

FOSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

Nursery & Reception

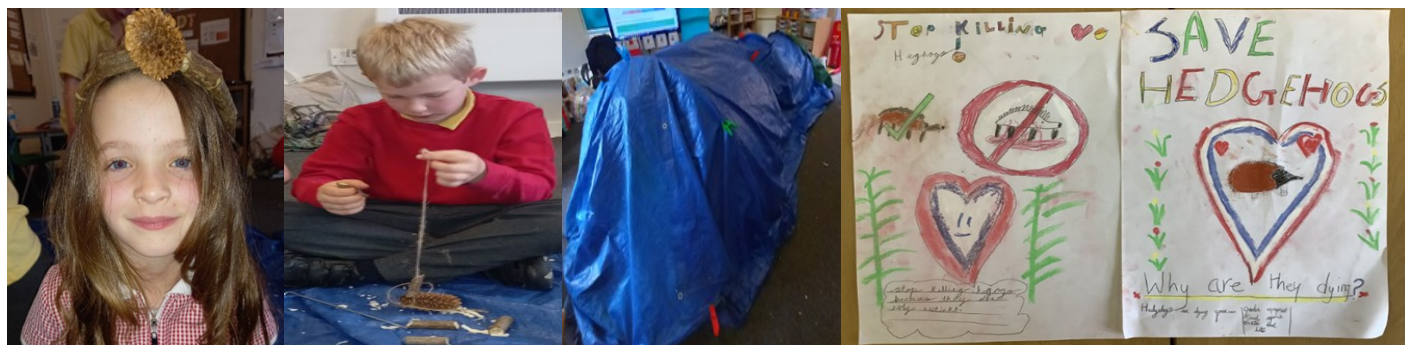
It has been lovely to see the children in Nursery and Reception enjoying our outdoor area and exploring the media of chalk. The children have loved using the chalks to mark make, whether it be their name, numbers, words and even to draw pictures. Great to see how all the children interpret their ideas in different ways. It has been especially great to see the nursery children's confidence grow with mark making and how much more they are doing this throughout the day. I wish all of our families a wonderful half term holidays!



Year 1 & 2

Earlier in the year KS1 children across the federation voted to embrace charities which support local wildlife. Following on from the experiences of some of the children in Class 2 we have decided to focus mainly on protecting hedgehogs. We researched why this favourite UK animal is in decline and designed posters to raise awareness-here are just a few of our posters which we will circulate in our local environment after half term.

The resilient Miss Cooke brought forest schools indoors on Wednesday and taught the children how to use elder twigs and pinecones to make necklaces, crowns or bracelets then set up camp! Have a wonderful half term break.



Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

It was lovely to welcome back Dave to teach music for an afternoon. We had lots of fun playing different types of drums to music. It has been a fantastic term and I commend all the children who have been great, particularly during our swimming lessons and Yearsley Swimming Pool. We wish you all a great half-term holiday!



FOSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

Year 5 & 6

This week in Class 4 we have finished our mosaics that we have been working on with Miss Cooke. We have also finished our swimming for this half-term which has led to some very tired Friday afternoons! Well done to everyone this half-term for all of their hard work.



Message from the Head of School

Thank you to all the family members who joined us at our Celebration Assembly this week. I am so proud of all our children and feel extremely lucky to see them all grow as individuals. As part of our assembly, we announced our house point results which was extremely close:



1ST Place - Potter: 182
2nd Place - Dr Seuss: 175
3rd Place - Atinuke: 166
4th Place - Carrol: 151

The children in Potter will have a non-uniform day on **Friday 7th June**. This week I have also attended the school 'Dance Show', I was amazed to see the three choreographed dance routines that the children have learned in just 7 weeks to such a high standard. A huge thank you to Stacey, from Just Dance York, for leading these sessions.



Also, well done to the year 6 children who also completed Bikeability this week in just 1 day (instead of 2 days due to the horrendous weather on Wednesday) and to Mrs Rutherford who organised and joined them on her bike. I hope our staff and families all have an enjoyable half term, and as always, thank you for your support.

Miss Katie Stringer
Head of School
Foston CE & Stillington Primary Schools

Governor Message — change the length of the school day

At a Full Governing Board meeting on 20 May 2024, alongside staff views, Governors considered 8 responses from parents; all agreed with the proposal to extend the school day in order to ensure that the school meets the DfE expectation for all state-funded mainstream schools to deliver a school week of at least 32.5 hours by September 2024 at the latest.

Thank you for your consideration of the proposal.

The Governing Body have resolved to a change to the finish time for all classes at Foston from 3.15pm to 3.30pm, with effect from September 2024.

Corinne Cross
FST Chair of Governors

FOSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

Library Opening

After a long period of preparation, we are thrilled to announce we will be holding a library launch event on **Friday 21st June at 2pm** for all of our families and members of the community. From this point the children will have regular library session and be able to check books out of the library. We will also be looking for some special 'librarians' to support with this! To celebrate the opening, we would be delighted if you could help us with providing a buffet style plate of food in order to make this an enjoyable event for staff, pupils, parents and the community to get together. Please see the list of food below that would be great if each class could provide. Food should be brought into school on the morning of **Friday 21st June** at drop off time ready to be served later in the afternoon. If you have any questions, please email the school office.

EYFS - cakes and buns (gluten and egg free options too)

Y1/2 - sausage rolls, cheese and onion rolls, quiche, cooked pizza

Y3/4 - ham/cheese/coronation chicken sandwiches

Y5/6 - vegetable sticks, breadsticks, dips and crisps

As part of the event, we will be holding a 'book swap' where the children will get the opportunity to purchase a book for £1. The money raised as part of this will go directly into purchasing more books for the school library for the children to enjoy. PAFFs will also be running a raffle during the event and tickets can be purchased on the day, again all funds for this go to supporting the school with future causes. Thank you so much for your support with this and we look forward to welcoming you.

Foston Clubs

Please find below our extra-curricular clubs for next half term. To book a place, please email the school office. For our extra-curricular clubs, these will now be available on a block basis only. Wrap around care is also available with Mrs Gibson, Miss Cooke and Mrs Dale.

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Club	York Dance	Forest Schools	Energy Club
Leading Adult	Stacey	Miss Cooke	Total Sports
Time	3.15-4.15pm	3.15-4.15pm	3.15-4.15pm
No. of sessions	6 (except 9th July)	7	7
Age	Key Stage 1 & 2 (years 1- 6)	Key Stage 2 (years 3-6)	EYFS / KS1 (nursery - year 2)
Cost for the block	£27	£30	£21
Maximum	16	20	16

Bikeability

Well done to the year 6 children who took part in Bikeability; all 8 children successfully passed Level 1 and Level 2. It was lovely to see all the children proficiently ride their bikes around the playground, carefully navigate junctions and be aware of all other road users and obstacles whilst having fun with their peers from all 3 school.



FOSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

Phonics screening check

The year 1 children and some year 2 children will be completing the phonics screening check in the week commencing the 10th June 2024. This involves reading a mixture of alien words and real words with the class teacher. If you have any questions please ask!

KS1 SATs

Year 2 children will be completing their KS1 SATs in mid June. They will be doing reading, SPAG and maths papers. They have been working really hard to prepare for these and will do amazing. These are no longer statutory and will be used by school purely as an assessment tool. Any questions, please ask!

Social media

Social media and communication apps are increasingly being used by school aged children. As a school we follow the age guidelines set by the providers of each platform, but we understand it is parental discretion as to whether their child has access to certain apps at home. See the link below for advice around talking to your child/ren about social media and online communication.

If you have any questions or concerns around social media use please let us know. <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/social-media/>

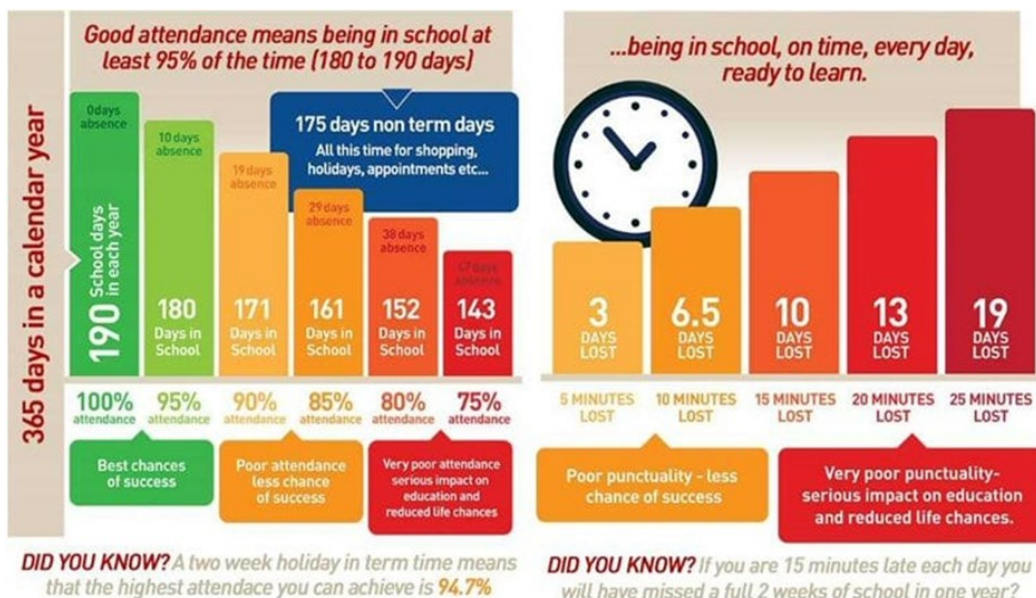
Reminder — Foston Wrap Around Care Parent Survey

Please can you complete the Forms survey for wrap around care <https://forms.office.com/e/mmh1bJTLBF>. This will support us in reviewing our wrap around care and extra-curricular offer for 2024-2025. Please can you complete **1 form per pupil** that attends school. This form will inform future decisions regarding the wrap around care offer and arrangements. The deadline for completing this form is **Monday 3rd June**.

Attendance

As a school we aim for 95% attendance from all our pupils. We realise this is not always possible when your child is poorly, but we kindly ask that if possible all appointments are made out of school time, again we know this cannot always be the case. We are sure you will agree we all want our children to succeed and good attendance is proven to give children the maximum learning time possible.

Taking all this into consideration, any requests for school holidays will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances.



FOSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

Parking at School

Parking at the start and end of the school day is becoming an increasingly busy time at school. Please can we remind parents to:

- **Park in the spaces directly in front of the school site.**
- **If no parking spaces are available, park on Low Street or High Street. Not on the grass verges outside the school site. It is extremely difficult for vehicles to pass safely when people have parked there.**
- **Not to block the pathways for families walking.**
- **Turn your engines off when waiting to collect pupils at home time.**

It has also come to our attention that there has been a near miss with a pupil. **When parking directly outside the school, please can you enter and exit this space very slowly.** There have also been two car bumps during collection time due to parking. Please can we ask for your support in ensuring the safe departure of the children at home time. There is a 5-minute window at collection time from 3.15-3.20pm to ease the business of collection time. Please see below a map that identifies where you can park.



FOSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

Diary Dates

Summer half-term	Friday 24th May (last day at school) Monday 3rd June (first day back)
Non-uniform (House Potter)	Friday 7th June
Drama with Audrie	Monday 10th June Monday 8th July
Diversity Day	Wednesday 12th June
KS1 Sealife Centre Trip	Friday 14th June
Library Opening	Friday 21st June, 2pm
KS2 Ampleforth Trip	Wednesday 26th June
KS1 Malton Sports—Summer Sports	Wednesday 26th June
KS2 Malton Sports—Gymnastics	Friday 28th June
Transition Day (all years)	Monday 1st July
New to Reception Meeting	Monday 1st July, 3.30pm
Sports Day	Tuesday 2nd July
Transition Day (all years)	Friday 5th July
Charity Day	Monday 8th July
Y6 Leavers Trip (tbc)	Wednesday 10th July
Fantastic Friday	Friday 12th July
Y6 Crucial Crew Trip	Monday 15th July
Leavers' service	Tuesday 16th July, 2.30pm
Sharing Assembly	Wednesday 17th July, 9.10am
End of Year Celebration	Wednesday 17th July, 5-7pm
Summer	Friday 19th July (last day at school) Tuesday 3rd September (first day back, 3.30pm finish going forward)