



Firfield Primary School

Learn Together, Grow Together, Achieve Together

October Newsletter 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **Book Evening**
October 15, 2025
An opportunity for parents to come and see their child's books.
- * **Egyptian Day (Year 4)**
October 17, 2025
Partake Egyptian Experience Day for Year 4
- * **Swimming Gala**
October 20, 2025
Swimming gala for Year 5 (and a selection of Year 6) at Trent College, further details to follow.
- * **Individual Photos**
October 21, 2025
Professional photographer in school (individual photos).
- * **Parents' Evening**
October 21&23, 2025
We will be holding our first Parents' Evening of the year on the last week of term, remember to book your 10 minute slot online.

Crossing Patrol

We welcome Jo, our new crossing patrol lady, who started last week, helping our families and children safely cross Sawley Road.



Message from the Headteacher

As we begin October, I am pleased to report that pupils have returned from the summer break with enthusiasm and have settled into school routines exceptionally well.

We look forward to welcoming you to our upcoming Book Evening and Parents' Evening—valuable opportunities to share your child's work and the progress they have made, as well as time to discuss how they have settled in their new year group.

Thank you to all who attended the PTA AGM. We now have a full committee in place and are grateful for their commitment.

This month, we will be sharing a number of charitable initiatives, encouraging pupils to engage with causes beyond the classroom.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Yellop

Community

Mount Everest Challenge



We are excited to share the remarkable story of Rio in Year 4 who is embarking on an amazing challenge to trek to the Everest Base Camp and back in the Nepalese Himalayas Mountain Range this term.

Rio's passion for climbing began at just five years old after watching Bear Grylls scale mountains on television. Since then, he's tackled some of the UK's most challenging peaks.

Rio's motivation goes beyond adventure. He's raising funds for Reach Community Grocery in Derby, helping families who struggle to afford food. Rio is trying to raise £1500 for this charity through his Crowdfunding Page, I have included a link to this below.

More details of this amazing challenge can be found on the BBC News website, which includes BBC Sounds interview with Rio and his Dad.

We wish Rio all the best with achieving one of his dreams and embracing this opportunity.

BBC News Link



Crowdfunding Page



Charity Trek

Ada (Y4) and Eirys (Y2) cheer on their inspirational Mum!

This November Ada and Eirys's mum, Natasha, will set out on a challenging, extraordinary and life-changing trek, all in the name of checking chests! Along with Gi Fletcher and some other famous faces, she will embark on a 5-day trek in the Sahara Desert, in a bid to raise funds towards CoppaFeel's life-saving mission.

Firfield will be supporting and cheering Natasha on before she heads out to the Sahara in November. More information will be shared with parents in the coming weeks.

To find out more about Natasha's challenge visit or use the QR code below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/natasha-thomas-3>

Good Luck, Natasha!



Super Seren

A huge well done to Seren in Year 6 who raised money for Forever Stars (a baby loss charity) at the Robin Hood Marathon this year. In 2026 she is looking to go one step further and run in the event. We are proud of your fundraising efforts!

Community

John's Garden

A massive thank you to DK Property Maintenance in Breaston who have sponsored the school by providing membrane and bark for John's Garden.

Parents and Teachers Association

Thank you to all the parents, volunteers and staff members who joined us for our AGM earlier this month. We are delighted that we have managed to recruit a new Chair of the committee. Laura Thurgood has been nominated to take over this position. A huge thank you goes out to Samm Honeybell as she steps down from this role after many years of dedication to the PTA.

The PTA are looking to raise money this year for developing the outside spaces around school, including purchasing equipment and resources to support both play and learning.

Reading for pleasure

As part of our drive to promote reading for pleasure and enjoyment of books, the Book Bus (a mobile library) will be in school on Tuesday 4th November.

Thank you to all the parents that have supported our push for reading by visiting the travelling books event over the last week. This also raises money for the school to provide additional high-quality texts in school.

Hot Chocolate Friday

As part of our drive for excellent behaviour, we look out for great role models who are **always** 'ready, respectful and safe'. Children are nominated by their class teacher (Key Stage 1 and Early Years one week and then Key Stage 2 the week after). Children are given Dojo points and other rewards as part of encouraging good behaviour but only around 12-15 children (from each class) can be selected for an academic year

Promoting Healthy Teeth

Registered Charity N° 1075826



This week we had a visit from Tom from BrightBites who led an assembly on looking after our teeth through good brushing (a key message not to rinse toothpaste off teeth for 10 minutes after brushing), a healthy diet (being careful about eating sugary foods, especially hard sweets) and the importance of visiting the dentist twice a year.

Hopefully the children have shared the good habits and advice picked up from of visitor.

Safeguarding

Mental Health and Wellbeing

The four designated safeguarding leads in school are James Yellop, Rachel Tittershill, Adam Thurgood and Kirsty Shepherd. If you have any concerns about a child at Firfield Primary School, please speak to one of the leads. If you have immediate concerns that a child is suffering or at risk of harm, please call Starting Point on 01629 533190. After the annual changes to Keeping Children Safe in Education (September 2025) we have updated our safeguarding policies and documents. These will be available on the school website by the end of the month.



This month we are focusing on mental health and wellbeing in school. Use the QR code below or click on the icon above to access Derbyshire's Website which offers lots of resources and support in this area.



School Trim Trail

For safeguarding and insurance reasons the use of the trim trail before and after school is not allowed by children or siblings. Please ensure that anyone who is involved in delivery or collection of children are aware.



Dates for the Diary



October 2025

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| Wednesday 15th | Book Evening |
| Friday 17th | Year 4 Egyptian Day (Partake) |
| Monday 20th | Swimming Gala |
| Tuesday 21st | Individual Photos |
| Tuesday 21st | Parents' Evening |
| Thursday 23rd | Parents' Evening |
| Friday 24th | Last Day of Term |

November 2025 (more dates in the next newsletter)

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| Monday 3rd | Children Return to School |
| Tuesday 4th | Book Bus in School |
| Tuesday 4th | Charity Walk (more to follow) |
| Sunday 9th | Remembrance Sunday (School Council) |



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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