

Firfield Primary School Newsletter

May 2025

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Message from Mr Yellop

Hope everyone enjoyed the extended bank holiday weekend with some lovely weather.

As we start to move into the summer term, we are delighted with all the pupils involved in our sporting events and competitions, we will keep you updated of our achievements in the next newsletter. In June we will be holding our annual sports days, Tuesday 17th morning EYFS and KS1 in the afternoon (again this year we will be hosting KS1 sports day on Breaston Park). Thursday 19th June will be our KS2 sports day (on Breaston Park as usual), Year 5&6 in the morning and Year 3&4 in the afternoon, more details to follow next week.

During May and June many children in school will be involved in statutory or school assessments. Year 6 will be sitting SATs next week. In June, Year 1 will be involved in Phonics assessments and Year 4 will complete an online times table test. Finally, Year 2 will complete the optional SATs in the last week this half-term.

Towards the end of June other year groups will complete summer assessments to help us inform teacher assessments which will be reported to parents in the end of year reports.

All Change Day

Tuesday 24th June (am) and Wednesday 25th June (pm) are our all-change days. These coincide with Wilsthorpe, Friesland and Long Eaton School transition days, where Year 6 attend their new school ready for next year. Children in EYFS to Year 5 will find out their new class and teacher on the first transition day in June.

A reminder that parents can Dojo class teachers to share any friendship information (please note that the deadline for sharing this is Wednesday 14th May).

Treat Day

Friday 4th July is our treat day, this year we are going back to our traditional cycle where KS2 are going on a trip outside school to Twin Lakes and KS1/EYFS are doing fun activities in school. Next year KS1/EYFS will be out of school and KS2 in.

Sun Safety

As the weather is warming up, as per our Sun Safety Policy, we kindly remind parents to ensure that their child has sufficient sun cream put on before school to last them throughout the day. We appreciate some children may need a top up, so we ask that children are sent in with sun cream where necessary. Children should also have a sun hat in school to help protect them from the sun during lunch and playtimes.

Hayfever Medication

A quick reminder, we advise parents to administer hayfever medication before coming into school i.e one-a-day tablets. We have made this decision due to there being serious, life-risking medical conditions that require medication on a long-term basis that we need to administer.

PTA

A huge thank you to the PTA for organising and supporting the events before Easter and managing a stall at the Mayday Gala this week. The disco raised £1275 and Easter trail £284 with £32 on pre-loved uniform. Thank you for parents and staff who also all support these events (including making and donating cakes and cookies).

Money from this and previous projects have supported the development of the reading lodge, provided scooter pods and renewed the Ipads in school which are set up and being used across all year groups.

Extra-Curricular Activities

This term we have introduced two new activities which have an associated cost, iRock (music provision) and Yoga sessions both on a Friday afternoon.

Thank you for your patience whilst we worked with iRock to arrange additional music tuition. We decided to go ahead with a trial period over the summer term (starting Friday 9th May) involving children in Y2, 3 and 4 who expressed an interest. We have agreed to rotate the 30-minute sessions each week, so children avoid missing the same lesson. All parents have been notified if children have been issued a place.



We have also introduced yoga sessions after school on a Friday afternoon for pupils in Year 3, 4 and 5 with 'Yoga Lucy'. Lucy is a certified teacher of Cosmic Kids Yoga.

We will hopefully continue both of these clubs in the new school year and will offer to other year groups to support PE and music as part of our mental health and wellbeing provision.

Relationships and Sex and Health Education -

The school continue to build on the BERT Silver award for excellence in Building Effective Relationships Together achieved year. Well done to the team for all the efforts in achieving this award. A reminder that on the 20th May at 3.30pm – 4.30pm (in Pine Class) there is an opportunity for parents to view the materials used to teach RSHE during the summer term. For further information see the letter sent out to parents last week. If you wish to attend, you can scan the QR code to provide your details.



Mental Health and Wellbeing Champions



Meet our well-being champions! Harry, Evie, Shreya, Shay, Claudia, Cora, Suzie and Maggie are working hard to support and provide well-being opportunities throughout school. They will be sharing information on the noticeboard next to the grass - keep your eyes peeled to see what they have planned!

Building projects

Our roofing work continues to progress well, and the main building should be completed over the next few weeks. All classes are now back in classrooms. The flat roof works over the kitchen, Blossom and Lavender room is due to take place over the summer holidays.

Our new lodges are looking great and are nearly ready for use. This will provide an additional meeting space and an extra learning room (middle lodge) for interventions and a quiet space for groups to use. This will also be an additional space that WRAP will be able to utilise after school.



Sustainability

Hopefully you will have noticed our new solar panels which were installed at no cost to the school. We thank East Midlands Airport for the grant they provided for this project. The new panels will help provide electricity to save the school money and look after the environment.

The school recycling systems and bins are now in place.

Please remind the children that the bins should be used as follows:

Outside Bins

- Frog – food waste only (no packaging)
- Blue – recycling waste
- Dark Green – general waste

Inside Bins

- Usual/grey/black – general waste
- Blue – recycling waste
- Red – food waste only (no packaging)

Travel Smart Week

Hopefully you will have noticed that we have installed our scooter and bike pods over the Easter holidays, giving us spaces for around 100 vehicles. A reminder that we ask children not to cycle or scooter on the school playground for safety reasons.

During the week beginning 19th May we will be recording how pupils travel to school over the week. This would be an ideal opportunity to kickstart new habits by trying to reduce pollution and congestion by **walking, cycling or scooting** to school (even if this is parking a little further away and walking some of the way, **Park and Stride**). Increasing your step count is also a great way of keeping physically and mentally healthy.



INSET Days for 2024/25

Please note the final INSET day will be on **Monday 2nd June 2025**.

NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR INSET DAYS 25/26

Thursday 4th September 2025

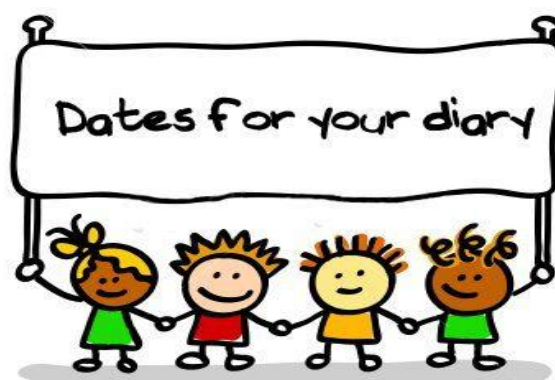
Friday 5th September 2025

Monday 23rd February 2026

Thursday 7th May 2026 (polling day)

Monday 1st June 2026

Diary Dates



MAY 2025

Fri 9th May

Mon 12th-16th

Wed 14th am

Mon 19th-23rd

Mon 19th-23rd

Tues 20th

Wed 21st

Wed 21st – 23rd

Fri 23rd

VE Day Celebrations

Year 6 SATs Week

Year 2 Arboretum Trip

Year 2 SATs Week

Travel Smart Week

Year 5 Trip Cromford

Year 3 Magna Trip

Year 6 Residential Trip

Last Day of Half Term

JUNE 2024

Mon 2nd

Tues 3rd

Wed 4th

Tues 17th

Wed 18th

Thurs 19th

INSET Day

Children Return to School

Class and Leavers photos

EYFS Sports Day am

KS1 Sports Day pm

New Parent Intake Meeting

Year 5/6 Sports Day am

Year 3/4 Sports Day pm