



Ferryhill Station Primary School News

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A very warm welcome to the new academic year at Ferryhill Station Primary School.

This newsletter contains a number of reminders and updates. Please take the time to read through and don't hesitate to speak to staff if you have any questions or queries.

We look forward to a productive and successful year ahead for the children of Ferryhill Station Primary School. As ever, we are committed to working closely with all of our families and continuing to build upon the positive relationships that are important to us.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.
Best wishes,

Mrs Crosby
Head Teacher

Safeguarding

Keeping children safe from harm is our number one priority in school. We will always act upon any concern's individuals have, or any disclosures from children. However, if you have any concerns outside of school, or if you have a concern about a child or young person's welfare, it is essential that you call **First Contact** on: **03000 267979**.

Staffing for 2026-27

Early Years - Class 1	Mrs Goulden Mrs Luke-Taylor
Class 2	Miss Taylor
Class 3	Mr Leake Mrs Williams
Class 4	Miss Jayne
Support Staff	Mrs Yeouart Miss French Mrs Wilson Mrs Hall
Leadership Team	Mrs Crosby – Executive Headteacher Mr Leake – Deputy Executive Headteacher Mrs Millican – Associate Deputy Headteacher Mrs Robinson - SENDCo

School Uniform

School uniforms are very important because they help children to develop a feeling of belonging. A full list of our required uniform can be found on our website, here: <https://www.ferryhillstationschool.co.uk/page/?title=School+Uniform&pid=29>.

Please remember our school jumper colour is **RED** and children should wear unbranded plain **BLACK** shoes or trainers. Their polo shirts should be **WHITE** and school trousers, dresses or skirts should be **BLACK**.

We have never insisted that children wear jumpers or cardigans that include the school logo, although these can be purchased from <https://totstoteams.com/>

We also have our PRELOVED uniform rail in school again this year. If you have any uniform that you no longer need or that your child has outgrown, and that is clean and in good condition, please send it to school. Parents/carers are always welcome to come into school to find something suitable for their child's uniform needs.

Pupils who have individual arrangements around uniform, previously agreed with the school, will continue to have this in place. All other pupils are expected to wear full school uniform.

School will continue to provide and take care of the children's PE kits, except for PE shoes. Trainers or gym shoes must be provided by parents/carers.

Please remember to send trainers or gym shoes into school on PE days, or provide a pair that can stay in school on pegs, so children always have access to them for both outdoor PE and outdoor learning.

Studded ear piercings are permitted, however hooped ear piercings are not permitted. Please **remove earrings** on PE day.

No make-up or nail polish is permitted.

PE Days

School PE days are as follows:

Class 2 (Year 1 and Year 2) – Wednesday

Class 3 (Year 3 and Year 4) – Monday

Class 4 (Year 5 and Year 6) – Monday. Swimming will take place on a Thursday morning.

Please could you provide your child with a pair of trainers that can be kept on their peg in school, so they always have access to them for outdoor PE lessons and outdoor learning/activities.

School will provide all PE kits for all children. Children **do not** need to bring in their own PE kit from home, unless otherwise arranged with school staff.

Swimming Lessons

Class 4 (Year 5 and Year 6) will go swimming on a **Thursday morning** until further notice. Please ensure your child brings their swimming kit to school on a Thursday; swimwear, towel, swimming hat and goggles (if required).

If your child does not have a swimming hat, these can be purchased at the swimming venue at a cost of £2.50 each. If you would like to purchase one, please send the money to school with your child.

If there are any changes to the swimming schedule, Mrs Pinkowski will let you know via in-app message on Arbor or by text message as soon as possible.

Please note: Swimming is compulsory as it is part of our school curriculum. All children must attend.

Holiday Dates

All of the holiday dates for the coming year can be found on our school website, here: <https://www.ferryhillstationschool.co.uk/page/?title=School+Holidays&pid=31>.

School Timings

Please could I remind all parents/carers of our school times:

Our school day runs from 8.55am – 3.25pm for pupils in Reception up to Year 6.

Our Nursery sessions are as follows:

Morning Nursery session – 8.45-11.45am
Afternoon Nursery session – 12.30-3.30pm
Full day entitlement – 8.45 – 3.25pm

Our school gates/doors will open from 8.45am. The children can arrive at this time to ensure they are in school and ready to start the school day at 8.55am.

3-Year-Old Nursery (Morning)

Drop off – 8.45am at the Early Years gate.
Collection – 11.45am at the Early Years gate.

Reception pupils and Full Day Nursery pupils

Drop off – 8.45am at the Early Years gate.
Collection – 3.25pm at the Early Years gate.

2-Year-Old Nursery (Afternoon)

Drop off – 12.30pm at the main entrance to school.
Collection – 3.30pm at the Early Years gate.

School (Year 1 – Year 6)

The school doors open at 8.45am, and children start the school day at 8.55am.
Collection – 3.25pm at the school main entrance/school gates.

Year 5 and year 6 children ONLY

If you would like to give permission for your child to walk home alone after school, please contact the school office for a letter of consent. The letter needs to be signed and returned to school for us to allow your child to walk home alone.

Attendance

Good school attendance is crucial to a child's academic success. We monitor and analyse our school attendance and the attendance of each child weekly and as soon as attendance dips below 95%, this could result in a phone call or a request for an attendance meeting in school.

If your child is absent from school, please **REMEMBER** to contact the school office on their first day of absence no later than 9.00am. If you have not notified the school by this time, Mrs Pinkowski will try to contact you via a telephone call, text message or in-app Arbor message.

A reason for your child's absence **must** be provided. If a reason for absence is not provided, your child will be marked as an unauthorised absence on the register.

Punctuality Matters

Being on time for school is extremely important.

All children should arrive at school for doors opening at **8.45am**. Children will then be in school ready to start the school day at **8:55am**. Arriving on time helps children settle into class, participate in important morning activities and begin learning alongside their peers.

If a child arrives after 8:55am, they must be brought to the school office by a parent/carer, and a reason for the lateness must be recorded.

We monitor attendance and punctuality closely. Persistent lateness can have a negative impact on a child's learning, wellbeing and progress, as well as their ability to access the support they need throughout the school day. We appreciate your support in ensuring children arrive at school on time every day, ready to learn and succeed.

Labelling Clothes

Please make sure that all uniform, shoes, coats and jackets are clearly labelled with your child's name (or initials) and class. This makes it much easier for us to find the children's belongings in the event of them going missing. We like to keep lost property in school to a minimum as we don't have the space to keep it in school. Please help us to help you and label your child's clothing.

Emergency Contact Details

Please can we ask all parents/carers to check their emergency contact information on the Arbor app. Please can we ask that we have at least two emergency contacts for each child and that the information saved is current and up to date.

Nut free school premises

For the safety of all pupils and staff, and in line with Benedict's Law, we are a completely nut-free school. Please do not send any nut products into school.

Parking

Please can we remind all parents and carers to be considerate when parking around school at the beginning and end of the school day. Please be mindful of the children and pedestrians that will be around at these times. Please **DO NOT** block the school gates, they need to always remain clear and accessible.

Smoking and Vaping

Please can we remind all parents and carers that smoking or vaping on our school site is **not permitted**. If anyone is seen smoking or vaping, they will kindly be asked by staff to stop. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

APPLY NOW for a Secondary School Place

The application process is now open.

If your child's birthday falls between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 your child will start Year 7 at a secondary school in September 2027.

You must apply for a school place as there is no automatic transfer from primary school to secondary school.

To apply, please follow this link: <https://www.durham.gov.uk/secondarieschoolplaces>

The closing date to apply for a secondary school place for the September 2027 intake is midnight on Friday 31 October 2026.

APPLY NOW for a Primary School Place

The application process is now open.

If your child's birthday falls between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023 your child will start Reception at an infant or primary school in September 2027.

You must make an application for your child's school place as there is no automatic transfer from nursery school to an infant or primary school (Reception intake).

To apply, please follow this link: <https://www.durham.gov.uk/primaryschoolplaces>

The deadline for applying for a primary school place is 15 January 2027.

Free Breakfast club

We are very pleased to launch our new **free breakfast club** at Ferryhill Station Primary School. This will begin from **Monday 14th September** and will start at **8.15am** every day. This club is open for pupils from Reception to Y6.

Due to staff supervision levels, we ask that all children who wish to access the breakfast club are at the main entrance for 8.15am. Late arrivals will not be permitted.

The aims of the free breakfast clubs are not only to provide pupils with a breakfast ahead of the school day, but to provide pupils with a soft start to the school day and to reduce financial burdens of childcare on parents and carers. We are funded for a 30 minute breakfast club before the start of the school day, therefore the timings of our club will run as 8.15am – 8.45am every morning.

Children will be offered a selection of fruit, cereal and toast each day they attend, along with water and squash. There will be activities on offer for the children such as colouring, jigsaws, lego and reading.

We kindly ask that parents contact the school office to book into breakfast club for the following week. This should be done by 3.30pm on a Friday which will allow the correct level of staffing to be organised and in place for the following week.

We are very excited to offer a free breakfast club for the pupils in our school and look forward to seeing the positive impact that it will have.

Autumn Term Diary Dates – to follow