



Firfield Primary School

Learn Together, Grow Together, Achieve Together

September Newsletter 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **Allotment Dig**
 September 14, 2025
 On Sunday morning we are asking the school community to join us for the Big Dig.
- * **Year 5 Swimming Starts**
 September 16, 2025
 Year 5 start swimming lessons at Westpark Leisure Centre.
- * **PTA Annual General Meeting**
 September 22, 2025
 Please join us from 6pm - in the school lodges.
- * **Travelling Books**
 September 24, 2025
 Travelling books will be in school from Wednesday September 24th until Wednesday October 1st.
- * **Bright Bites Assembly**
 September 29, 2025
 We welcome Thomas from Bright Bites who will be holding an assembly for all children around brushing teeth and oral hygiene.

All the best

Today is Miss Neasham's last day before she embarks on her adventure to Australia. We look forward to welcoming her back in the summer term.

We say thank you and farewell to Mrs Batten-Plowright who is leaving her post as Clerk to Governors.



Message from the Headteacher

I hope this message finds you refreshed and recharged after a well-deserved summer break. It's a real pleasure to welcome everyone back to school as we begin a new academic year filled with promise, potential, and plenty of exciting opportunities.

Whether you're returning or joining us for the first time, I want to extend a heartfelt welcome. This year, we are looking forward to building on our successes, embracing new challenges and continuing to grow together.

Our dedicated staff have been working hard to prepare a vibrant and supportive learning environment, and it has been fantastic to see the classrooms buzzing with enthusiasm once again. Let's make this year one to remember.

Here's to a fantastic start and a joyful journey ahead!

Mr Yellop

Curriculum

Reading at Firfield



One of the school priorities this year is developing reading across all key stages. We have the travelling book fair for a week from Wednesday September 24th until October 1st. In November we have the Book Bus in school. We have invested time and effort in creating magical reading spaces around school and there will be many other exciting events and activities planned over the year.

History Timeline

Over the summer our super history timeline was installed and it is looking fantastic. This is an amazing resource to support our curriculum, bringing History to life. Thank you to our curriculum lead Mr Thurgood.



Welcome to Firfield

We welcome a number of new staff at Firfield this term.

Mr Beecham joins the Year 4 team teaching in Birch Class and Mrs Howe joins the EYFS team teaching in Holly Class.

Miss Moss joins Year 3 as a teaching assistant.

Miss Quartley joins the office team and Paula Birley takes over as catering supervisor in the school kitchen.

Finally we welcome Jo Sennitt as our new Clerk to Governors.



Community

The Big Dig – Allotment Project

Sunday 14th September 9am – 12pm

On Sunday 14th September, between 9am and 12pm, we will be holding a community project at the back of school as we work towards creating our school allotment!

We would love you to join us to support cutting back, clearing weeds, pressure washing and tidying up the space ready for the construction of the allotment in the following months.

We would be so grateful for your help! Children are welcome too with an adult. Please bring your gardening equipment with you and enter through the Firfield Avenue entrance. Refreshments will be provided.

There have been so many developments around school over the summer and the environment is looking amazing. Thank you to all the staff for their efforts. We are very proud of our school.

Parents and Teachers Association

On Monday September 22nd, there will be a PTA Annual General Meeting held at Firfield Primary School (New Lodges) from 6pm.

The PTA have a Facebook Group for parents and carers which enables them to communicate with you quicker and more effectively. They also use the group to advertise events and keep you updated on fundraising activities.

To join, you will be asked a set of membership questions which will be reviewed and once they have confirmed your details match the school records, you will be accepted into the group. They are unable to provide access to anyone who does not complete these questions.

We really hope you will find this useful in keeping up to date with fundraising initiatives and activities.

Parents are welcome to attend. The PTA are always looking for new members who can offer support throughout the year.

Finally, if anyone is interested in the role of Chair or Vice Chair (vacant positions) on the committee they can email PTA@firfield.derbyshire.sch.uk to register their interest or for information. The PTA may not be able to continue if these positions cannot be filled.

Crossing Patrol

We have been advised by Derbyshire County Council that we have a new crossing patrol starting on Sawley Road on Monday September 22nd.



Dates for the Diary



September 2025

Tuesday 16th	Year 5 Swimming Starts
Wednesday 17th	Long Eaton School (Open Evening)
Thursday 18th	Friesland School (Open Evening)
Monday 22nd	PTA Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 24th	Travelling Books (until Oct 1st)
Wednesday 24th	SEND Parents' Meeting
Thursday 25th	Wilsthorpe School (Open Evening)
Monday 29th	Bright Bites Assembly

October 2025

Wednesday 15th	Book Evening
Friday 17th	Year 4 Egyptian Day (Partake)
Tuesday 21st	Individual Photos
Tuesday 21st	Parents' Evening
Thursday 23rd	Parents' Evening
Friday 24th	Last Day of Term

INSET Days

Thursday 4th September 2025
 Friday 5th September 2025
 Monday 23rd February 2026
 Thursday 7th May 2026
 Monday 1st June 2026



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