



Falconer's Hill
Infant School





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Review of the Week

This week at school, our young learners in EYFS have been exploring the fascinating world of birds! They've been discovering the different types of birds and where they live, from forests to oceans. They've also been learning about the unique characteristics of each bird, such as their feathers, beaks, and wings. Over in Key Stage 1, students have been celebrating World Religion Day by gaining an understanding of various religions around the world. They've been learning about different beliefs, practices, and customs, fostering a sense of respect and appreciation for diverse cultures. It's been a week full of exploration and discovery!

As a school, we are continuing to focus this week on active listening in the classroom and ask families to talk about how we can show active listening at home and in school. Children have been learning the importance of a still body when listening and using magnet eyes to track the person talking. This is a useful way to support listening at home too.

Headline	News
<p style="text-align: center;">Attendance Attendance Matters</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Every Day Counts....</p>	<p>Attendance is a priority concern in our duty to 'safeguard' children. We believe that children can reach their full potential only by receiving full-time education through regular attendance.</p> <p>Our Target At FHIS we want to achieve attendance for all pupils of 96% or greater. This is a minimum of an additional 62 hours of learning achieved compared to that of 90% attendance.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Attendance 20th January – 24th January 2025</u></p> <p>Chestnut – 91% Sycamore – 83% Ash – 97% Maple – 89% Oak – 97% Willow – 94%</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Whole school – 92%</u></p>
<p>Important Dates</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Stay and read every Friday 8:45am-9am - A chance to read in the classroom with your child. ❖ KS1 will be celebrating Shabbat SMART day on Friday 31st January as part of our Religious Education Curriculum. ❖ Mufti Day - Raising money for Uganda on Friday 31st January ❖ EYFS Cake Sale – Friday 7th February ❖ Internet Safety Day – Tuesday 11th February ❖ Sponsored Fun Run & Finish for Half Term – Friday 14th February

<h2>Pupil Premium</h2> 	<p>If your household income is below £16,190 you may be entitled to receive Pupil Premium.</p> <p>Pupil Premium funding offers a range of support including school holiday food vouchers and subsidised school trips.</p> <p>If you think you might be eligible, please apply online using the following link: www.westnorthants.gov.uk/help-cost-going-school/free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium</p> <p>Or alternatively pop to the school office for a form.</p>
<h2>Office Foyer</h2> 	<p>Please can we politely ask, that if you are in the school office foyer that you refrain from letting other people in.</p> <p>This is for everyone's safety & privacy.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you for your understanding.</p>
<h2>Singing Assembly on Wednesday</h2> 	<p>This term we have introduced a new assembly every week on a Wednesday where children come together from across the school to join in joyful song! Students from all year groups have been learning new tunes and revisiting some classic favorites, creating a wonderful atmosphere of unity and fun. It's a great way to start the day, with everyone joining in to share their voices and lift their spirits. The singing assemblies are a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their musical skills while building a sense of community within the school.</p> <p>Singing plays such an important role in children developing confidence and practicing strategies for supporting their well-being and mental health.</p> <p>This is why our year 2 children will also have the opportunity this year to perform in NMPAT's Big Sing on stage on 21st May 2025. (More information about this coming soon).</p>
<h2>Just Giving Page</h2> 	<p>Due to the increasing pressure on our school budget, we are launching a fundraising initiative to help support and enhance our wonderful school and grounds. Every contribution, no matter how big or small, will make a real difference in providing our children with the best possible learning environment and opportunities. We appreciate your support and look forward to working together to ensure our school continues to thrive. We are aiming to purchase new laptops, tablets and programmable toys to support the delivery of our Computing curriculum.</p>

Chinese New Year Home Learning



For homework this term, students have been exploring the exciting traditions of Chinese New Year! They've been learning about the significance of the celebration, including the zodiac animals, the importance of family reunions, and the customs like decorating with red lanterns and enjoying special foods.

Students were encouraged to create a project about what they've learned, whether it's making a Chinese lantern, writing about the zodiac animal of the year, or even trying out a Chinese recipe at home. It's been a wonderful way to celebrate the cultural richness of this important festival!

Pro-Sports Sponsored Fun Run



Change of date!

On the morning of **Friday 14th February 2025**, the children at Falconers Hill Infant school will be taking part in a Sponsored Fun Run to raise money for new sports equipment for the school. Falconers Hill Infant school are working in collaboration with Pro-Sports to host a new and exciting event in our school calendar.

The event will be held at the **Icon building field** (close to the Icon building by the Ashby Road). Each year group will have a circuit to run, including between one and three obstacles, depending on the age and year group of the child.

Children will need to wear their PE kit and suitable footwear for running on muddy grass. Please be aware that the weather is ever-changing and warm clothing will need to be provided due to the children walking back up the hill after the event.

Each year group will have a timeslot of **1 hour to complete the course**, including a musical warm up. We welcome parents and families to join in with the support by bringing 'celebration' resources such as signs, pom-poms and enjoy the music and achievements of the children.

Timings for year groups are below:

Year 2 (Oak and Willow): 9:15am-10:15am.

Year 1 (Ash and Maple): 10:30am- 11:30am.

Reception (Chestnut and Sycamore): 1pm-2pm.

A booklet will be coming home for all children with a copy of the sponsorship forms and map of the course. We ask that families return their named sponsorship form, along with money raised to the school office by **Wednesday 5th February 2025**.

Home Learning challenge: Design/ decorate a plain white t-shirt to wear for the fun run. Children will not need to bring any bags or resources to school for this day as it is a 'no pens' day in school and will be practical activities based on health and well-being.

If you have any questions regarding the event, please speak your child's class teacher or a member of the office team.

Breakfast Club



We are open from 8am!

Come in and join Mrs Jellyfish and Mrs Howard for a tasty breakfast with your friends. Breakfast includes a range of food and drink on offer, including special celebration days such as 'Christmas Breakfast'. Children can enjoy activities such as colouring, reading and games after breakfast.

For more information, please contact the school office to book your child a place.



Stars of the week

Friday 24th January 2025

Sycamore

Aasiyah – Perseverance in learning to write her name
Freddie – Amazing phonics & reading



Chestnut

Ariana - Trying her best in all that she does
Amiaya – Following all the rules and being a great role model to her peers



Ash

Freddie – Showing amazing perseverance for all his learning
Ronnie – Amazing writing & showing great independence in his learning

Maple

Christian – Participation & ideas during carpet time
Harry – Effort in Writing

Oak

Markus – Becoming confident in his learning
Amber – Being friendship SMART



Willow

Mia – Super work in RE learning about the Torah
Reggie – Fantastic work in science creating the lifecycle of a fish





Spring Term Dates



Spring_1

Spring term starts - Monday 6th January 2025
Teacher training day 6th January
World religion day 17th January
Shabbat SMART KS1 31st January
Uganda mufti day 31st January
Sponsored fun run - Keep active day 7th February
EYFS Cake sale 7th February
Safer Internet Day 11th February

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Film club after school 27th February
World Book day 6th March
Animal SMART day 14th March
Year 2 Cake Sale 14th March
Science Week 10th-14th March
Grandparent SMART 20th March
World Maths day 26th March
EYFS Spring show 31st March
Year 1 Spring show 1st April
Year 2 Spring show 2nd April
Easter disco 3rd April
Easter egg hunt 4th April





Friday 14th February 2025

Raising money for FHIS and our outdoor area to enhance our learning opportunities for the children at school_

FHIS Sponsored Muddy Run



“Providing ALL children, the opportunity to PLAY a range of sport, helping them to LEARN key physical and emotional skills and inspiring a lifelong LOVE for health and fitness”.

DESIGN A T-SHIRT COMPETITION

Design/decorate a t-shirt to wear for our sponsored muddy fun run event on the 14th February.



Please do let staff know if you do not have an old t-shirt.



HOME LEARNING
CHALLENGE
**CHINESE
NEW YEAR**

CREATE A
DRAGON MODEL

CREATE A
CHINESE FAN

WRITE YOUR
NAME IN
CHINESE

CREATE A
CHINESE
LANTERN

COOK SOME
CHINESE
INSPIRED FOOD

WRITE A
DRAGON
THEMED STORY

BUILD THE
GREAT WALL OF
CHINA

CREATE A FACT
FILE ON CHINA

DUE IN BY FRIDAY
7TH FEBRUARY





**SIBLING
DISCOUNT
50% OFF
ADDITIONAL
CHILDREN**

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

**STARTING WEEK COMMENCING 4TH NOVEMBER -
WEEK ENDING 20TH DECEMBER (7 WEEK TERM)**

ALL OUR CLUBS ARE OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS

GYMNASTICS

**Mondays 3:30-4:30pm
All Year Groups (YrR-Yr2)**

Learn new skills and enjoy using the apparatus to create dynamic sequences and imaginative shapes. Build physical confidence and coordination!



ARTS, CRAFTS & FUN GAMES

**Thursdays 3:30-4:30pm
All Year Groups (YrR-Yr2)**

Make cool creations, and enjoy playful games with friends. The perfect blend of imagination, fun, and hands-on activities!



ARCHERY

**Tuesdays 3:30-4:30pm
All Year Groups (YrR-Yr2)**

Learn a proper technique while playing engaging activities and friendly competitions. Develop new skills, improve concentration, and build confidence.



FOOTBALL

**Fridays 3:30-4:30pm
All Year Groups (YrR-Yr2)**

All children (boys and girls) can enjoy a fun, safe, and engaging environment. Play exciting games, learn new skills, and share the love of football with friends!



DANCE

**Wednesdays 3:30-4:30pm
All Year Groups (YrR-Yr2)**

Learn fun dance skills, develop physical confidence and improve coordination. Children will create a special Christmas show, and parents will be invited to watch!



**£5 PER SESSION
£35 FOR THE TERM**

Book Via Our Website

WWW.PRO-SPORTS.CO.UK

**For More Info Please Contact
marketing@pro-sports.co.uk**



FRIENDS OF FHIS



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS



We're seeking for volunteers to:

- Help out in the planning and organisation of our Summer Fayre. Collecting donations, seeking stall holders, preparing posters, etc.
- Can help run a stall on the day

JOIN US NOW