Firfield Primary School

Learn Together, Grow Together, Achieve Together

November Newsletter 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Children in Need**
  November 13, 2026
  Children in Need fundraising. Year 5&6 stalls and non-uniform.

- **Food Bank Collection**
  November 22, 2026
  Winter Foodbank Collection in school. Any donations by Friday 20th November would be greatly appreciated.

- **EYFS Phonic Workshop**
  November 23, 2025
  EYFS parents and carers are invited to join us in the middle lodge for our phonic workshop

- **PTA Christmas Fair**
  December 4, 2025
  Please come and join us after school for the PTA Christmas Fair.

Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week 2026 takes place from 16–20 November, with the UK-wide theme "Break the Silence," encouraging children, young people, and adults to speak up about bullying and take action together.

Scan the QR code to see our latest Anti-bullying Policy.



Message from the Headteacher

I hope you all had a wonderful half-term break and enjoyed some quality time with your families.

As we return to school, the excitement is building for the festive season. We have a fantastic line-up of Christmas events, including nativities and seasonal activities, all designed to bring plenty of cheer and celebration to our school community.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended Parents' Evening before the break. We truly value your involvement and the time you took to complete the parent and carer questionnaire. Your feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and we're pleased to share some of the key strengths and areas for development highlighted in the survey—these can be found both in this newsletter and on our school website.

This term, our staff are undertaking important safeguarding training, covering topics such as fire safety, cyber security, and online safety. You'll find more information in the 'Spotlighting Safeguarding' section of this newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support as we head into this joyful time of year.

Mr Yellop

Enrichment at Firfield

The Big Sing



A huge well done to all the children from Glee Club across Key Stage 2 who attended The Big Sing at Trent College last week.
The children had a fantastic day filled with rehearsing, singing, and performing alongside pupils from other schools. Their enthusiasm, confidence and excellent behaviour made us incredibly proud, and they truly shone during the final performance.

Events such as The Big Sing provide wonderful opportunities for our children to develop their musical talents, work collaboratively with others and experience performing in a large-scale event.

A special thank you to Mr Surridge for inspiring the children throughout the day and to Mrs Geeson, our Music Coordinator, for supporting the group and helping make the experience such a success.

Well done to everyone involved for representing Firfield so brilliantly!

All Aboard The Book Bus

On Tuesday, we were thrilled to welcome back the Book Bus to Firfield. Thank you for the incredible support from parents, purchasing books and helping to provide more resources for the school as well as promoting a love of books and reading.

A huge thank you to Mr Thurgood and Mr Surridge for organising such a successful and inspiring event.



Sporting Opportunities

Tag Rugby Festival

Congratulations to our Year 5 tag rugby team, who represented Firfield superbly at a recent tag rugby festival hosted at Nottingham High School. Competing against eight other schools, the team demonstrated excellent skill, teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship throughout four highly competitive matches, remaining unbeaten with three wins and one draw.

I loved taking the children and see what a credit to the school they all were, showing determination and enthusiasm in every game. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and the way they represented Firfield both on and off the field. This builds on the Year 6 Trent College Festival in September

Well done to everyone involved!



Other Sporting Events

As we continue to build our sporting opportunities I am delighted to inform you of other events we have signed up for over the next two terms.

Cross Country Festival (Years 3-6) in February
Football Festival (Years 3-4) in March
Bee Netball Festival (Years 5-6) in March
Swimming Gala (Years 5-6) in April
Kwik Cricket Festival (Years 5-6) in May

In addition to the above festivals offered by Nottingham High School we are in the process of arranging events at cluster schools as well as joining events at Trent College. This build on the after school clubs run by Mrs Smith and other members of the Firfield staff team.

Children in Need

Challenge Yourself to 26

A reminder that on Friday 13th November we will be supporting Children in Need. Children can bring up to £3 on the day to spend on the stalls run by Year 5 and 6.

Children can also pay a £1 donation to come in non-uniform. They can come dressed in an outfit of choice. This could be yellow and spotty, linked to challenge yourself (e.g. superhero) or simply a favourite outfit.

We are looking forward to a fun day!

Canaan Trust Food Collection

On the 22nd November St Michael's will be holding their Christmas Food and Toy Collection at the school. Please donate new toys for the Christmas connection project - helping children who would otherwise not receive any gifts. They will also be collecting non-perishable food items for Canaan Trust. On Thursday 19th and Friday 20th November the school will have some crates outside the 'Reading Lodge' for any items.

School Council



School Council and Remembrance

We are delighted to congratulate our newly elected School Council representatives, who have been chosen by their peers to help share ideas and make a positive difference to school life. The children have already begun their important role and will be working together to help all pupils flourish and thrive at Firfield.

Our School Council representatives also proudly attended the local Remembrance Sunday Service on behalf of the school. They showed great respect, maturity and dignity as they joined the community in remembering those who have served and sacrificed. We are incredibly proud of the way they represented Firfield.

As part of our own act of remembrance, the whole school will complete a two-minute silence at 11:00am on Wednesday 11th November, joining people across the country in reflecting on the courage, service and sacrifice of those who have given so much for others.

PTA Christmas Fair

Please pencil this date in you diaries and prepare to join us for the PTA Christmas Fair! Santa will be setting up his grotto in our reading lodge, there will be numerous stalls, Glee Club will get us all in the festive mood and there will be lots of food and drink to enjoy.



Friday 27th November will be our non-uniform day, where we invite the children to bring chocolate and sweet for our tombolla.

We look forward to a great event!

Parents' and carers' feedback

Parent Questionnaire

It was wonderful to see so many parents at Parents' Evening before the half-term break. Thank you to everyone who completed the parent questionnaire and the lovely comments that were shared. Here are some of the highlights.

94.4% of parents and carer said that their child is happy at school (with the majority strongly agreeing).

98.1% of parents and carers said that their child feel safe at school (with the majority strongly ageing).

92.1% of parents and carers agree that the school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.

There was only one negative reponse to these three questions.

Thank you for all the positive comments that many of you wrote about Firfield school, the opportunities the children have and the great work of all the staff.

There were a few parents who were concerned about the changes to sports provision, hopefully my earlier sports section has shared the developments we have put together as a school.

Spotlight on Safeguarding



Parking

We ask parents again not to park in the spaces alongside the hedge (we are in the process of putting staff only signs in all these space). If parents who drop of and pick up from breakfast and afterschool club continue to park in these spaces and not use the six spaces next to the fence (reverse parking please) we will have no choice but to ban parents from using the school car park altogether.

Dates for the Diary



November 2026

Wednesday 11th	Remembrance Day
Friday 13th	Children in Need
Monday 16th	Anti-bullying Week
Monday 23rd	SEND Parents' Evening
Monday 23rd	EYFS Phonics Workshop
Friday 27th	PTA Non-Uniform Day

December 2026

Tuesday 1st	Year 3 Creswell Crags Trip
Wednesday 2nd	Year 2 Experience Christmas (am)
Friday 4th	PTA Christmas Fair (5-7pm)
Tuesday 8th	EYFS Christmas Performance (9:30am)
Tuesday 8th	Year 1&2 Christmas Performance (2pm)
Wednesday 9th	Year 1&2 Christmas Performance (9.30am)
Thursday 10th	Year 2&4 Snow White
Friday 11th	Treetops Reindeer Dash
Friday 11th	iRock Concert (2.45pm)
Wednesday 16th	Christmas Dinner Day
Wednesday 16th	KS2 Christmal Carols at St Michaels
Thursday 17th	Christmas Craft Afternoon
Friday 18th	Last day of term

INSET Days

Monday 4th January 2027
Thursday 6th May 2027
Monday 7th June 2027
Monday 26th July 2027