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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
Tuesday		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30
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2027	January					February				March					April					May					June				
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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:

- 19th October - Y6 visit to the Discovery Museum
- 21st October - 5DG to Acton Farm
- 22nd October - Birthday non-uniform day for children with birthdays between 1st September and 1st November
- 23rd October - Hallowe'en activities - children welcome to dress up in costume
- 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
- 3rd November - Junior Joes mission training for Y6
- 4th November - RAF STEM workshops for Y5 and Y6
- 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
- 13th November - Children in Need day - non-uniform for voluntary donation of a silver coin
- 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

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)

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Stars of the Week

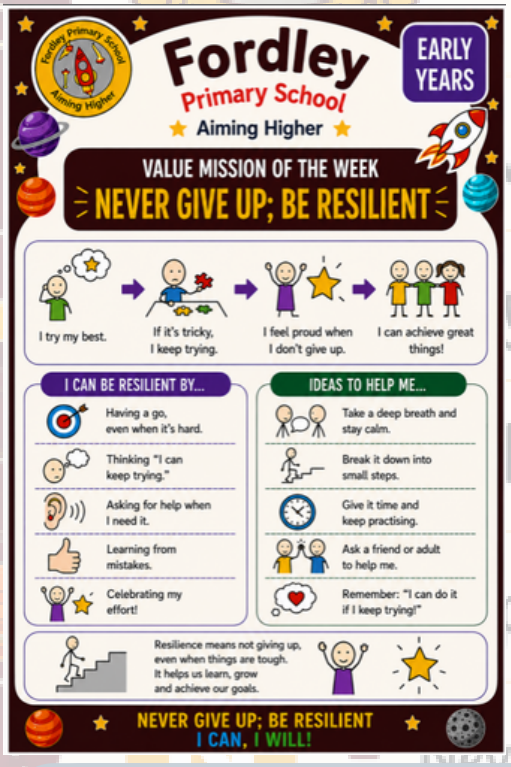


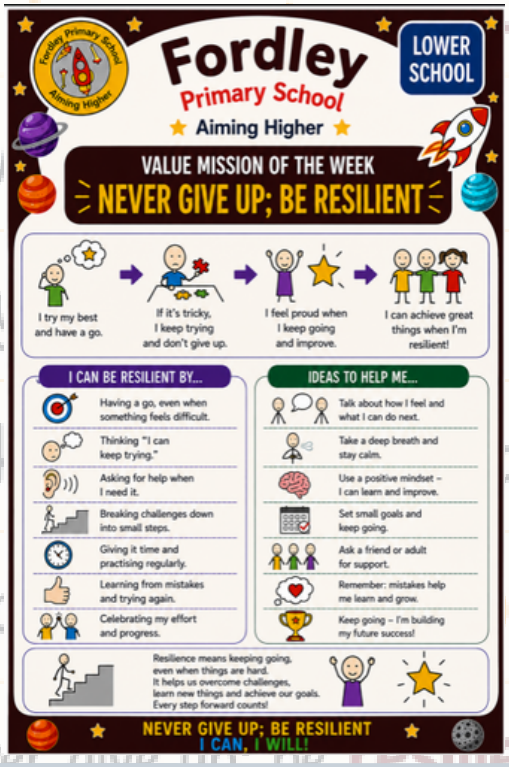
Our Star of the Week assemblies take place on Friday afternoons and they are an opportunity to share good news and celebrate our children for:

- 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 here, from Y1 through to Y5 (Y6 were at a sports event) were celebrated for being Stars of the Week, earning RAKtivist Awards, and extra commitment and effort to our Mission Value of the Week (Never Give Up; Be Resilient).

We also enjoyed celebrating with some of the children here their successes in swimming, football and much more. Well done to you all!





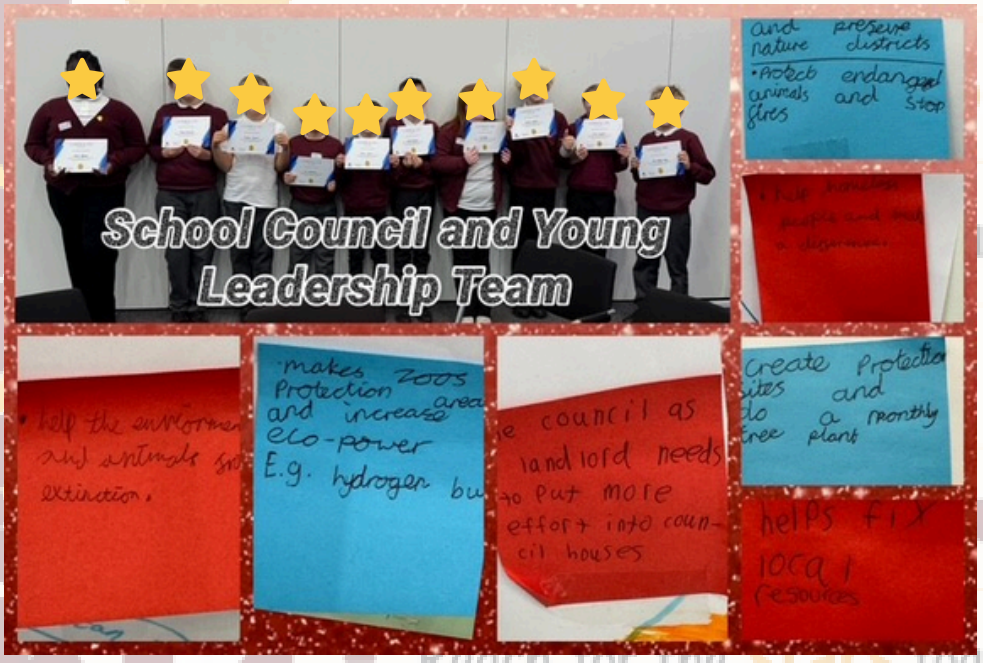


Mission Value of the Week

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 - as this value is such an important life skill we will continue with:

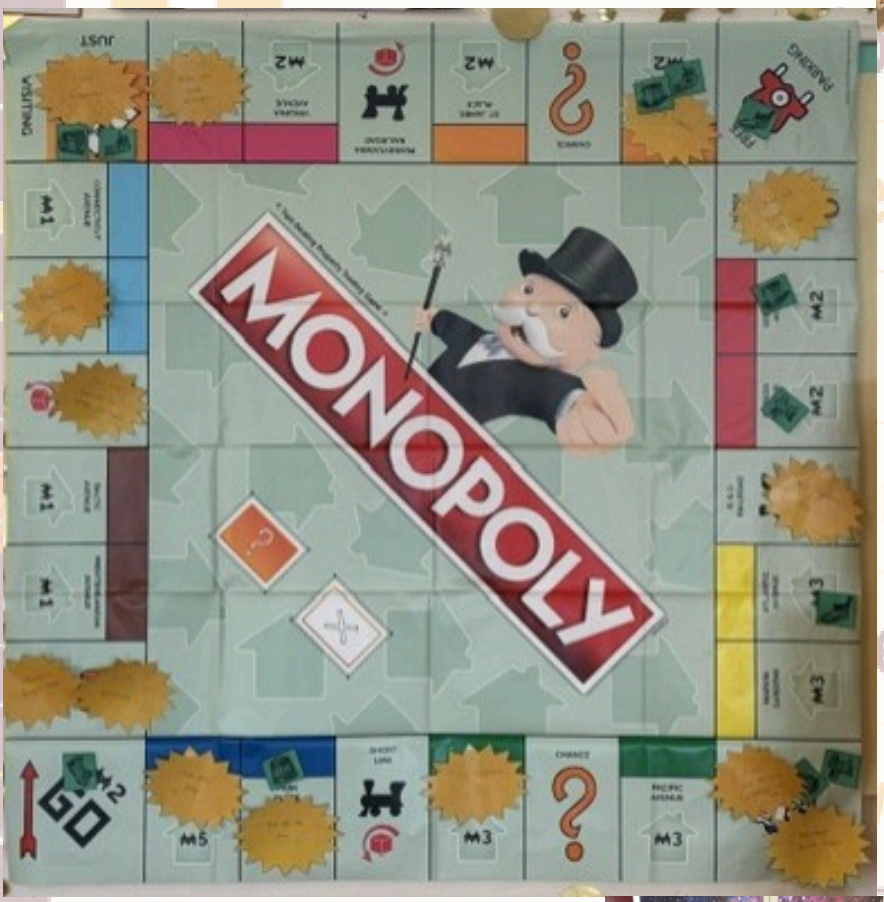
Never give up; be resilient

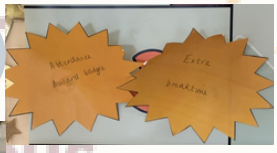


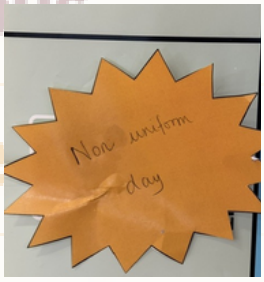
Local Democracy Week

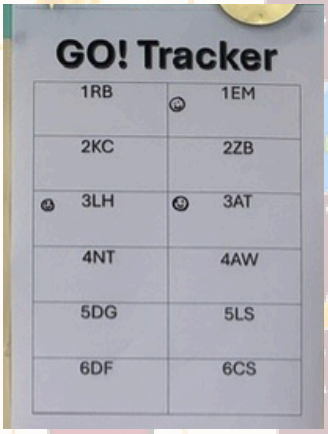
On Wednesday morning some of our School Council and our Young Leadership from Y6 attended a special event at North Tyneside Council. This event is an opportunity to bring young people together across North Tyneside, explore what democracy means and also give them a voice to consider what they would change if they could. One of the activities was to build an ideal local councillor and you can see from the post it notes on the left the things our children would value.

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 THIS WEEK

Dice rolls were earned by:

- **1RB - 97.5%**
- **1EM - 98.7%**
- **2ZB - 96%**
- **3LH - 98.8%**
- **4NT - 99.6%**
- **5LS - 97.1%**
- **6DF - 97.5%**









BASECAMP

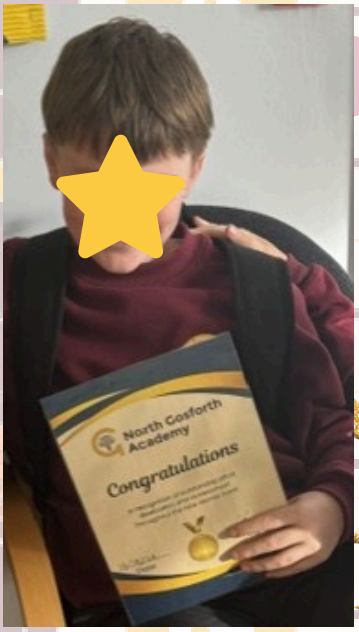
We already have a soft start for children as they can come into the classroom any time between 8:40-8:50 but for those who may struggle with the transition from home in the morning we also have our Basecamp provision.

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.

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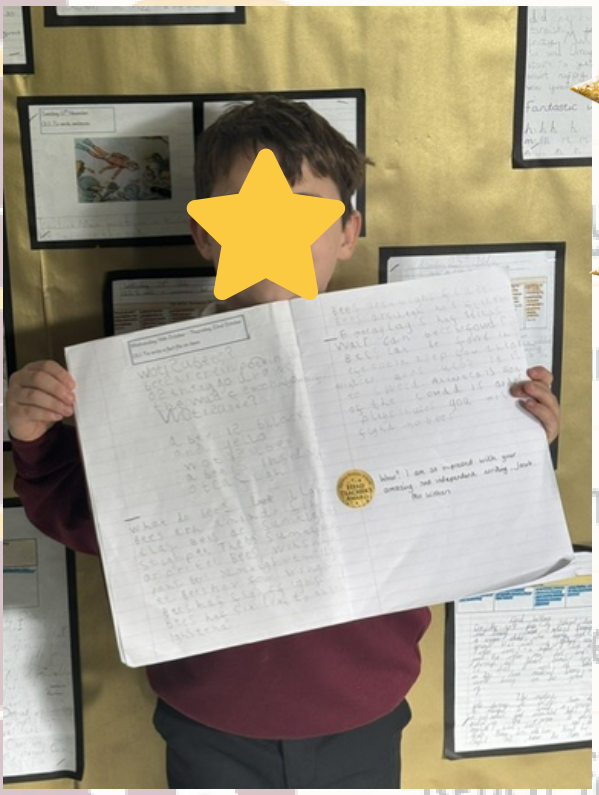
SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING - Amazing Learning across Fordley





On Friday afternoon Y6 spent time in the sunshine at North Gosforth Academy, alongside three other local primary schools, engaging in some physical challenges and activities led by Newcastle United Foundation. They all enjoyed the event and one of our boys was awarded a special certificate for his effort and attitude.





Our girls football team took part in a range of matches earlier this week, competing against other schools, and the two girls above stood out for their determination, positive attitude and teamwork. Well done!

And finally it is fantastic to share the writing of one of our Y2 boys. Y2 have been learning a wide range of interesting facts all about bees and have now used these facts to write an information text to teach others. Not only did our friend here have so many facts to tell me, he had also written them in his own information text and had completed this independently. A brlliant job done.