

The Ferns Primary Academy Newsletter



Friday 17th July 2025

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Welcome back to school and welcome to 2025!



Dear parents and carers,

We hope you are well and welcome to our brand new look newsletter! We would love to hear from you about this new format - we think it will work much better with mobile devices. As with all new initiatives, this is very much a work in progress so please bear with us while we polish and perfect what we hope is a real upgrade to the old newsletter.

It has been a really successful start to the year 2025, with the children picking up right from where they left off in 2024. It's hard to imagine 2025 being a more successful year than 2024 but we are always striving for improvements in whatever we do. We have got big plans for the upcoming year, which includes more trips, more visitors, more events and more experiences in addition to all of the knowledge the children gain each and every day they are in school.

Kind regards,

Mr Gittins and Mr Huotari

Attendance



Whole school attendance to date: 94% **Whole school target: 96%**

Class weekly attendance:

Oak— 93%

Willow— 87%

Sycamore— 82%

Pine— 94%

Gold and Platinum Award Winners



Gold award

Elizabeth, Evyavan, David, Daniel, Jamie, Ashaya, Tejas, Manshveer, Liam, Hayden, Louis, Jayden, Jainaba, Ciana, Victoria, Noah, Jaxson, Molly, Ravielle, Elsie, Tapes, David, Victoria, Rudrika, Jeremy, Simika, Lily-May

Platinum award winners

Diana, Billy, Kellysha, Alex

Star Learner and Citizenship Award Certificate Winners



Citizenship Award Certificate Winners:

Ellie, Tejas, Jayden and Mickey

Star Learner Award Certificate Winners:

Leo, Divina, Billie and Eliza



We are excited to announce that The Rushmoor Binfluencers will be visiting us at The Ferns on Monday 27th January. Some of our children will be heading out into the local community to litter pick with Councillor Abe and Councillor Lisa, along with staff, to clean up a designated area. This is another excellent opportunity to make a difference to our local community!

8th Cove Brownies



‘I had never climbed before. I was scared of heights. But I climbed and rang the bell all by myself and felt really proud of myself’

Poonam



Brownies

8 t f i c s t v i n B r o w n i e s
Spaces available now!

Girls have nonstop fun, learning and adventure

for ages 7 to 10

At Brownies, we welcome all girls to explore their creative side,
get out into the great outdoors and start to learn to look after
themselves, others and the world we live in.



Girlguiding

Registered charity number: 1043313



Join a local Brownies group

girlguiding.org.uk/joinus

Please note, Farnborough 8th Cove Brownies currently have spaces in their Brownies club who meet at St. Johns Church in Cove, Farnborough, during term times only.

They accept all girls aged 7-10 and are happy to host girls for a free taster evening. They will take part in a wide range of activities including games, crafts, trips, adventurous activities and teach them useful skills.

Fins Swimming Club



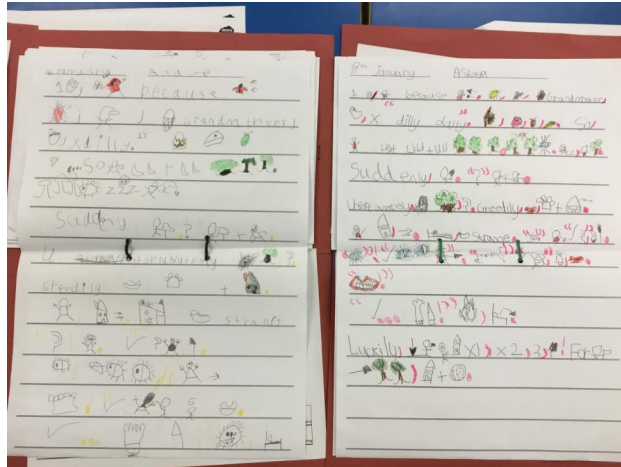
The fantastic Fins Swimming Club have spaces available during February half term! Enquire through their website by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.finsswimmingclub.org/>

Spotlight on Willow Class







Willow class has started Spring Term 1 with great enthusiasm. In writing, the children have been drawing their text maps based on the story of Little Red Riding Hood. Their maps turned out beautifully and the children are able to retell the story using them. In Science, we have been looking at different habitats and why animals are better suited to some habitats rather than others. As a class, the children created a fact file about penguins. We really enjoyed learning that the collective noun for a group of penguins is called a 'waddle'.



Makaton Signs of the Week

	<p>"C" finger makes small anti-clockwise movement on chin</p>
<p>Snowman</p>	<p>Hot Chocolate</p>
<p>As if smoothing glove over fingers. Repeat both sides for plural</p>	
<p>Gloves</p>	<p>Hat</p>
<p>Mime putting on scarf as appropriate</p>	<p>Mime putting coat on over shoulders. show appropriate length</p>
<p>Scarf</p>	<p>Coat</p>

	
Winter/Cold	Frost
	
Ice	Snow

Key Dates

Friday 17th January - INSET Day (school is closed)

Tuesday 21st January - The Ambulance Service Visit

Wednesday 22nd January - Friday 24th January - Runway's End Year 6 Residential

Monday 27th January - The Rushmoor Binfluencers Visit

Healthy Me Workshop - Tuesday 11th February (watch this space)

Friday 14th February - End of Term

Contact Us

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Kite Academy Trust Term Dates & Holidays

2024-25

 Start of Term INSET Day
 End of Term Public Holiday
 Academy Holiday

September 2024						
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July 2025						
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Term	First Day	Last Day
AUTUMN 2024	Wednesday 4 th September	Friday 25 th October
	Half Term Holiday: Monday 28 th October - Friday 1 st November	
	Monday 4 th November	Friday 20 th December
	INSET Days: Monday 2 nd & Tuesday 3 rd September	
SPRING 2025	Monday 6 th January	Friday 14 th February
	Half Term Holiday: Monday 17 th - Friday 21 st February	
	Monday 24 th February	Thursday 3 rd April
	INSET Days: Friday 17 th January & Friday 4 th April	
SUMMER 2025	Tuesday 22 nd April	Friday 23 rd May
	Half Term Holiday: Monday 26 th - Friday 30 th May	
	Monday 2 nd June	Tuesday 22 nd July
	INSET Day: Friday 6 th June	