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Fordley Primary Calendar of Events and Term Dates

Dates will be continually updated on our school website:
https://www.fordleyschool.com/calendar/?calid=1,2&pid=80&viewid=1

Term Dates and Training Days for This Year - please note there are 5 training days

Due to the early start to the year, and the late finish in July, there are 5 training days throughout the year for North Tyneside schools. These are circled below but are:
1st September, 2nd November, 4th January, 28th May and 2nd June.

2026	July	August	September	October	November	December
Monday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
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Term Profile		
Term	**Days**	**Weeks**
Autumn 1	39	7.8
Autumn 2	35	7
Spring 1	30	6
Spring 2	24	4.8
Summer 1	34	6.8
Summer 2	33	6.6
Total	195	39.0

Bank Holiday
School Holiday
Weekend
Local Election

190 Pupil day calendar, term time window 195 days
5 days to be taken as training days.
Teacher Training Dates are at the discretion of each school
Autumn term 2027 likely to start on Wednesday 1st September 2027.

Other upcoming dates for the new school year:

- 13th October - Y2 visit to the library
- 14th October - School Council democracy visit to NTC
- 15th October - 6DF visit to the library
- 16th October - Y6 sports event at North Gosforth Academy
- 19th October - Y6 visit to the Discovery Museum
- 21st October - 5DG to Acton Farm
- 23rd October - Hallowe'en activities - children welcome to dress up in costume (letter to follow)
- 23rd October - Harvest donations in by today please
- **26th October - HALF TERM**
- 2nd November - Training day - school closed to pupils
- **3rd November - Back to school**
- 3rd November - Harvest Assembly
- 3rd November - Book Fair 3:20pm onwards for rest of week
- 4th November - Parent/Carer face to face consultations in the hall with class teachers (3:30-6pm) appointment letter to follow
- 9th November - Bikeability for Y4 and Y5 (over 4 days)
- 9th November - Flu immunisations
- 11th November - Parent/Carer face to face consultations in the hall with class teachers (3:30-6pm) appointment letter to follow
- 14th December - Reception Christmas Performances - 9:15/2:30
- 15th December - Y1/Y2 Christmas Performances - 9:15/2:30
- 16th December - Y3/Y4 Christmas Performances - 9:15/2:30
- 17th December - Y5/Y6 Christmas Performances - 9:15/2:30

Stars of the Week







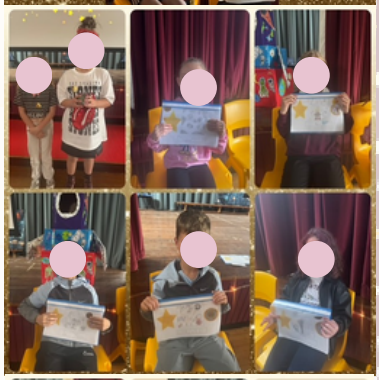












Our Star of the Week assemblies take place on Friday afternoons and they are an opportunity to share good news and celebrate our children for:

- being chosen as their class Star of the Week
- demonstrating real commitment to our Mission Value of the week
- earning a RAKtivist award for their Random Acts of Kindness to others
- celebrating children's successes at home in their chosen activity or sport
- rolling the dice when classes have a collective attendance of 96% or more for that week



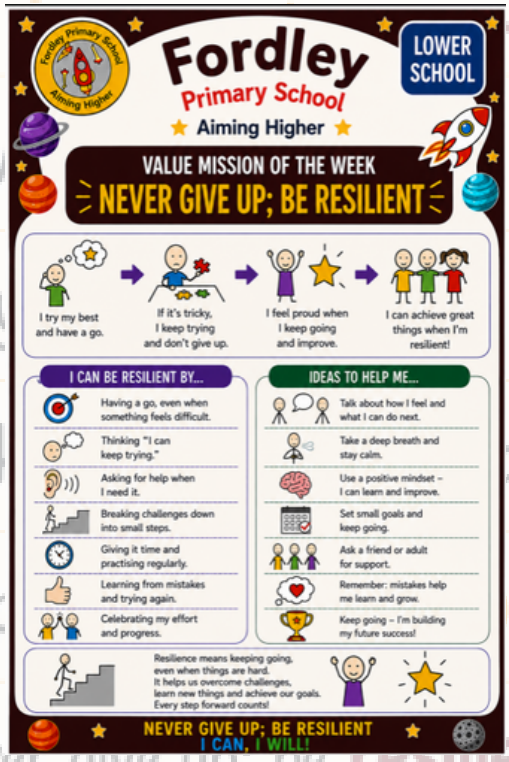


The children pictured on this page have been celebrated over the last few weeks for the reasons shown above. They make us very proud and we look forward to sharing more successes and achievements as they year progress. Well done to you all!

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Mission Value of the Week

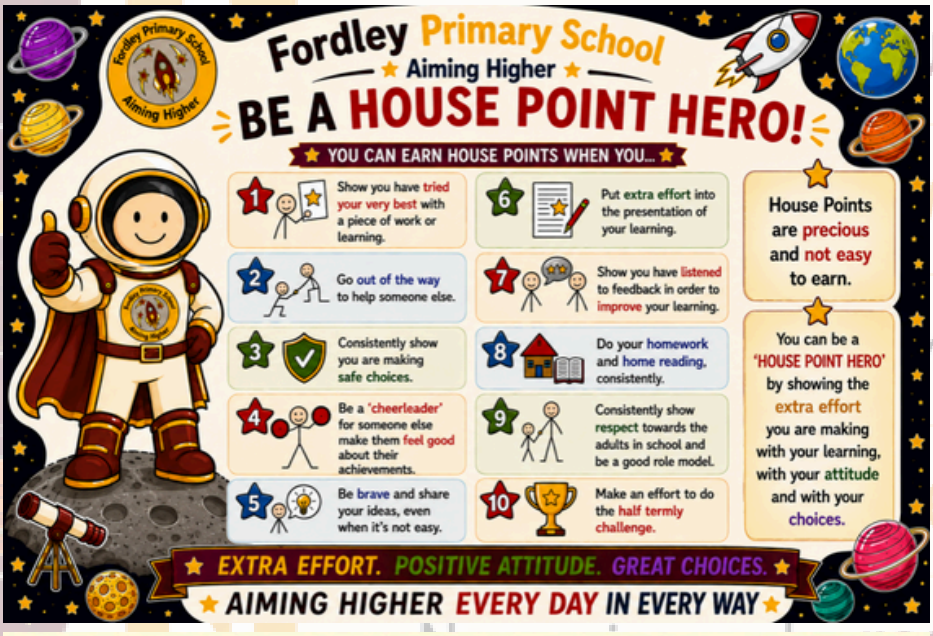
Every Monday morning we share with Y1 to Y6 in assembly the Mission Value we will all work on this week. This value is one of our core school values and something we believe is a skill for life as well as in school. In classes the Mission Value poster above is shared and we take opportunities to teach the value, demonstrate the value and celebrate with children when they are showing it.

THIS WEEK - Never give up; be resilient



KEY CONTACTS: Mrs Butler (School Business Manager/Safeguarding), Mrs Nicholson (Early Years Lead/Safeguarding), Mr Stewart (Upper Phase Lead/Safeguarding), Mrs Boyes (Deputy Head/Lower Phase Lead/Safeguarding), Mrs Miller (Deputy Head/SENDCo/Safeguarding), Mrs Withers (Headteacher and Safeguarding Lead)

House Teams and House Points









Having House Teams is not a new thing for Fordley but we decided, in the summer term that, as it had been a while since our House Teams were created it made sense to relaunch them with a space theme linked to our school badge and to give children the chance to suggest the new names. Our new House Teams of Mighty Moons, Remarkable Rockets, Adventurous Astronauts, Successful Stars. Spirited Satellites and Positive Planets can be seen above.

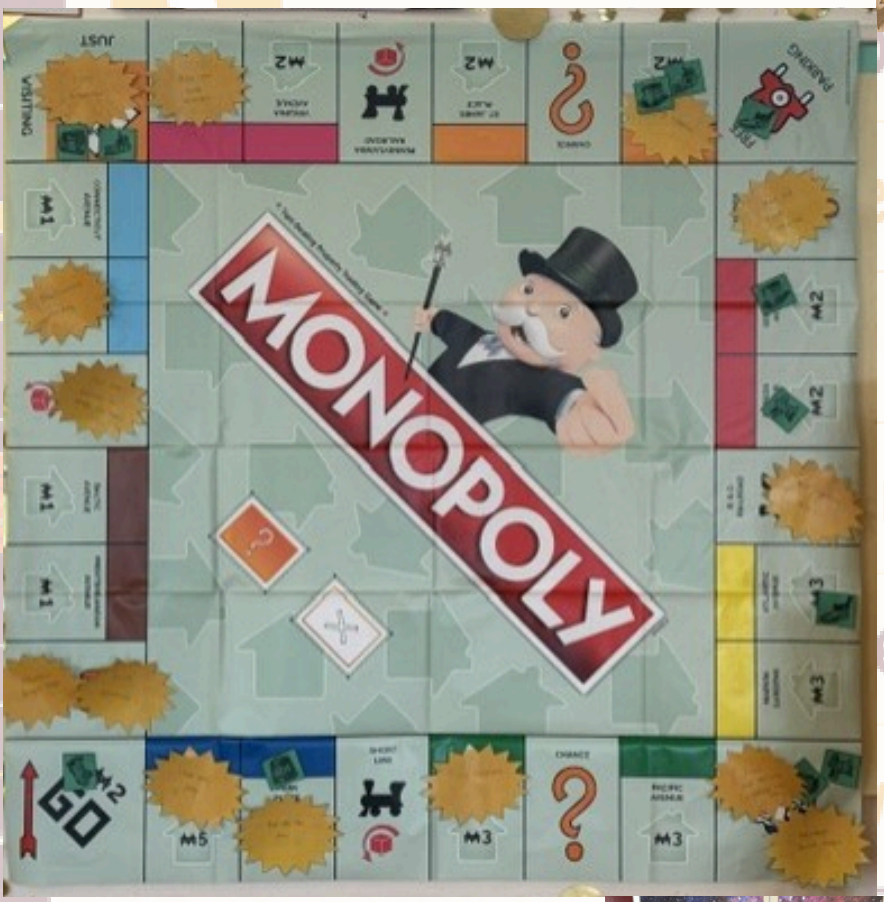
We kept children in the same house colour so if they were a yellow Lion last year they are now a yellow Successful Star this year. Siblings are typically in the same house team too. Adults in school are also in different House Teams and there are captains for each house who wear the badges above.

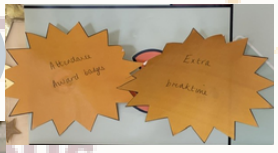
House Team Events - every term there will be a special event where we bring the children together in their House Teams to enjoy a team building activity and get to know children, and adults, in other parts of school.

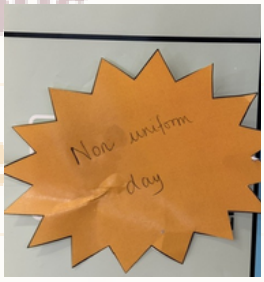
House Points - House Points are precious and hard to earn. The poster above shows the ways children can earn them. Special badges (Bronze, Silver and Gold) are given when children earn a certain number of house points. House Points are also displayed in the team tubes in the hall, with the winning team earning a treat at the end of the year.

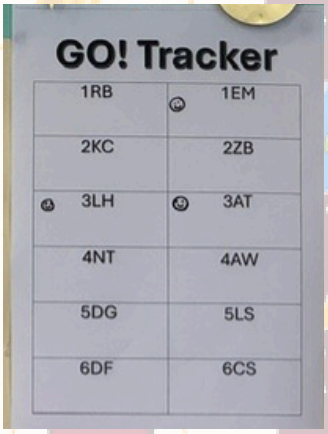
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Attendance Matters at Fordley









We know that, for most children, being at school regularly and consistently helps them to make good progress, receive the support they may need and also maintain positive friendships.

Our Attendance Monopoly is a way of celebrating classes who have achieved 96% attendance or more for the week. We take out of the calculation any absences for term time holidays.

Classes with 96% or above get to roll the dice on Fridays and earn a reward or work towards a smiley face on the Go! Tracker. The class with the most passes of GO by the end of the year will have a free trip. Classes with 100% for that week get two rolls of the dice.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Dice rolls were earned by:

- **1RB - 97.6%**
- **1EM - 96.8%**
- **2KC - 97.3%**
- **2ZB - 96.5%**
- **3LH - 99.2%**
- **3AT - 99.1%**
- **4AW - 96.1%**
- **4NT - 96.2%**
- **5DG - 96%**
- **5LS - 96.2%**
- **6DF - 97.4%**









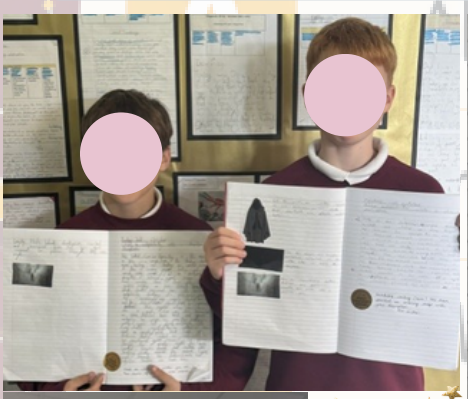
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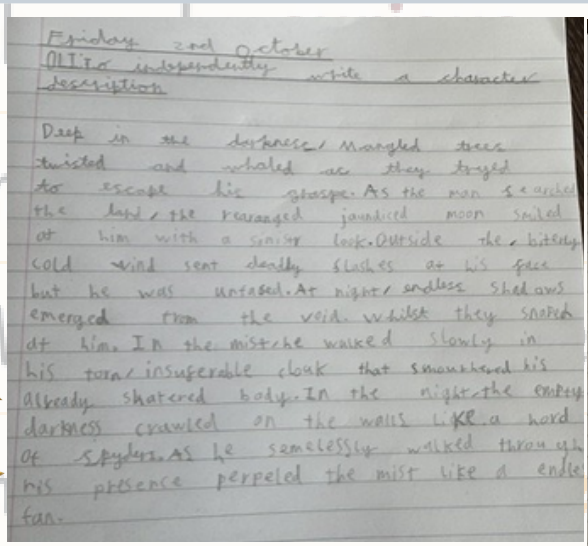
We already have a soft start for children as they can come into the classroom any time between 8:40-8:50 but for those who may struggle with the transition from home in the morning we also have our Basecamp provision.

This has been set up by Mrs Miller (our Deputy Head and SENCO) to help support with a more gentle start to the day and if your child may need support with this please give us a ring or email office@fordleyprimary.org.uk

The images on the left show our Basecamp and how it is set up. It is also used at break and lunch for children who may benefit from a quiet space for social time.

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING - Amazing Learning across Fordley

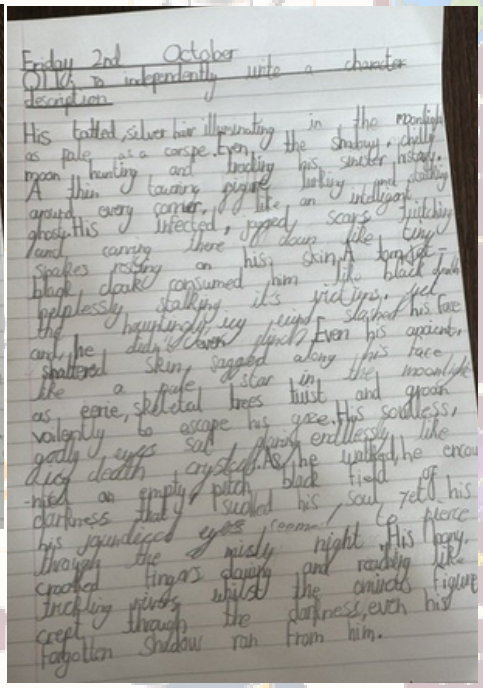




Friday 2nd October

QUIZ Independently write a character description

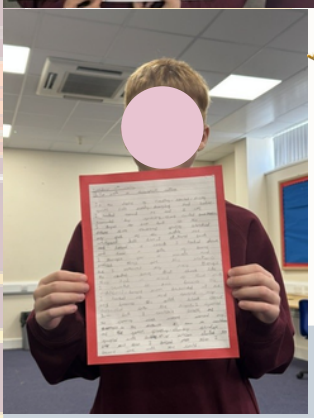
Deep in the darkness, mangled trees twisted and wailed as they tryed to escape his grasp. As the man searched the land, the rearranged jaundiced moon smiled at him with a sinister look. Outside the bitterly cold wind sent deadly slashes at his face but he was unfazed. At night, endless shadows emerged from the void, whilst they snarled at him. In the mist he walked slowly in his torn, insufferable cloak that smothered his already shattered body. In the night the empty darkness crawled on the walls like a herd of spyders. As he senselessly walked through his presence perpeled the mist like a endless fan.

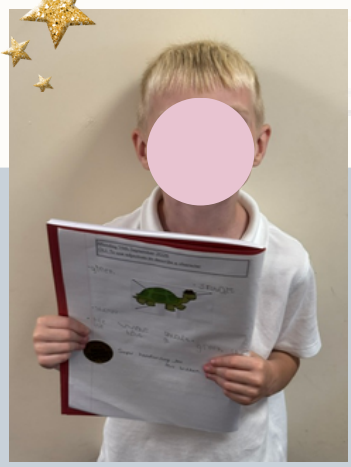


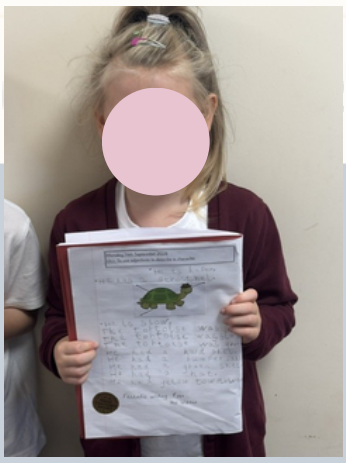
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His tatted silver hair illuminating in the moonlight as pale as a corpse. Even, the shadowy, chilly moon hunting and tracking his sinister instant. A thin, tawny figure lurking and skulking around every corner, like an indigent ghost. His infected, jagged scars twitching and carving there on his skin. A bonfire of black, dark consumed him. The black fuel helplessly stalking its victim, yet haunted by its own guilt. Even his opponent, the moonlight, slashed his face and he didn't even flinch. His face shattered skin, sagged along the moonlight like a pale star in the sky as eerie, skeletal trees hust and groan as eerie, skeletal trees hust and groan valiantly to escape his gaze. His soulless, godly eyes sat dimly endlessly like dice of death crystal. As he walked, he encountered an empty pitch black field of darkness that sucked his soul, yet his his jaundiced eyes seemed to pierce through the misty night. His bony, cracked fingers slowly and readily like tickling vines whilst the convicts figure crept through the darkness, even his forgotten shadow ran from him.







We have started the year strong with amazing writing from both our Lower Phase and our Upper Phase, with writing shared from Y2 and Y5.

The photos you can see show the brilliant progression from being brave writers in Y2 and using phonic knowledge to write your own sentences, to the manipulation of sentence structures, punctuation and use of amazing vocabulary in Y5.

It was also impressive that one of our Y5 boys had decided to use these skills to write at home and then bring this in to share. I look forward to being able to share the amazing learning across our whole school with you all in each Fordley News.

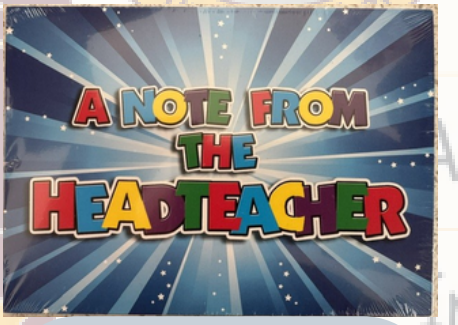
Other Updates:

Both Reception and Y5LS (one Y5 class still to go next week) have spent time on working farms as part of the partnership between school and the Countryside Trust. Reception visited East House Farm in Dissington and Y5LS visited Acton Farm in the Derwent Valley as part of their history work comparing farming in Anglo Saxon times and now.

Feedback from the farms was that our children were amazing and Y5: "The children were really brilliant today. So many interesting questions and they were all really engaged and listening. I hope they have all enjoyed their day too. They were a credit to the school."

Y6 recently visited Newcastle Central Mosque and Y3 the Washington Wetlands Trust. They engaged brilliantly in their visits and represented the school so well.





Headteacher Postcard:
Watch out for a postcard coming through your letter box from Mrs Withers. Where children are demonstrating exceptional effort or attitude she will sent a postcard home but it will be a surprise!





Pupil Leaders and Pupil Voice

At Fordley we extend a range of opportunities for children to get involved in being great role models for other children as well as developing their leadership skills.

In addition to House Team Captains we also have Sports Leaders (who have recently completed their training), Junior Joe's Mission Leaders (who are due to complete their training), Welcome Ambassadors and much more. From Y6 we have Young Leaders who are involved in more decision making and change around school, and a School Council who are due to attend their first democracy event this week. Mrs Scott will also be starting our first Young Carers group to support children who have a caring responsibility in their family.

Homework and Home Challenges:

It is expected that children will practice their reading and their number facts or multiplication facts (using Numbots or Times Tables Rockstars) every week at home.

In addition to this children can choose to complete one of Mrs Withers' optional challenges which were shared a few weeks ago (posters on the right).

It has been amazing to see the number of children who have already completed one of the challenges and we plan to display these in a central location in school so their hard work and creativity can be shared with everyone.











