



Firfield Primary School

Learn Together, Grow Together, Achieve Together

July Newsletter 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

* Tough Runner

Year 4-6 Monday July 13th

Year 1-3 Tuesday July 14th

Children involved in Tough Runner event on Breaston Park

* Year 6 Leavers Performance

Thursday July 16th (2pm and 4pm)

We look forward to our Year 6 Leavers Performances in their end of year play.

* Year 6 Leaver Disco

Monday July 20th - 6pm - 7.30pm

* Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Wednesday July 22nd (9.15am)

We celebrate the time that Year 6 have had at Firfield and wish them farewell.

We look forward to seeing Year 6 parents.

Farewell and good luck

Firstly we say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils and wish them all the best as they move to secondary school. You have all been amazing and we are so proud of everything you have achieved at Firfield.

We say goodbye to Mrs Crombie (one of our Higher Level Teaching Assistants) and wish her all the best in her new role at Trent College.

We also say farewell to Mrs Dale, who has been supporting a child in EYFS this year.

We finally say a huge thank you to Willow Quartley who is finishing her role in the school office.

Welcome

We offer a warm welcome to Miss Harlow who will be joining the Year 5 teaching team in the new school year.



As we approach the end of another successful school year, I would like to thank everyone who contributes to making Firfield such a special place. My sincere thanks go to our staff, governors, parents and carers for their continued support and commitment, and to our amazing children, whose enthusiasm, resilience and kindness make us proud every day.

End-of-year reports will be sent home shortly and provide an opportunity to celebrate the progress and achievements of every child this year. We are particularly pleased with our phonics outcomes in Year 1 and Year 2, our Early Years results and our Multiplication Tables Check outcomes, which are the strongest the school has ever achieved. These successes reflect the hard work of our children, staff and families working together.

A huge thank you goes to our PTA for organising such a fantastic Summer Fair. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying the event, and the money raised will help provide even more opportunities for our children.

We are also delighted by the continued development of our outdoor learning areas, including the allotment, John's Garden and Base Camp. These exciting projects have been made possible through the dedication of Mr Thurgood and the generosity of many members of our local community.

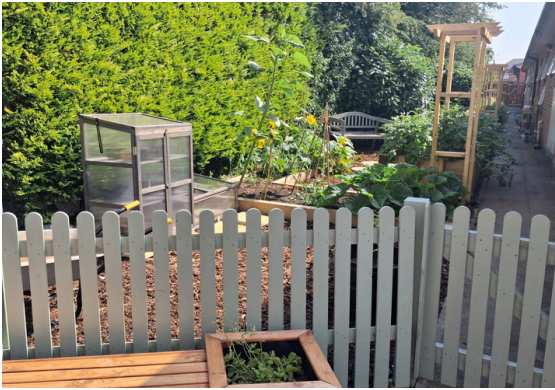
As the year comes to a close, I would like to thank you all once again for your support and wish every family a happy, safe and restful summer break.

Mr Yellop

Fantastic Environment

Outdoor Areas

This year has seen exciting progress on our Field of Dreams (Base Camp), with the development of our new allotment and renewing John's Garden. These areas will provide valuable opportunities for outdoor learning, exploration and wellbeing, helping children to develop new skills and a greater appreciation of the natural world.



These projects would not have been possible without the vision, enthusiasm and determination of Mr Thurgood, who has successfully secured significant funding to support their development.

We are also incredibly grateful to the many parents, volunteers and members of the wider community who have generously given their time, expertise and resources to help bring these spaces to life.

We look forward to seeing the children benefit from these fantastic new learning environments for many years to come.

Thank you to John's parents who joined us last Friday to reopen John's Garden.



Celebrating Success Across the School

We are delighted to celebrate another year of strong achievement across the school. In the Early Years Foundation Stage, 80% of children achieved a Good Level of Development, providing them with an excellent foundation for the next stage of their education.

In phonics, 78.3% of children met the expected threshold in the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check, while our average points score increased once again and continues to be above the national average. This reflects the hard work of our children, staff and families in developing strong early reading skills.

We are particularly proud of our performance in the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). This year, 58% of pupils achieved full marks, significantly above the national average of 46%. Our average score of 23.1 is the highest in the school's history and well above the estimated national average of 21.9. These results demonstrate the children's growing confidence and fluency in mathematics.

We are still awaiting our Key Stage 2 SATs results. These were originally due to be released on 7th July, but the publication of results has been delayed nationally until 16th July. As this coincides with our end-of-year performance, we will ensure that Year 6 children receive their results shortly afterwards.

We are incredibly proud of all our children and the commitment they have shown throughout the year. These achievements are a reflection of their hard work, the dedication of our staff and the invaluable support of families at home.

School Council and Well being Champion

Thank you to our Mental Health and Wellbeing Champions, School Council Representatives, Sports Leaders and Lunchtime Helpers for their hard work and dedication this year. Your leadership, kindness and willingness to help others have made a positive difference to our school community. We are very proud of you all!

Thank you to the Year 6 pupils who helped on the school sports days, they did an amazing job supporting children and helping with the different events.

Sports Day

A huge well done to all of the children who took part in our Sports Day events this year. It was wonderful to see so many children demonstrating determination, teamwork, resilience and, most importantly, enjoying being active.

Our new-look EYFS Sports Day was a great success, with children rotating around a variety of fun and engaging activities that allowed everyone to participate, challenge themselves and celebrate their achievements.

Children in Key Stage 1 enjoyed their Sports Day at Breaston Park, taking part in a range of traditional events including the obstacle course, potato race and egg-and-spoon race. It was fantastic to see so much enthusiasm and encouragement on display throughout the afternoon.

Our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Sports Days showcased some impressive athletic performances, with children competing in long-distance races, javelin, relays and sprint events. The determination shown by all pupils was outstanding and reflected the school's values of perseverance and striving to achieve their best.

Thank you to all the parents and family members who came along to support the events and helped create such a positive atmosphere. A special thank you goes to those brave enough to take part in the parent races—we hope there weren't too many sore muscles the following morning!

Tough Runner



Next Monday and Tuesday, children will be taking part in our exciting Tough Runner event. This fun-filled challenge course will give pupils the opportunity to climb, crawl, balance, jump and work their way through a variety of obstacles while developing resilience, teamwork and determination.

Please ensure your child comes to school in their uniform and brings a towel, a change of clothes including suitable trainers on their allocated day.

Summer Music Concert



Our Summer Music and Singing Concert was a wonderful celebration of the talent, confidence and dedication of our children. We were treated to a fantastic range of performances from pupils learning a variety of instruments, including the guitar, flute, piano, violin, clarinet and saxophone. The concert showcased not only the children's musical skills but also the commitment they have shown throughout the year in developing their talents.

A particular highlight was the performances from our Glee Club, who shared a selection of their favourite songs to round off what has been an extraordinary year. During the past twelve months, Glee Club has represented the school at a number of prestigious events, including performances at the Albert Hall in Nottingham, Young Voices in Sheffield, The Big Sing at Trent College, as well as entertaining audiences at our Summer and Christmas Fairs.

A huge thank you goes to Mrs Tolson for her dedication in running Glee Club throughout the year and for providing so many memorable opportunities for our children. We are also incredibly proud of the children, whose enthusiasm, commitment and performances have been outstanding.

The concert was organised by our Music Coordinator, Mrs Geeson, whose hard work ensured another memorable showcase of musical talent across the school. We are incredibly grateful for her commitment to promoting music and performance opportunities for all children.

We would also like to thank Mrs Madin and Mrs Grimoldby for their work with our Year 4 clarinet players and other woodwind musicians, Mr Hathaway for guitar tuition, Mrs Furnish for violin tuition and Mrs Parker for supporting piano tuition outside of school.



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Uniform Expectations



As we approach the end of the school year and prepare for September, we would like to remind families about our school uniform expectations. Our uniform helps promote a sense of belonging, pride and readiness for learning.

We have noticed an increasing number of children attending school in trainers that do not meet our uniform expectations. Children should wear sensible black school shoes. Plain black smart trainers may be worn; however, sports trainers, trainers with coloured logos and other casual footwear are not permitted as part of the school uniform.

PE Kit

Please ensure that children wear appropriate PE clothing on PE days. PE shorts should be a suitable length for school activities and provide appropriate coverage. Very short, tight-fitting shorts, including fashion or leisure-style shorts, are not suitable for school PE lessons. Our uniform guidance states that children should wear black PE shorts or skorts with a plain white T-shirt. Small logos on sports clothes are acceptable.

Jewellery, Nails and Make-up

We are also seeing an increase in children attending school wearing jewellery, artificial or gel nails, and nail varnish. For health, safety and practical reasons, jewellery and make-up should not be worn to school. The only exception is one pair of simple ear studs or small sleepers. Artificial nails, gel nails and nail varnish are not permitted.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain high standards and ensuring all children arrive at school dressed safely and appropriately for learning. If you are unsure about any aspect of the uniform, please refer to the Uniform Guidance or contact the school office for advice.

Dates for the Diary



July 2026

Friday 10th - Treat Day
(KS2 in school and EYFS / KS1 at Wheelgate)

Monday 13th / Tuesday 14th - Tough Runner

Wednesday 15th - EYFS / Preschool Picnic

Thursday 16th - Year 6 Performance (2.30pm and 4pm)

Friday 17th - Year 6 SATs results (out to parents)

Friday 17th - iRock Concert (2.45pm)

Monday 20th - Year 6 Disco (6-7.30pm)

Wednesday 22nd - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (9.15am)

INSET Days

Friday 4th September 2026

Monday 4th January 2026

Thursday 6th May 2027

Monday 7th June 2027

Monday 26th July 2027



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