5 Open Event (9.30am)
17 – Year 2 Open Event (2.15pm)
20 – Year 6 Open Event (9.30am)
22 – Halloween Disco
24 – School closes for half term (3.15pm)

November

3 – School reopens
3-7 – Parent Meetings
10 – Odd Socks Day
12 – Year 6 Safety Works Visit
14 – Children in Need Day
20 – Year 6 Nissan Visit

December

10 – Year 3/Year 4/Year 5 Carol Concert (9.30am)
10 – Christmas Movie Night
11 – Year 3/Year 4/Year 5 Carol Concert (2.30pm)
11 – Year 1 Beamish Visit
12 – Christmas Jumper Day
12 – Christmas Shop (wrap a present)
12 – Christmas Lunch
12 – Reception/Year 1/Year 2 Christmas Play (2.30pm)
15 – Reception/Year 1/Year 2 Christmas Play (9.30am)
15 – Year 5/6 Christmas Party
16 – Reception Christmas Party
17 – Pantomime Visit (Reception/Year 1/Year 2)
17 – Nursery Christmas Party
17 – Year 3/4 Christmas Party
18 – Year 1/2 Christmas Party
19 – Pantomime Visit (Years 3-6)
19 – Christmas Jumper Day
19 – School closes for Christmas (3.15pm)

Holidays in Term Time

Just a reminder that children should not take holidays in term time. The National Framework introduced in August 2024 means only 2 penalty notices can be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within a 3 year rolling period and any second notice within that period is charged at a higher rate:

- The first penalty notice issued to a parent in respect of a particular pupil will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.
- A second penalty notice issued to the same parent in respect of the same pupil is charged at a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.
- A third penalty notice cannot be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within 3 years of the date of issue of the first. Alternative action, such as prosecution in Magistrates Court, will be considered instead.

The Attendance Policy is available on the school website - Falla Park Community Primary School - Policies

Class PE Days

PE days in September 2025 for each class will be:

Reception - Tuesday
Year 1 - Friday
Year 2 - Monday
Year 3 - Thursday
Year 4 - Wednesday
Year 5 - Tuesday
Year 6 – Friday

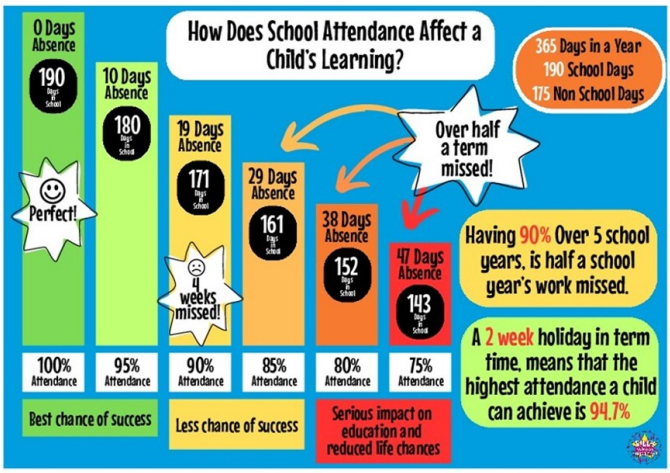
Children will need to wear their school PE kit for school on their PE day.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance improved significantly last school year compared to the previous year. We achieved 95% which is just slightly above the national average. I would like to thank parents/ carers for their continued support with attendance.

We will continue our focus on attendance and will expect our children to attend school every day. We will, as always, be following up absences and contacting you if we have concerns about your child's attendance. Linda White, our Family Support Worker, is available to speak to should you need any support or have any concerns around your child's school attendance.

Poor attendance at school can significantly affect both children's learning and their social development. Children can often struggle to make and maintain friendships if they miss school on a regular basis. All children should have school attendance of at least 96%. If your child's attendance drops to 90% or below they are classed as a persistent absentee.



If your child is going to be absent from school, you must contact the office before 9am on the first day of absence. Messages about absence should not be sent through Facebook or Class Dojo. Wherever possible, medical or dental appointments should be arranged outside of school hours and holidays should be taken when school is closed.

School starts at 8.55am. Staff are in the playground to meet the children from 8.45am. Just before the bell goes at 8.55am the children will go into school so they are ready to start learning. At 8.55am the doors and gates will close. By this time all children should be in school. Please make sure your child is in school on time so they feel happy and settled when school starts.

Getting your child to school on time really matters

If in a school year your child is late everyday	Your child would have lost approximately	Or they would have missed approximately .....
5 Minutes	3 days from school	16 lessons lost
10 Minutes	5 days from school	32 lessons lost
15 Minutes	8 days from school	48 lessons lost
20 Minutes	11 days from school	63 lessons lost
30 Minutes	16 days from school	95 lessons lost