



Fair Acres Federation

Newsletter edition: **October 2025**

Term 1 Newsletter

Dear parents and carers

As we near the end of the first half of the autumn term, it's a joy to reflect on the fantastic start we've had. The children have returned to school with positive energy and a real commitment to our school values. From showing kindness and care during play to being respectful listeners in class, we're proud of how they're supporting one another and embracing every opportunity to learn and grow together.

Wellbeing Champions and Anti-Bullying Focus

We're pleased to announce the new team of Wellbeing Champions, who have started their important work this term. These pupils will be tasked with helping to promote positive friendships and emotional well-being across the school. While many of our children enjoy strong, healthy relationships, we recognise that support is sometimes needed—especially when managing feelings or navigating friendships.

As part of our commitment to creating a kind and respectful school community, the Wellbeing Champions will be leading activities to highlight Anti-Bullying Week.

The Wellbeing Champions aim to ensure that every child feels safe, valued, and heard.

Friends of the School – End of Term Fun

To end the half term on a high, Friends of the School are hosting a special day on Wednesday 22nd October with a visit from Lion Learners! Children will meet a selection of nocturnal animals in a hands-on, educational workshop – a real treat as we head into the darker nights of the season. FoNS will be selling Halloween sweetie cones on the day – please see Parent Mail for details on how to order.

We'll also be marking Halloween with a dress-up day and some light-hearted party games. We can't wait to see the creative costumes and enjoy the spooky fun together.

Curriculum Overviews

Our curriculum overviews for the term have been shared with parents and carers. These outline the key learning themes and subjects your child will be exploring in class.

If you have any questions about the curriculum or would like to know more about how topics are taught, please speak with your child's class teacher. The upcoming parent meetings are an excellent opportunity to discuss curriculum planning and find out how you can support your child's learning at home.

School Trips

In September, we enjoyed a whole school trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park. Pupils enjoyed handling a variety of animals in their workshops and exploring the park on such a sunny day. More class trips will be planned for later in the academic year.

We have 2 sports trips to Market Rasen planned for term 2 with the Wolds Sport Partnership. We will be signing up for more events later in the school year when more dates are released.

Secondary School Applications for year 6 parents/carers

Don't forget to **apply for a secondary school place** for your child (currently in Year 6) before the deadline.

Lincolnshire key dates for secondary school applications (for entry in September 26):

Key dates	Details
8 September 2025	Admissions open
31 October 2025	Admissions close (national closing date)

In the summer term, we have a transition support programme which will help our pupils to make the step up to secondary school. In addition, your offered school will make you aware of the transition support they offer.

Secondary School Information for Year 5 parents/carers

We encourage you to begin researching secondary schools now in preparation for your child starting Year 7 in September 2027.

- Visit school websites and attend open evenings to explore what each school offers.
 - Those considering grammar schools should contact their local grammar schools directly for guidance about the 11+ process, including test arrangements, entry criteria, and travel options.
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Harvest Festival – Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our Harvest Festival. It was a joy to celebrate this special occasion in the church and reflect on the importance of community, gratitude, and giving. We are also very grateful for your generous donations to the food bank – your kindness makes a real difference.



RBL Poppy Appeal – Souvenirs Available from 3rd November

We are supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal again this year. A selection of poppy souvenirs will be available for children to choose from starting Monday, 3rd November.

Children are welcome to choose one poppy and one souvenir each, per donation.

All donations go towards supporting the important work of the Royal British Legion. Thank you for your generosity.

Remembrance at Normanby

Pupils in Endeavour Class will go to the cenotaph in Normanby at 11am on 11th November to take part in the village memorial.

Other classes will participate in class remembrance assemblies.

Safeguarding at Our School

The safety and wellbeing of every child is our top priority. All staff at our schools play an active role in safeguarding and are committed to creating a safe, supportive environment where children can thrive.

Every year, all staff take part in statutory safeguarding training provided through the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (LSCP). This ensures that everyone is up to date with the latest guidance and procedures. Training covers important topics such as:

- Recognising signs of abuse or neglect
- Online safety and managing digital risks
- Domestic abuse awareness – recognising how domestic situations may affect a child's wellbeing or behaviour in school.
- Mental health and emotional wellbeing – understanding the link between mental health and safeguarding concerns.

We want parents and carers to know that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you ever have a concern about a child's safety or wellbeing, please speak to a member of the Designated Safeguarding Team or contact the school office for advice. Together, we can make sure all our

pupils feel safe, supported, and valued. We have a dedicated area for safeguarding on our website.

Designated Safeguarding Teams

Faldingworth: Mrs Grummell and Miss Cook

Normanby: Mrs Grummell and Miss Harrison

Reminder – 48-Hour Rule After Sickness or Diarrhoea

To help prevent the spread of infection, please remember that children must stay at home for at least 48 hours after their last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea. This means your child should only return to school 48 hours after they were last unwell, even if they seem better.

This guidance follows Public Health England (now UKHSA) advice and helps protect other pupils and staff from becoming ill.

Thank you for your support in keeping our school community healthy!

School Life Survey Results

Each year, we carry out our School Life Survey to ensure that pupils are having a positive experience in all areas of school life — learning, friendships, and safeguarding.

We are delighted to share that this year's results show that pupils enjoy school life and feel safe. These findings reflect our ongoing commitment to creating a supportive, inclusive, and happy learning environment for all.

We also encourage parents and carers to share any worries or concerns they may have so that we can quickly offer support and ensure that every pupil continues to thrive.

Where pupils did not respond positively, we have followed this up carefully to ensure there were no significant worries or concerns, and, where possible, we have resolved any issues raised.

Normanby School Headlines	%
I enjoy school life	84%
I enjoy learning at school	88%
Is there a bullying problem at your school	75% said there was no bullying 20% agreed that when it happens the teachers are really good at resolving it

My school encourages me to look after my emotional health and wellbeing	93%
My school encourages me to respect people from different backgrounds and to treat everyone equally	96%
I feel safe at school	89%
I would recommend this school to someone moving to the area	82% YES 18% MAYBE



FONS Competition

FoNS are holding a craft competition - £1 to enter with prizes to win in each class. We hope you enjoy some crafting in half term – we look forward to seeing some exciting projects on our return to school.

Deadline for entries is Wednesday 5th November.

Residential Trip Year 5 and 6

3rd - 5th June 2026

We are pleased to inform you that parents of pupils in Years 5 and 6 have now received information about the residential trip to Dearne Valley in the Summer Term.

We will hold a presentation evening nearer the time to share further details, answer your questions, and discuss practicalities.

If you would like to learn more about the Dearne Valley centre in advance, its programmes, facilities, and ethos, you can visit:

<https://schoolsandgroups.pgl.co.uk/centres/dearne-valley/>

Friends of School Bag2School Collection

We're taking part in the Bag2School fundraising initiative to help raise money for our school while supporting sustainable textile recycling.

You can donate any good quality items from the list below:

 Adult and child clothing

 Paired shoes (tied together)

 Handbags, belts, and accessories

Please note that we cannot accept: pillows, duvets, uniform/workwear or items that are damaged or wet.

Please see the [Bag2school website](#) for more information.

Donations can be dropped off from Monday 10th November and must be in by 9am on Thursday 13th November.

Please tell your friends and family so we can help to boost our collection.

Thank you for your support — every bag collected helps to raise valuable funds for our school and promotes an eco-friendly way to recycle unwanted textiles!

Eye tests

Being able to see clearly is incredibly important in your child's development and learning in school. If you notice any of these signs, it might be worth getting an eye test booked in for them:

- Straining their eyes or tilting their head to see better
- Frequent eye rubbing
- Losing their place while reading or using a finger to guide their eyes
- Complaining of headaches or tired eyes
- Consistently sitting too close to the TV or holding a book too close
- Closing one eye to read, watch TV or see better
- Avoiding using a computer or tablet because it hurts their eyes

End of Term Dates

Please note the last day of term is **Thursday 23rd October**.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 3rd November**.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and encouragement. Whether through volunteering, attending events, or simply being present in your children's learning, you are a vital part of our school community.

Kind regards

Mrs Grummell
Headteacher

Key Date Planner

Date	Event
Wednesday 22nd October	Halloween Dress Up Day & Nocturnal Animal Workshop
Thursday 23rd October	Last day of term 1
Monday 3rd November	First day of term 2
Monday 3rd November	Reading for Pleasure – Families are invited to join their children in school to read together 3pm – 3.30pm
Tuesday 4th November	Sports Trip - Cross Country - Years 3 - 6
Tuesday 4th November	Working together meetings from 3.30pm
Wednesday 5th November	FoNS Firework Craft Competition
Thursday 6th November	Working together meetings from 3.30pm
Tuesday 11th November	Remembrance – Endeavour Class at Cenotaph 11am, Remembrance assembly for Voyager and Discovery classes
Tuesday 11th November	Fire Safety Workshops
Thursday 13th November	Bag2School Collection - bags can be dropped off in school from Monday 10th November
Thursday 13th November	School photographer – individual and sibling portraits
Friday 14th November	Children In Need (non -uniform day)
Tuesday 18th November	Sports Tip - New Age Kurling - Years 3 & 4
Wednesday 26th November	Flu Vaccinations – 2nd visit. Please see letter previously sent on Parent Mail if your child has not yet received the vaccination and you would like to give permission.
Wednesday 3rd December	FoNS Wreath Workshop
Wednesday 10th December	Nativity – 5.30pm. Families invited to attend - maximum of 2 guests per school family
Thursday 11th November	Nativity – 9.15am. Families are invited to attend - maximum of 2 guests per school family
Tuesday 16th December	Christmas Lunch (order from GLC closer to the time) and Party Day. Christmassy non uniform (optional)
Friday 19th December	Carols in Church – Owmbay Church at 9.15am – all welcome
End of Term 2	Interim progress reports will be shared at the end of term 2
Friday 19th December	Last day of Term 2
Tuesday 6th January 2026	First day of term 3
Monday 12th January	Reading for Pleasure – Families invited to join their children in school to read together 3pm – 3.30pm