# Foundry Lane Primary School

*Working Together*

**November Newsletter | Autumn Term 2026**

Dear Families,

What a start to the school year we have had, with the first half term already behind us! We have been working hard on our new reading and writing curriculums: Drawing Club in Year R, The Place Value of Punctuation and Grammar and Destination Reader in KS2. It has been lovely to hear the children talking so enthusiastically about them.

## School Motto

In September, we relaunched our school motto, 'Working Together', alongside our school values, and it has been a pleasure to see the children living these out around the school, from holding doors open to supporting each other with their learning and never giving up. We have loved sharing Headteacher Hot Choc with children who have gone above and beyond to demonstrate our values, and it has been great to see so many children proudly visiting the leadership office to show off their learning for the Sparkle Book. Classes have also been 'Working Together' to earn Dojo points towards their class treats by following our Golden Rules.




## Arbor & Dojo

To ensure you receive important updates, reminders, and key information from school, please check and use Arbor & ClassDojo regularly. These apps are our main communication platform and the best way to stay informed about events, notices, and updates.

If you are not yet connected to ClassDojo or need help downloading the Arbor parent app, please contact the school office.



## Attendance

As we shared in the September newsletter, attendance is one of our school improvement priorities this year. It is important that children attend school every day if they are well enough to do so. We understand that children do sometimes get poorly; if you are ever unsure whether your child is well enough for school, the NHS website has helpful guidance. [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS]

We have also noticed that a number of children are arriving late in the mornings. Every day begins with phonics and reading lessons, so even a few minutes' lateness can have a big impact on learning.

We are delighted to introduce Punctual Paws, the Foundry Lane Attendance HERO! Punctual Paws will be looking out for children who:

- 🐾 Improve their attendance
- ⭐ Have consistently good attendance
- ⏰ Arrive at school on time
- 💪 Show a real effort to improve their attendance

**Can you be a HERO too?** Here, Every day, Ready, On time.




## Children In Need

Children are welcome to come into school in non-uniform on Friday 13th November. It would be lovely if their outfits could include something spotty, along with a donation to support Children in Need. Please make sure children wear sensible footwear for running around: no open toes, Crocs or open backs, please.



## Coats

As the weather turns colder and wetter, please remember to send your child to school with a coat every day.

## Year R Entrants Tours

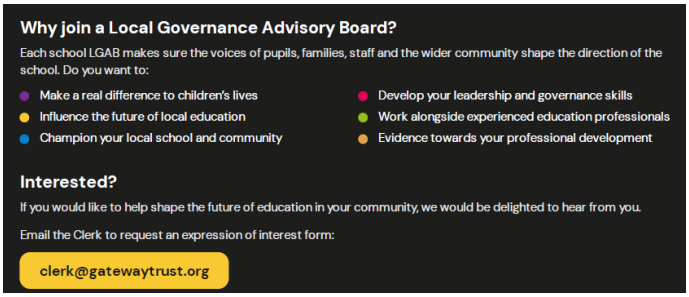
Spaces are still available. Please call the school office to book your place on 02380 774814.

Please share with friends and family who may be interested.




## Local Governance Vacancy




## Year R

Year R – Can you help us find the gingerbread man? It would be wonderful if you could send us a postcard or letter letting us know where you saw him!




## Special Visit from Jacqueline Wilson

We were incredibly fortunate to welcome Jacqueline Wilson to our school. What an exciting opportunity for our children to meet such a well-loved and inspiring author! Her visit was a memorable experience that encouraged a love of reading, writing, and storytelling.

The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to her, learning about her work, and having the chance to be part of such a special event. We feel incredibly lucky to have had this wonderful opportunity and know it will be remembered for years to come.

Huge thank you to Miss Lyon-Maris for organising - everyone loved it.



## Harvest Festival

A big thank you to all our families for your generous Harvest Festival donations. Your kindness and support are greatly appreciated and will help support those in our local community.

Thank you for making our Harvest Festival such a success!

Also, a special thank you to our fantastic Head Boy, Head Girl and their deputies for helping lead the service. We are so proud of you.

## Autumn safety guide

As the leaves start changing colour and the nights begin to draw in, new hazards emerge. Please see the attached link for top tips for keeping children safe from serious accidents this autumn.

**Autumn safety guide: Top tips for keeping children safe**

## Welcome back

Welcome back from maternity leave, Mrs Murphy! The Dolphins class can't wait to see you and are so excited to have you back.

## Goodbye

We say a fond goodbye to Mrs Batti, who left us at the end of half term to join a school closer to home. We thank her for all the support she has given as an LSA, midday supervisor and breakfast club assistant, and wish her all the very best.

## Important Dates for Your Diary

- Friday 13th November – Children in Need
- Monday 16th November - Anti Bullying week wear odd socks Monday.
- Monday 30th November – Advent assembly at Shirley Baptist Church (not for Parents but volunteers very welcome to help walk up)
- Friday 11th December – Christmas Jumper day & School Fate.
- Wednesday 16th December - Carols and Christingles around the tree at 16:15pm (more information to come)
- Friday 18th December – Early finish – All children to be collected at 13:30pm
- Monday 21st December – 2nd January – Christmas Holidays.
- Monday 4th January – Inset day

