

FOSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

Nursery & Reception

This week love is in the air in Class One! The children have learnt that it is Valentine's Day this week and that we use the day to celebrate and tell all the people that we love. We discussed our school value of 'love' as well and how this can be shown. The children have created lots of heart themed crafts to show their families and friends how much they love them. I wish all of our families a wonderful half term holiday.

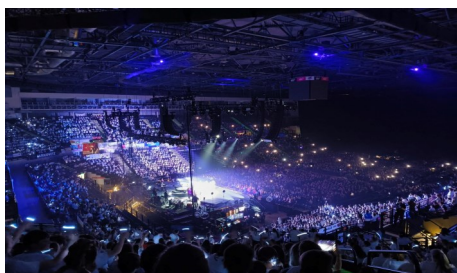


Year 1 & 2

The children had a great time at the dodgeball tournament. We were so proud of their behaviour when being out representing our school. They showed excellent team spirit and had so much enthusiasm towards the activity! We left the tournament feeling full of pride towards our KS1 class.

KS2

KS2 had a fantastic time at Young Voices. Their singing voices and dance moves were on show for all the parents watching and it will be a memory they will cherish for a long time!



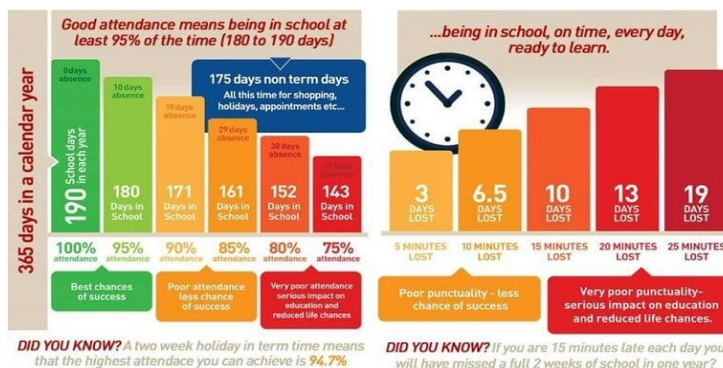
World Book Day

We will be celebrating world book day on **Thursday 6th March**. The children will complete a range of book related activities, including an imaginative writing competition across our federation and collaboration. We will also have a 'read your way' competition for children to share how and where they love to read! More details of this will follow shortly after half term. The children are encouraged to come to **school dressed as a character from their favourite book or story**. We understand that the price of World Book Day costumes can be expensive for parents. We would therefore like to **trial a 'costume swap'**. Children are encouraged to bring any costumes they no longer wear to donate on **Thursday 27th February** and there is an option to pay £0.50 for a new costume on **Friday 28th February** at 3:30pm. Any money raised will go towards purchasing new books for the library. If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Snowden.

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 currently 95.88%.



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House Points

A huge congratulations to pupils in **Atinuke** 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.

KS1 Dalby Forest Trip

On **Friday 14th March**, KS1 will be visiting Dalby Forest to take part in a selection of forest-based activities, linked to our Science and Geography curriculum. We will be travelling by coach, leaving at 9:20am and returning before the end of the school day. All children will need a water bottle and packed lunch. To order a school packed lunch, please email the school office with your choice of ham, cheese or tuna sandwiches before **Friday 28th February**.

Dalby Forest is an outdoor venue, and children may get wet and muddy, so please send your children in school uniform, with appropriate outdoor clothing to layer on top, including coats, waterproofs, gloves, hats and wellies/walking boots.

Dalby Forest have made us aware that deer ticks may be present in the forest so please ensure children's arms and legs are covered with clothing. Please be aware so that you can look out for these after our visit.

To cover the cost of the bus, entrance, and activities, we would appreciate a voluntary contribution of £8 per child, which will be added to ParentPay. Please log in to ParentPay to give consent for your child to go on the trip.

Cinema Visit - Kensuke's Kingdom

On **Tuesday 18th March** children in Mr Carlisle's class will be visiting City Screen Cinema in York to watch the film Kensuke's Kingdom. This book was studied by the children last term and is a fantastic curriculum enhancement to see the book brought to life on the big screen. This film is rated PG, therefore we will require permission for your child to view this. Your permission can be given through ParentPay when you add this to your basket. We are asking for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the bus of £8.50. Further details will be sent after half term.

School Lunch Price Increase

Please be aware that from **Monday, 24th 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.

ParentPay

Please can we kindly ask that you login in to ParentPay and clear all outstanding balances. If you have received a letter home and email reminder please can I ask your balance is paid as soon as possible to avoid the debt being passed onto our business manager.

Instagram 13+

Continuing, on from previous weeks and a focus on keeping children safe online, please find in this week's newsletter information on Instagram. Instagram is one of the most well-known social media platforms around, frequented by users of all ages all over the world, and allowing them to share photos and videos with friends, family and the wider public if they wish. The site has many younger users and although 13+, often these users are younger.

As a popular choice of platform, it's vital that parents and educators understand the risks associated with the site and what can be done to mitigate them. This free guide attached lets you know about the most prominent safety concerns on Instagram, offering expert advice on how to make young people's experiences on the app as secure as possible. So you can absorb this invaluable information while you're on the go, there is also an accompanying podcast version of this guide [in a podcast format](#).



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Diary Dates

Event	Date	Key Points
Spring half-term	First day back - 24th February 2025	
Dreamery Gardens Trip - EYFS	26th February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery & Reception If your child does not attend this day and would like to, please speak with the Mrs Snowden/Mrs Caddy Packed lunch is required Please confirm permission/pay contribution on ParentPay
Non-uniform Day	18th February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House Atinuke
World Book Day	6th March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children to come in any costume
Special Lunch - World Book Day	6th March 2025	Magic meatballs Hufflepuff (V) Slytherin topped spuds Ollivander's wands Ravenclaw slaw Goodwin's chocolate extravaganza
Charity Day	10th March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More information to follow
Stay & Celebrate	13th March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All years Parents can see children's books/work 3.30-4pm
Dalby Forest Trip - KS1	14th March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 1 & 2 Uniform and suitable outdoor clothing to be worn Packed lunch is required Please confirm permission/pay contribution on ParentPay
Drama with Audrie	17th March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All years- During school hours
Cinema Trip - years 5/6	18th March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 5 & 6 During school hours No packed lunch is required Please confirm permission/pay contribution on ParentPay
Parents' Evening	18th March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5-7pm- More information to follow
Malton Sports (Netball & Basketball) - KS2	19th March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 3-6 During school hours No packed lunch required
Parents' Evening	20th March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.30-5.30pm- More information to follow
Sports Enhancement Day	28th March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More information to follow
Special Lunch - Easter	31st March 2025	Roast Chicken, Yorkshire pudding & gravy Veggie sausage (V) Potatoes Carrots & broccoli Easter chocolate nest
Celebration Assembly	1st April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Village Hall at 9.10am– all welcome
Easter Service - KS1 & KS2	3rd April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 1-6 Foston Church 9-10am
Easter Service - EYFS	3rd April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery & Reception Thornton Le Clay Methodist Chapel 2.30-3.30pm
Fantastic Friday	4th April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More information to follow
Easter	Last day at school - 4th April 2025 First day back - 23rd April 2025	
May Day bank holiday	Last day at school - 2nd May 2025 First day back - 6th May 2025	
Special Lunch - Street Food	15th May 2025	Chicken nuggets Veggie nuggets (V) Skinny fries BBQ beans Doughnut muffin
Summer half-term	Last day at school - 23rd May 2025 First day back - 2nd June 2025	
Summer	Last day at school - 18th July 2025	