



NEWSLETTER : Friday 13th March 2026 - Spring Term: Issue: 3

Head Teacher's Corner



Dear Families,

Although this half term is a short one, with only two weeks remaining, it has already been a busy and exciting time in school.

Our Year 5 started the term with a wonderful theatre trip to Coventry, where they watched "The Boy at the Back of the Class." This was a great experience and provided a brilliant introduction to the book they are focusing on this half term. Year 6 also took part in the Go Construct K'NEX Challenge Workshops, where they worked collaboratively to design and build structures while learning more about engineering..

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, the author, Andrew Clover, came to our school. He spent the day working with the children, sharing his passion for storytelling and inspiring them.. Following his visit, Andrew shared a reflection of his visit:

'I'm a children's author, who's visited 100s of schools, and this is one of the very best.

Why? What was immediately striking about Foxdell was the fantastic spirit that's spread by the staff - such care, such empathy, such passion! Just sitting in the lobby, I was struck by how warmly and respectfully the staff greeted each other. Mrs Kapadi, Deputy Head, set the tone - carefully managing my day, with enthusiasm and sensitivity.

This culture had spread to the pupils. I'd been asked to do a 45 minute assembly at the end of the day to read out children's writing - which would be a disaster in most schools, since children are often restless at this time. But not at Foxdell. I was amazed to arrive to find 300 staff and pupils sitting alert, but totally quiet. Their writing was excellent - and I was struck by how generously pupils commented on each other's work.

At the end of the day, it turned out I'd elected as prize winners two pupils who'd only reached the school within the year, from countries where they spoke in different languages - and how glad for them were the staff. This seemed to summarise all that was admirable about this school: they're taking a multicultural mix of influences, and building a school culture that is very special and vibrant and inclusive - and yet calm.

How? My sense is that the teachers are treating the pupils with the respect and calm and intelligence that they showed me, and the pupils are responding by feeling trusted and confident, to grow into their own talents.

What more do you want for your child? Trust, intelligence, care - you'll find these qualities in abundance at Foxdell, and I felt privileged to have been able to work with them for one very special day.'
Thank you again for all that you did! Such admiration for your work!' Andrew Clover

Andrew's comments are a testament to the hard work, dedication, and care that all of our staff put into making our school such a positive and inspiring place for children to learn and grow.

Last week we said goodbye to Miss White, who has been the teacher of Robins Class. We thank her for her work at our school and wish her all the very best for the future.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all families who are celebrating Eid a very happy and peaceful time with loved ones.

Best wishes,
Mrs R Nisar
Headteacher



18th March
Family Trip Parent Meeting - Jnr site

20th March
INSET Day
School Closed

24th March
JUNIOR Parent Consultation Evening

25th March
INFANT Parent Consultation Evening

26th March
Y1 Performance for parents

World Maths Day

27th March
Last Day of Term

Please note that Friday 20th March is a training day and school will be closed to children. All children are expected to return to school on Monday 23rd March.



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

We are pleased to share that our attendance has been improving over the past year, and we're proud to say that our weekly figures have often been in line with or better than the national average. This is a fantastic achievement, and we want to say a big thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support in helping us improve attendance across the school.

Each week, we celebrate good attendance in school, and we'd like to give a special mention to the following classes who have achieved 100% attendance at least once this half term - a brilliant effort!



As we continue to focus on attendance, we are also placing a strong emphasis on punctuality. We firmly believe that every minute counts, and arriving on time helps children start their day calmly and ready to learn.

PUNCTUALITY

Our doors open at 8:45am for a soft start, and ideally, all children should arrive as close to this time as possible. The doors close at 9:00am for registration - arrival after this time is recorded as late. We understand that traffic and parking can be difficult in the mornings, so we encourage families to leave earlier where possible, and consider parking a short distance away and walking.

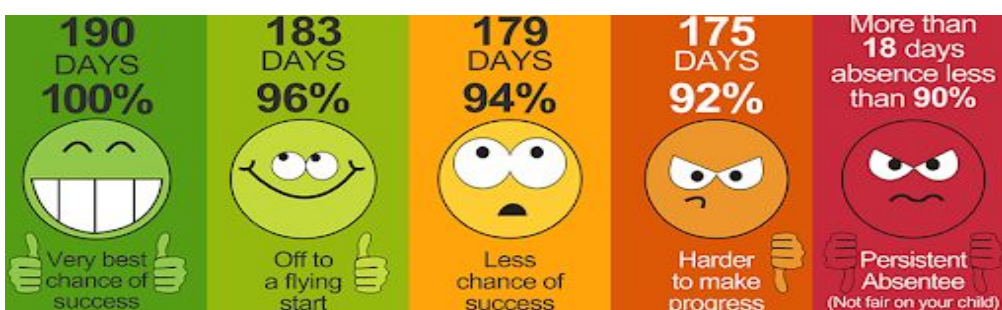
The same expectations apply at the end of the day. It is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure children are collected on time. Please note that school finishes at 3:15pm for EYFS and KS1 and 3:30pm for KS2.

We are now issuing late collection fines. Guidance has been shared with all families. Please ensure that your child is collected promptly at the end of the school day.

The new attendance guidelines came into place from 19th August 2024. More information and FAQs about attendance can be found on our school website: <https://www.foxdellprimary.uk/attendance-1/>

Government guidance can be found here:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/08/19/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>



We are open for 190 days in a school year which equates to 380 sessions including the morning and afternoon registration.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

The class with the best attendance each week wins the attendance trophy and receives a best attendance certificate. Children in Reception receive a lucky dip prize if they have 100% attendance for the week.

Our whole school attendance target is 96%

Attendance Week Ending

Class	27.02.26	06.03.26	13.03.26	Class	27.02.26	06.03.26	13.03.26
Wrens	94.1%	92%	88.9%	Pinecones	90.6%	97.4%	94.8%
Swifts	91.8%	92.2%	91.4%	Beech	90%	94%	97%
Robins	99.1%	92.7%	93.1%	Oak	99.5%	97.6%	97.8%
Dragonflies	95.1%	96.7%	94.6%	Ash	99%	98%	99%
Ladybirds	91.1%	86.9%	93.7%	Ivy	98.9%	98.9%	96.4%
Butterflies	100%	95.7%	93.5%	Cedar	94.6%	97.8%	97.8%
Squirrels	89.1%	97.7%	96.6%	Spruce	97.9%	92.7%	94.1%
Badgers	90.2%	94.6%	93.5%	Kestrels	97.5%	95%	95.8%
Hedgehogs	94.8%	95.8%	96%	Kites	96.1%	96.1%	96.1%
Chestnuts	95.1%	98.9%	95.9%	Eagles	93.8%	96.6%	100%
Acorns	95.3%	96.9%	99%				

Our Class H.E.R.O's for the last 3 weeks are:



Infant Site: Butterflies & Squirrels

Junior Site: Oak, Chestnuts, Ivy & Eagles

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

A huge congratulations to our shining stars for the weeks ending 27.02.26, 06.03.26 & 13.03.26

Robins	Wrens	Swifts	Dragonflies	Ladybirds	Butterflies	Badgers	Squirrels
Manveer Oliver	Marwah Minal	Gurmaher Yousuf	Mohammad Kornelia Ayat	Labiba Alaya Saad	Rohit Adam Humaira	Ibrahim S Anaya Reyhana	Ezaan Amina Fazeel
Hedgehogs	Chestnuts	Acorns	Pinecones	Beech	Oak	Ash	Ivy
Laraib Gabriel Hareem	Sargunn Hajira Ibraheem	Sarah Fajr Hania	Harlen Hayat Rashad	Bisma Zayaan Rafay	Abdullah Bilal Zainab	Aizah Halimah Ismail	Maya Mariam Saaratu
Spruce	Cedar	Kestrels	Kites	Eagles	 <p>"Be a star in someone's sky every day!"</p>		
Rayann Arhab Aiza	Desiree Zahraa Raymond	Aminah Ayesha Sahas	Ibrahim Leelu Azaan	Ismail Abeeha Ayyan			

Dojo Winners of the Week!



Congratulations to our top dojo earners!

Your positive attitude, teamwork, and respect have truly stood out

Robins	Wrens	Swifts	Dragonflies	Ladybirds	Butterflies	Badgers	Squirrels
Zoe Aiyla Muhsina	Abeeha Luca	Kiswa Harmain	Stefi Stefi Tasen	Justice Ali Nor	Baqir Aariz Mikail	Maram Anastasia Nicholas	Ethan Muskan Ali
Hedgehogs	Chestnuts	Acorns	Pinecones	Beech	Oak	Ash	Ivy
Mirha Ruhaina Sebastian	Arfa Aryan Hud	Abdullah Umar Burhan	Rashad Eshal Khadija	Hillary Hussain Maryam	Eva Salim Eliza	Rosa Rosa Aizah	Aadam Hana Taurab
Spruce	Cedar	Kestrels	Kites	Eagles			
Kashan Mehtab Sofia Ammara	Rushda Desiree Maria	Lily Zohaib Amna	Talia Haris Anaya	Sofia Damirs Sofia			

VALUES

Our VALUE for Spring 2 is:

POSITIVITY

Positivity means:

- Looking for the good things
- Trying again when something feels tricky
- Using kind and hopeful words

Positivity doesn't mean pretending everything is perfect.

It means choosing how we respond when things are difficult.

Here are some famous people that showed positivity and found success

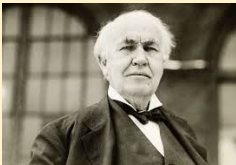


Marcus Rashford

- Grew up in a family that sometimes struggled to afford food.
- Became a professional footballer for Manchester United.
- Used his platform to campaign for free school meals for children.
- Faced criticism but kept going.

What this shows:

- Rejection doesn't define you.
- Believing in your ideas matters.
- Being persistent and determined is positivity in action.



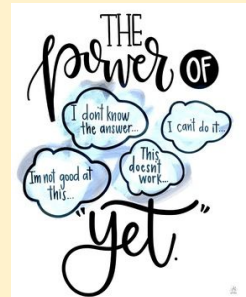
Thomas Edison

- Tried thousands of experiments before developing a working light bulb.
- When asked about his failures, he reportedly said: "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."



J.K. Rowling

- Her manuscript for **Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone** was rejected by multiple publishers.
- She kept believing in her story.
- Eventually became one of the most successful authors in the world.



RIGHT of the MONTH- March

ARTICLE 24

Children have the right to stay healthy, including having access to clean water, clean air, and a safe environment.

This means that:

We learn about healthy eating and exercise.
We keep our school clean and wash our hands.
We have fresh air and safe places to play.
We learn how to look after the environment.
There are adults who help us if we feel unwell or worried.

Around our School

Y3 and 4 Wenzel's Bakery Trip

Our pupils had a wonderful time on their recent trip to the bakery, where they rolled up their sleeves and became bakers for the day! The children learnt about the bread-making process before mixing, kneading and shaping their very own loaves.

As well as baking bread, they had lots of fun decorating an Easter bunny gingerbread and getting creative with colourful icing and toppings on their cupcakes.

Each child proudly brought home a goody bag filled with their freshly baked treats to share with their families.

A huge thank you to the bakery staff for such a memorable and hands-on experience.



Around our School



Year 5/6 Girls Football

At their very first football competition, the girls experienced a real shock to the system. Facing experienced teams, the opening matches were challenging and tested their confidence. However, rather than letting the difficult start define them, they showed incredible resilience. With each game, their communication improved, their teamwork strengthened, and their belief grew.

Off the pitch, they embraced the spirit of the event, building friendships with players from other schools and representing our school with great sportsmanship.

An enormous well done to Maham, Iman, Manjot, Maira, Khadija, Fatima, Inaaya, Anaya and Aminah. By the end of the competition, they had fought their way to an impressive 6th place, missing out on the next round by just one point. A fantastic achievement for their first competition and a clear sign of the bright future ahead for this team.



Street Tag is Back!



Thank you to all the families who have already started getting active and collecting points for the new season. If you haven't already, please visit [Class Dojo](#) to find the PE codes to earn up to 10,000 points! Remember, you can walk, cycle, run or roll to earn points!

We are delighted to share that Foxdell have now collected an incredible **2,165,550** points!

Due to everyone's enthusiasm and efforts, Foxdell has climbed further up the Luton School Leaderboard and is now proudly sitting in 3rd place. What a great achievement – go Team Foxdell!

Don't forget, while helping our school rise up the leaderboard, you're also earning points that could win you prizes. Take a look below for a reminder of the exciting rewards available!

Earn points from 2nd Feb – 30th March 2026

Prizes up for grabs for individual players from top 3 schools:
1st: Laptop
2nd: Tablet
3rd: Food Voucher



Around our School

Year R

This week has been an exciting week in Reception. The children were thrilled to spend time observing some special visitors - ducklings! Children were in awe as they observed how ducklings hatched from their eggs. They showed great care and interest as they watched the ducklings move around and learned more about how to look after living things. In preparation for Mother's Day, the children also enjoyed creating beautiful flowers for their cards. They carefully crafted and decorated their flowers, showing creativity and pride in making something special for their families.

We also had a wonderful phonics workshop with our families this week. It was lovely to welcome parents and carers into the classroom to see how the children are learning their sounds and practising blending and segmenting. Thank you to all the families who joined us.



Year 1

In English, children have been writing an information text about visiting a zoo.

In maths, we have been working with numbers up to 50. Children used objects to build numbers using tens and ones.

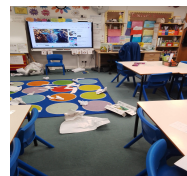
In Science, they have learnt how to recognise different types of animals such as mammals, reptiles, birds.

In P.E. children used large balls and moved them around their body with control.

In art, they have been using paper to make 3D sculptures.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic start to the half term! We began our new English unit on explanation texts with an exciting lesson hook when a *mystery guest* turned our classrooms into a rubbish dump. The children were shocked to discover rubbish scattered around the room and quickly began discussing what had happened and how we can help care for our Earth.



In Design and Technology, Year 2 have been busy planning and creating their own **Ferris wheels**. The children carefully designed their structures and explored how to make them strong and stable. It has been wonderful to see their creativity and teamwork as they built and tested their models.

