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# Foxdell Primary School

Growing, Learning and Achieving Together

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## NEWSLETTER : Friday 22nd May 2026 - Summer Term: Issue: 2

### Head Teacher's Corner



Dear Families,

We have come to the end of another busy and successful half term!

A huge well done to our Year 6 children, who approached their SATs with determination, resilience and maturity. We are so proud of the positive attitude they showed throughout the week and the way they supported one another. A big well done and thank you to the rest of the school for their patience and support for the Year 6 children.

We are currently in the process of reviewing our catering provider and, as part of this, several catering companies visited our school on Wednesday to present their menus and food options. Eight members of our School Council from KS2 were VIP guests for these presentations. They tasted a range of foods and shared their views and feedback. The children were respectful, polite and were confident and able to articulate their thoughts.

This week, the children have been learning about healthy living and how we can look after ourselves both physically and mentally. Each year group planned a variety of activities, including cooking experiences such as avocado muffins and veggie pizzas. Thank you to the parents that attended our Healthy Living workshop. We hope you found this useful and were able to take away ideas to use at home.

We also held our annual Sports Days this week and it was wonderful to see so many parents and family members attending to cheer on and support the children. Thank you for helping to make these events so special.

On Thursday, we had the Riki Cycle Show visit KS1, Year 3 and Year 4 pupils. Children learned about food waste, recycling and the importance of making environmentally friendly choices in a fun and engaging way.

We have lots of exciting events planned for the final term of the year including our annual summer fair so please take note of the diary dates and keep an eye on your emails.

We wish all of our families a restful and enjoyable half term break. To those celebrating Eid, Eid Mubarak.

Best wishes,  
 Mrs R Nisar  
 Headteacher



**25th-31st May**  
 School Closed  
 Half Term break

**1st June**  
 Children return to  
 School

**3rd June**  
 YR Dinosaur workshop

**5th June**  
 Y5 Southend on Sea Trip

**11th June**  
 Y3 Kew Gardens Trip

**22nd June**  
 Y2 Ruislip Lido Trip

**25th June**  
 Y5 Ukelele Concert

**6th July**  
 Y3 Recorder Concert

**8th July**  
 Y6 Performance



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 2024 - 2025



# 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.

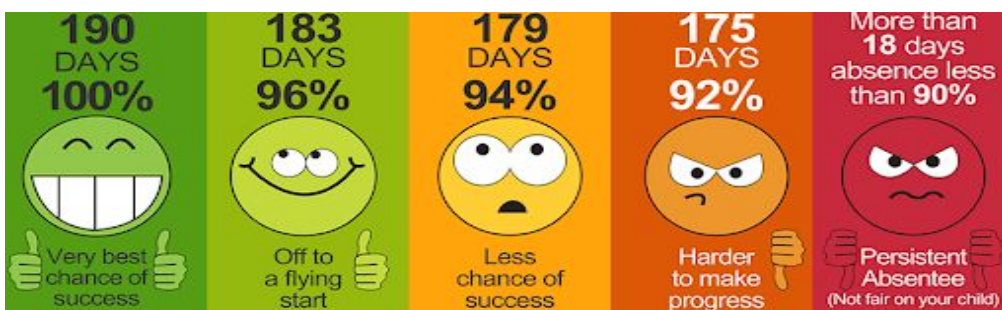
The same expectations apply at the end of the day. It is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure children are collected on time. Please note that school finishes at 3:15pm for EYFS and KS1 and 3:30pm for KS2.

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	08.05.26	15.05.26	22.05.26	Class	08.05.26	15.05.26	22.05.26
Wrens	95.8%	93%	97.8%	Pinecones	100%	98.3%	97.8%
Swifts	93.3%	92.1%	90.4%	Beech	96.5%	98.4%	98.4%
Robins	95.5%	95.4%	92.9%	Oak	96.2%	96.5%	98.5%
Dragonflies	90%	90%	94%	Ash	98%	95.6%	98.4%
Ladybirds	90%	96.5%	95%	Ivy	97.8%	98.7%	95.2%
Butterflies	94%	91.4%	98.1%	Cedar	97.3%	97.4%	95.2%
Squirrels	95.7%	98.8%	96.2%	Spruce	96.7%	99.1%	98.7%
Badgers	96.3%	98.5%	95.6%	Kestrels	98.8%	99%	96.5%
Hedgehogs	93.8%	94.6%	92.3%	Kites	96.1%	94.2%	91.6%
Chestnuts	97.8%	96.4%	93.3%	Eagles	93.4%	98.9%	95.3%
Acorns	95.7%	97.8%	98.3%				

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



Infant Site: Badgers, Squirrels & Butterflies

Junior Site: Pinecones & Spruce

# ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

A huge congratulations to our shining stars for the weeks ending 08.05.26, 15.05.26 & 22.05.26


Robins	Wrens	Swifts	Dragonflies	Ladybirds	Butterflies	Badgers	Squirrels
Pamela Muhsina Hafsa	Aayat Umar Catalin	Waniya Mhd Dawood Harmain	Stafania Hareem Mara	Zayan Noor Sehaj	Baqir Leen Dakshpreet	Maram Zoraiz Ashal	Hadiyah Nusayba Rabail
Hedgehogs	Chestnuts	Acorns	Pinecones	Beech	Oak	Ash	Ivy
Fowzan Azhaan Asad	Khadija Arfa Hafsa	Sarib Zayn Adnan	Yusuf Maria Ahmed	Hillary Hassan	M.Asghar Zainab	Hajra Khadijah	Ishaaq Noor Khadija
Spruce	Cedar	Kestrels	Kites	Eagles	 <p>"Be a star in someone's sky every day!"</p>		
Ibrahim Arhab All of Spruce	Aurelijus Taha Rushda	Zackariya Kestrel Class Izzan	Talia Kites Class Adam	Haaniya Eagles Class Hiba			

## 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
Elaya Sarah Aahil Alicja	Rohaan Abu Bakar Adelina	Ayaan Haider Yusra	Hareem Kornelia Mikail	Safa Luca Labiba	Abdur Raheem Usman Iremide	Amaya Anastasia Inayah	Noor Zarnish Hashim
Hedgehogs	Chestnuts	Acorns	Pinecones	Beech	Oak	Ash	Ivy
Sebastian Ibrahim S Gabriel	Zamin Daria Husayn	Hawra Burhan Raees	Aiza H. Armaan	Sarah Christine	M.Asghar Zainab Dawood	Aizah Eric	Ishaaq Noor Ishaaq
Spruce	Cedar	Kestrels	Kites	Eagles			
Iman Sofia Sofia	Zahraa Aminah	Hannah Zoya Rayyan	Afreen Haris Farhan	Safiyah Inaaya Ayyan			

# VALUES

Our VALUE for Summer 1 is:

**DIVERSITY**

## TOGETHER WE CELEBRATE DIVERSITY!

Different makes us special.

The value of this half term

Diversity means understanding, respecting and celebrating the ways we are all different.

Together makes us stronger.

Here are some ways children can practise diversity with their families:

### 1. LEARN TOGETHER

Explore different cultures, traditions and holidays. Read books, watch stories or look at maps together.



### 2. TALK & LISTEN

Ask questions, listen to each other's views and share your own. Everyone's voice matters.



### 3. TRY NEW THINGS

Taste new foods, try new activities or celebrate different traditions together.



### 4. BE KIND

Treat everyone with kindness and respect, no matter how they are different from you.



### 5. CELEBRATE

Celebrate what makes your family and others unique. Share stories, photos and traditions.



### 6. MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Stand up for fairness, include others and help make your school and community a welcoming place for all.



Respect. Understand. Celebrate. Together.

## RIGHT of the MONTH- May

# ARTICLE 14

Children have the right to your own thoughts, beliefs and religion.

### This means that:

Everyone's beliefs are respected  
Children can share their opinions safely  
Nobody is bullied for what they believe  
We learn about different religions and cultures  
Everyone is included and treated fairly

# Around our School



Throughout the week, our Sports Days were a fantastic success filled with energy, teamwork and determination! Children took part in a wide variety of exciting activities including relay races, obstacle courses, sprint events, tug of war and team challenges across the sports hall, playground and field. It was wonderful to see every child giving their best, encouraging one another and showing excellent sportsmanship.

A huge thank you to all of the parents and families who came along to support and cheer on the children - your encouragement helped make the day even more special. We are incredibly proud of all the pupils for their enthusiasm, resilience and positive attitude, and congratulations to the winning classes who were crowned champions in their year groups!

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
<b>1st Place</b>	Wrens: 31 points	Butterflies: 445 points	Squirrels: 338 points
<b>2nd Place</b>	Robins: 29 points	Ladybirds: 396 points	Badgers: 312 points
<b>3rd Place</b>	Swifts: 27 points	Dragonflies: 274 points	Hedgehogs: 256 points



	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<b>1st Place</b>	Chestnuts: 1909 points	Ash: 791 points	Cedar: 1067 points	Kestrels 1581 points
<b>2nd Place</b>	Pinecones: 1167 points	Beech: 786 points	Spruce: 1007 points	Kites 1571 points
<b>3rd Place</b>	Acorns: 1088 points	Oak: 752 points	Ivy: 954 points	Eagles 1525 points

# Around our School

## Year R

As part of our Understanding the World learning, Reception have been learning about similarities and differences between life in England and Kenya. Children looked at flags, schools and food as well as discussing what food children enjoy eating with their families at home.

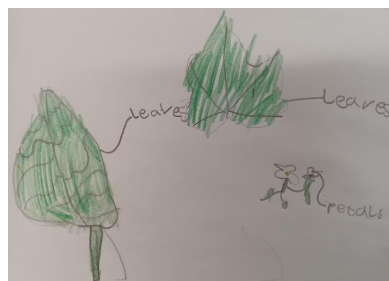
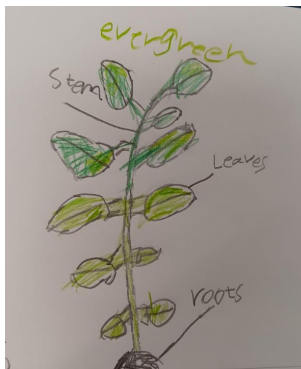
In maths, we have had some lovely learning about sharing and halving. Children explored the difference between the two and children explored how some odd numbers can be shared out equally into groups.



## Year 1

Children have worked hard in PE to show control over a ball by rolling it to a partner. They also practised for Sports Day.

In science, children went for a walk to identify different common plants such as holly, ivy, daisy, dandelion. They used their observational skills to sketch what they found.



## Year 2

We have had a fun time designing and building our own castles, thinking carefully about features such as towers, battlements, drawbridges and moats. Their creativity and teamwork really shone as the children brought their ideas to life.



In English, we have been working hard on our final independent piece for our 'defeating the monster' story. We planned the characters, settings and problems, and it has been wonderful to see powerful vocabulary being used in the writing.

# Around our School

## Year 3

Year 3 have been learning about Time and Money in Maths, taking part in a variety of practical and engaging activities.

In English, the children produced impressive information texts about healthy living, working hard to include all the key features.

Most impressingly, in art, Year 3 made their own papyrus paper and created beautiful artwork using Egyptian symbols and acrylic paint.



## Year 4

In Year 4, the children have been busy developing their creativity and writing skills across the curriculum. In art, they explored the concept of proportion and used this to create impressive collages using a range of different materials.

In English, the children have worked incredibly hard on writing their suspense stories, carefully incorporating short sentences, show not tell techniques, and personification to create dramatic effect and engage their readers.



## Year 5

Year 5 have had a very busy half term! In Art, the children have been learning about what an architect does and have designed their own buildings and monuments. Their teachers were amazed with the thoughtful concepts the children came up with.



In science, the children have been learning about different life cycles. As part of this, they have observed how quickly seeds can germinate and the growth of caterpillars over time. We are looking forward to meeting the butterflies next half term!



To complete the half term, the children have enjoyed baking sweet treats with hidden vegetables!

## Year 6

We are incredibly proud of all our Year 6 pupils for the hard work, dedication, and resilience they have shown during SATs week. The children approached each test with a positive attitude and gave their very best effort, demonstrating not only their knowledge and skills but also excellent maturity and perseverance throughout the week. Well done Year 6 – you should be extremely proud of yourselves!

This week, we have been taking part in Healthy Living Week, where the children enjoyed a variety of activities focused on developing a healthy lifestyle. We learned about the importance of a balanced diet and explored different ways to look after both our physical and mental health. The children also learned about the effects of drugs, alcohol, and smoking on the body and why it is important to make safe, healthy decisions.

To finish the week, the children had great fun making a healthy snack.



# Around our School

## Year 2 Quadkids

On Wednesday 6th May, a group of eight Year 2 children represented Foxdell Primary School at a QuadKids athletics session hosted by Downside Primary. The children took part in a range of exciting activities, including sprinting, long-distance running, standing long jump and howler throwing.

They showed fantastic determination, teamwork and enthusiasm throughout the afternoon. It was wonderful to see them encouraging one another, trying their best in every event and demonstrating brilliant sportsmanship.

We are incredibly proud of how confidently they represented our school. Well done to all eight children for their effort, energy and positive attitude – you were amazing!



# Around our School



Our Healthy Living Workshop was a fantastic success, with children and parents thoroughly enjoying the afternoon together. Families had the opportunity to explore a range of interactive stations designed to promote healthy lifestyles in fun and engaging ways.



Activities included *Eat Well for Less and Food Tasting*, where everyone enjoyed trying a variety of healthy foods; *Build a Balanced Plate*, helping children learn about nutritious meal choices; *Sugar Detectives*, uncovering hidden sugars in everyday foods; *Oral Hygiene: What's Going on in Our Mouths?*, which highlighted the importance of dental health; and the *Family Lifestyle Station*, offering practical ideas for staying active and healthy at home.



It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm, curiosity, and participation from both children and parents.

**Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the event such a memorable and successful experience!**

# Around our School



## Street Tag Winner



This week we had Carol Thomas, Sustainable Travel Advisor from Luton Council, award our school for coming 3rd place on the Street Tag Luton Schools Leaderboard. We talked about the importance of movement and different ways we can continue being active despite the season being over. It was an excellent time to celebrate this during Healthy Living and Science Week. The children also linked their learning to Article 24 of the Rights of the Child: the right to health care, clean water, healthy food, and a safe environment.

A special congratulations to our winner Kosi from Acorns class who won a tablet for coming in second place across the participants across the top 3 schools. Kosi shared how he achieved this in assembly, saying, "I walked to school every day and also went for walks with my family on Saturdays and Sunday where I collected more tags too." Well done to Kosi and his family for this fantastic achievement!



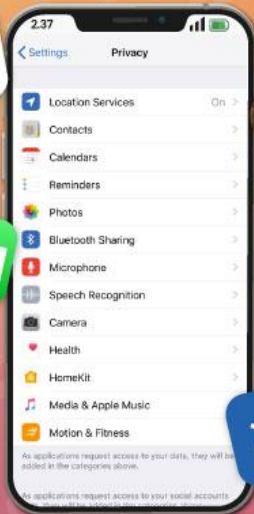


# ONLINE SAFETY CORNER

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS iPhone

Apple devices come with built-in apps already available: Mail, FaceTime and Safari, for example. However, you can choose which apps and features appear on your child's device and which ones don't. You can also manipulate the features in Game Centre to enhance your child's safety and privacy when playing games, as well as blocking iTunes or App Store purchases if you wish.



### How to Restrict Built-in Apps/Features

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Allowed Apps (you may need to toggle this to 'on' at the top)
- 5 Enable or disable the apps you wish to appear (or disappear) on your child's device

### How to Restrict Game Centre

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions (you may need to switch the toggle at the top to the 'on' position)
- 5 Scroll down to Game Centre
- 6 Choose between Allow, Don't Allow, or Allow with Friends Only in the settings for each feature

### How to Restrict iTunes & App Store Purchases

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap iTunes & App Store Purchases
- 5 Select Allow or Don't Allow for each feature (you can also lock these settings with a password)



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# Health and Wellbeing



## HEALTHY LIVING WEEK

Healthy habits, happy families!

Small, everyday choices can help our families feel their best – in body and mind. Let's build healthy habits together!



**SMALL HABITS, BIG DIFFERENCE!**

### 1 EAT WELL



Fuel your body with nutritious foods.

- Enjoy lots of fruit and veg
- Choose wholegrain foods
- Drink plenty of water



### 2 MOVE MORE



Being active keeps us strong and lifts our mood!

- Aim for at least 60 minutes of activity a day
- Walk, dance, play and have fun together



### 3 SLEEP WELL



Good sleep helps our bodies rest and our minds recharge.

- Keep a regular bedtime
- Create a calm bedtime routine
- Limit screens before bed



### 4 LOOK AFTER YOUR TEETH



Healthy smiles every day!

- Brush twice a day with fluoride toothpaste
- Clean between teeth (floss or interdental brushes)
- Limit sugary snacks and drinks
- Visit the dentist regularly



### 5 LOOK AFTER YOUR MIND



Our mental wellbeing is just as important.

- Talk about how you feel
- Take time to relax and breathe
- Spend time doing things you enjoy
- Be kind to yourself and others



### 6 BE TOGETHER



Strong connections make us happier and healthier.

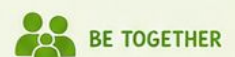
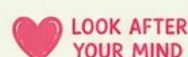
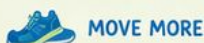
- Eat meals together
- Have family time without screens
- Support and encourage each other



**EVERY SMALL STEP COUNTS!**

Let's work together to build healthy habits for happy, healthy lives.

Healthy today, strong tomorrow!



# Community

## MAY Half-Term

Book now on  
**01582 878100**  
or visit us at  
[culturetrust.com](http://culturetrust.com)

Scan to book:



### A Noise Annoys

- 🕒 Sat 23 May / 2pm
- 🎫 £9 (inc booking fee), 5+
- 📍 Stockwood Discovery Centre

### Art In The Garden

- 🕒 Tue 26 May / 11.30am & 2pm
- 🎫 £5 (inc booking fee), 5 - 10 years
- 📍 Stockwood Discovery Centre

### Family Film Club: A Minecraft Movie<sup>PG</sup>

- 🕒 Wed 27 May / 10.30am
- 🎫 £4 or 4 for £12 (inc booking fee), Parental Guidance
- 📍 Hat Factory Arts Centre

### Hickory Dickory Dock

- 🕒 Thu 28 May / 11.30am & 2pm
- 🎫 £9 (inc booking fee), 3 - 8 years
- 📍 Stockwood Discovery Centre

### Rubbish Shakespeare Company: Romeo & Juliet

- 🕒 Fri 29 May / 11.30am & 2pm
- 🎫 £9 (inc booking fee), 5+
- 📍 Hat Factory Arts Centre

### Claytime!

- 🕒 Sat 30 - Sun 31 May
- 🕒 Sat 11.30am & 2pm / Sun 10am & 2pm
- 🎫 £9 (inc booking fee), 3 - 6 years
- 📍 Hat Factory Arts Centre

## SUMMER at Stockwood Discovery Centre

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### Stockwood Garden Party

- 🕒 Tue 28 Jul - Thu 30 Jul
- 🕒 11am - 3pm
- 🎫 Free (drop in), All ages

### Colourscape

- 🕒 Fri 7 Aug - Sun 9 Aug
- 🕒 10.30am - 4pm (every 10 mins)
- 🎫 £13.20 (inc booking fee), All ages

### Stockwood Living History Festival

- 🕒 Sat 5 Sep - Sun 6 Sep
- 🕒 11am - 5pm
- 🎫 £9 or £34 (inc booking fee) for a family of 4, All ages

**Stockwood Summer Opening Times:**  
**11am - 5pm**  
Free Car Parking  
Free to enter

### New for 2026

The Ian Hamilton Finlay Improvement Garden has been updated with new artworks alongside the original six sculptures. The new artworks reflect how we understand nature today.

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