Foundry Lane Primary School

Working Together

October Newsletter | Autumn Term 2026

Dear Families,

It's been lovely to see our children go on their first school trip of the year. Our Y6 children loved Stubbington residential. Our pupils enjoy a wide range of outdoor learning experiences, organised under the themes of Environment, Culture, and Adventure. These enriching activities provide opportunities to explore the local area, discover the plants and animals that share the grounds, and build valuable life skills through hands-on experiences. A huge thank you to Mrs Reis, Miss Atkinson, Miss Lyon-Maris, Miss Stevens and Mrs Tindal for taking such wonderful care of the children and creating memories that will last a lifetime. Their dedication, enthusiasm and support helped make the experience truly special for everyone involved.

Hot Chocolate

Hot Chocolate with Mrs Middleton

We have recently launched Hot Chocolate with Mrs Middleton, a special opportunity to celebrate children who have gone above and beyond in demonstrating our school values and Golden Rules.

Each child is awarded a special certificate during assembly after being nominated by their teacher for their outstanding attitude, behaviour, or contribution to school life. They are then invited to spend time with Mrs Middleton, where they can share their learning, talk about their achievements, and enjoy a hot chocolate together.

We are incredibly proud of these children and look forward to celebrating many more of their successes throughout the year!



Golden Rules

Our Golden Rules are **Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Your Best**. We are incredibly proud of how well our children use these rules to guide their daily decisions and interactions. Together, we are building a positive, caring, and supportive school community.

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Announcements

We are delighted to announce that our Head Boy, Head Girl and Deputy Head Pupils have been chosen. Families have been notified, and the children are thrilled to have been selected for these important leadership roles. They are incredibly excited and cannot wait to represent and lead our school community throughout the year. We are very proud of them and look forward to seeing all they achieve in their roles.

Our new house names have also been announced #proudtobesouthampton









Parents Evening's

Parents' Evening will take place on **13th, 14th and 15th October**. Our teachers cannot wait to meet with you and share your children's learning, achievements and progress so far this year.

These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into the new academic year, celebrate their successes, and talk about their next steps in learning. We look forward to seeing you there.

Bookings are now open on the Arbor app. Please call the office on 02380 774814 if you have any questions.

Arbor

Individual School Photographs

Individual school photographs will be taken soon. Please ensure that all children are wearing the correct school uniform on the day. If it is your child's PE day, please send their PE kit in a separate bag so they can be photographed in full school uniform.

There will be a sperate online form sent out if you would like to have sibling photos taken on this day.

Changes to financial support for families

From Autumn 2026, Southampton City Council will no longer provide supermarket vouchers during school holidays for families with children receiving benefits-related free school meals. Support is changing so help can be focused on households experiencing the greatest financial difficulty.

Families in immediate financial crisis may be able to apply for support through the Crisis Resilience Fund. Residents must live in Southampton, be on a low income and be experiencing a financial shock or crisis. Information about how to apply is available through Southampton Citizens Advice.

The Holiday Activities and Food programme will continue to offer free activities and nutritious meals for eligible young people during school holidays.

Walktober

This October, we are excited to be taking part in Walktober 2026, a month-long challenge celebrating International Walk to School Month.

Children, staff, parents, carers and volunteers are encouraged to get moving by walking, wheeling, scooting, cycling or choosing other active and sustainable ways to travel to and from school throughout the month.

Every eligible journey counts towards our school's Walktober total. Schools compete against others of a similar size, with the chance to be crowned the Walktober 2026 Champion. The winning school will receive a selection of exciting prizes to support outdoor learning and exploration, including nature and wildlife resources, gardening equipment, vouchers and much more.

We would love as many families as possible to get involved and help us climb the leaderboard. By choosing active travel, you are not only supporting our school but also helping to improve health, wellbeing and the environment.

Let's step up to the challenge and make this our most active October yet!



Friends of Foundry Lane

Friends of Foundry Lane have an exciting opportunity to join their team a Treasurer, if you can spare some time to make a big difference please get in touch and we can guide you in the right direction.



Allergy Aware School

All children should have brought home a **Pupil Allergy Declaration Form** for parents and carers to complete and return to school. Please ensure that the form is returned as soon as possible, as it helps us keep our allergy records up

to date and ensures that we can provide the safest possible environment for all pupils.

Please complete even if your child does not have an allergy.

To support **Benedict Law** and strengthen our emergency response procedures, the school now has **spare Adrenaline Auto-Injectors (AAIs)** available on site. These may be used in the event of an allergic emergency, in accordance with national guidance and school procedures.

We thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep all of our children safe.

No birthday treats: in line with our allergy aware approach, we kindly ask that birthday treats (such as sweets or cakes) are not sent into school to be shared with the class. We are very happy to celebrate birthdays in other ways; please speak to your child's class teacher if you would like suggestions.



Bringing Items to school

A polite reminder that lip balms, body sprays and moisturising lotions should not be brought into school. These items can sometimes cause allergic reactions or sensitivities in other children and may become a distraction during the school day.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe and focused learning environment for everyone.

Harvest Festival

We are beginning to get into the Harvest spirit, and the sound of Harvest songs can already be heard around the school!

We would be very grateful for any donations towards our Harvest Festival. Please ensure that all donations are brought into school by **Friday 9th October**.



New Year R 2027 Open sessions

Wednesday 7th October 1:45pm
Wednesday 14th October 10:15am
Wednesday 4th November 10:15am
Monday 9th November 5:00pm
Wednesday 18th November 1:45pm
Wednesday 2nd December 10:15am
Monday 7th December 5:00pm
Wednesday 6th January 10:15am

Please call the office to book 02380 774814

Important Dates for Your Diary

- Parents Evenings 13th, 14th & 15th October
- Friday 2nd October - KS2 Jacqueline Wilson author visit
- Friday 09th October - Wear Yellow for world mental health day
- Monday 12th October – Harvest
- Tuesday 13th October - Parents evening
- Wednesday 14th October – Parents evening
- Thursday 15th October – Parents evening (Reef Class)
- Monday 19th October - Individual school photographs
- Monday 26th to Friday 30th October - half term
- Monday 2nd November – School Inset day
- Monday 16th November - Anti Bullying week wear odd socks Monday.
- Friday 4th December – Trust Inset Day
- Friday 11th December – Christmas Jumper day & School Fate.
- Wednesday 16th December – Church service
- Friday 21st December – 2nd January – Christmas Holidays.

