

# FOSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

## Message from the Executive Headteacher

As we draw to the end of a fabulous but long Autumn term I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thankyou to all our families for the support. We have had a lovely term enjoying many enhancements such as drama, skateboarding, nativities, sporting events and trips. I know you will join me in thanking all our staff for their hard work and enthusiasm throughout the term, but also for bringing Christmas alive within school. We are so proud of our amazing children who have worked so hard and achieved so much. Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year and we will see you all on **Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January** ready for another fun term of learning.

## Year 1 & 2

The children had a fantastic end to our great fire of London topic, we set up some of our cardboard houses and observed how easy it was for the fire to spread across house to house in the time when the great fire happened.

We used our describing skills from English to talk about what we could see and also smell after the fire had taken place as well as discussing feelings about how the people of London may have felt during this time.

As a class we have been enjoying reading the Christmasaurus, the children have loved the story but unfortunately we just haven't got round to finishing it before the holidays, if you would like to continue reading at home are up to chapter 15.

## Year 5/6

This week in class 4 we have had great fun designing and building our model tents with Miss Cooke as part of our DT project. On Thursday we had a Christmas party in the village hall to celebrate all our hard work this term.

## Cooking Club

Over the past few weeks the children have been making some sweet treats. They made jammy buns, chocolate lollipops and peppermint creams.

## School Lunch Price Increase

Please be aware that from Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 the price of school lunches will increase from **£3.00 to £3.20 per day**.

This decision has not been taken lightly, and we want to be transparent about the reasons behind this change. The cost of overheads has risen significantly in recent months, and while the school has been subsidising the cost of meals from the school budget to keep them as affordable as possible, our budgetary constraints mean that we can no longer absorb these increases entirely.

We understand that any price increase may be challenging, and we sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

## School Drop Off

Now that the children are settled into their classes across the school please can we kindly ask that the children say goodbye at the following places;

**Nursery & Reception - class room door**

**Years 1 & 2 - middle gate (before the library)**

**Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 - playground**

An adult will always be on the gate to speak to about an concerns or worries and take any children to class who are feeling a little bit unsettled, please can we ask parents to not enter the school building.

## Attendance

As a school we aim for 95% attendance from all our pupils. We realise this is not always possible when your child is poorly. We are sure you will agree we all want our children to succeed and good attendance is proven to give children the maximum learning time possible.

Our whole school attendance is 96.24%.



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## Foston Clubs Spring 1

Please find below our extra-curricular clubs for next half term. To book a place, please book these using ParentPay and these are available on a block booking only.

	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
Club	Cooking	Sports Club	Makaton	Zumba
Leading Adult	Miss Cooke	Total Sports	Miss Foster	Mrs Dale
Time	3.30-4.30pm	3.30-4.30pm	3.30-4.30pm	3.30-4.30pm
No. of sessions	5	6	6	6
Notes	No club 6 <sup>th</sup> January			
Age	Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6)	EYFS/KS1 (reception- year 2)	Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6)	EYFS/ KS1 (reception- year 2)
Cost for the block	£30	£24	£24	£24
Maximum	12	20	12	10

## Wrap around Care

Wrap around care will also be available to book through ParentPay. Last minute bookings for wrap around care using ParentPay will now be open until the club starts so please can all bookings go through the website. If there are no available places, this means it is either full or there could be no credit on your account.

Wrap around care is led by Miss Cooke, Mrs Foster, Mr Cass and Mrs Dale. We have a maximum of 20 places per breakfast club or afterschool club session. Our ratios for wrap around care are 1 adult to 10 children, therefore when numbers meet the maximum, you will no longer be able to book into wrap around care. Booking comes at a first come, first serve basis.

Please find below the adults leading wrap around care.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast	Miss Cooke Miss Thompson	Miss Cooke Miss Thompson	Miss Foster Miss Thompson	Mrs Foster Miss Thompson	Mrs Foster Miss Thompson
Afterschool	Miss Foster Miss Cooke	Miss Foster Mr Cass	Miss Foster	Miss Foster Mrs Dale	Miss Foster Mrs Dale

## House Points

A huge congratulations to **Lewis Caroll** who won our house points for this half term! Pupils in the house will receive a non-school uniform day on the first Friday back after the holidays.

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## Diary Dates

Event	Date	Key Points
<b>Christmas</b>	<b>Last day at school - 20th December 2024</b> <b>First day back - 7th January 2025</b>	
Non-uniform for winning house Lewis Carroll	10th January 2025	
Special Lunch—Best of British	16th January 2025	Chicken Pie Cheese & bean pasty (V) Mashed potato Medley of vegetables Syrup sponge & custard
KS2 Cross Country	23rd January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Year 3, 4, 5 &amp; 6</li> <li>● During school hours</li> </ul>
KS1 Dodgeball	12th February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Year 1 &amp; 2</li> <li>● During school hours</li> </ul>
Fantastic Friday	14th February 2025	
Special Lunch—Valentines	14th February 2025	Pizza sub Chips Peas & sweetcorn Love heart biscuit
<b>Spring half-term</b>	<b>Last day at school - 14th February 2025</b> <b>First day back - 24th February 2025</b>	
Special Lunch—World Book Day	6th March 2025	Magic meatballs Hufflepuff (V) Slytherin topped spuds Ollivander's wands Ravenclaw slaw Goodwin's chocolate extravaganza
Special Lunch—Easter	31st March 2025	Roast Chicken, Yorkshire pudding & gravy Veggie sausage (V) Potatoes Carrots & broccoli Easter chocolate nest
<b>Easter</b>	<b>Last day at school - 4th April 2025</b> <b>First day back - 23rd April 2025</b>	
<b>May Day bank holiday</b>	<b>Last day at school - 2nd May 2025</b> <b>First day back - 6th May 2025</b>	
Special Lunch—Street Food	15th May 2025	Chicken nuggets Veggie nuggets (V) Skinny fries BBQ beans Doughnut muffin
<b>Summer half - term</b>	<b>Last day at school - 23rd May 2025</b> <b>First day back - 2nd June 2025</b>	
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Last day at school - 18th July 2025</b>	