



NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th June 2026

Message from the Leadership team



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It has been another busy and exciting fortnight at Firside, with lots to celebrate across the school.

We have been delighted to see the successful roll-out of Phase 1 of our OPAL play programme. Despite some rather wet weather at times, the children have been absolutely brilliant in embracing the new opportunities available to them. It has been wonderful to see children of all ages interacting with the different aspects of play, showing kindness, teamwork and creativity throughout. Lunchtimes have had a really positive atmosphere, and it has made us even more excited for the future as we continue to introduce new aspects of play over the coming months.

A huge well done must also go to our Year 4 children for their hard work and dedication in preparing for the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). They worked brilliantly in the lead-up to the assessment and approached the challenge with maturity, determination and a positive attitude. We are incredibly proud of the effort they have shown.

Next week, our Year 6 pupils head off on their residential visit. We would like to wish them a fantastic three days away. We know they will have lots of fun, challenge themselves, and create lasting memories as they enjoy this special experience during their final weeks at Firside.

Finally, a huge thank you to FOF for organising and running two brilliant discos this week. Events like these simply would not be possible without the support of our wonderful volunteers. We are incredibly grateful to all of the parents, grandparents and staff who generously gave up their evenings to ensure the children could enjoy such memorable events. Your continued support makes a real difference to our school community.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.



Diary dates

Mon 15 - Wed 17 June - Y6 residential

Wed 17 June - Father's day shop Y3/4

Thurs 18 June - Father's day shop Y5/6

Wed 24 June Y4 trip Norfolk Show

Fri 26 June Y3 trip Whitlingham

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Active week for all pupils

Mon 29 June - Y3 sports day 1:30PM

Tues 30 June - Y4 sports day 1:30PM

Wed 1 July - Y5 sports day 1:30PM

Thurs 2 July - Y6 sports day 1:30PM

Wed 8 - Fri 10 July Transition days

Mon 13 July - Reports out to parents

Wed 15 July - Y6 Leavers disco

Thurs 16 July - Y6 Leavers performance

Fri 17 July - Last day of school year



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Sports day 2026

During the week commencing Monday 29th June, we will be holding an "Active Week" for all pupils. During the mornings, children will take part in some different sporting activities led by visiting coaches, providing them with opportunities to try new skills and stay active.

In the afternoons, we will host mini Sports Day events for each year group where children will earn points for their team. These will take place between 1:30pm and 2:30pm:

- Monday 29th June – Year 3
- Tuesday 30th June – Year 4
- Wednesday 1st July – Year 5
- Thursday 2nd July – Year 6

We will be in touch nearer the time with more details but wanted to let you know the dates and times in advance if you wish to attend.

Throughout Active Week, children are invited to wear their PE kit every day. On the day of their Sports Day event, they may also wear a t-shirt in their team colour.

No nuts in snacks / lunches

A reminder that due to allergies, we do not allow nuts in school. Allergies can be very serious so we appreciate your support with this.



OPAL play UPDATE

We are having great fun at lunchtimes with OPAL play. Some aspects of our play are **very** popular with the children so we would welcome any donations of the following items:

- dressing up items / accessories
- buckets and spades
- diggers
- tarpaulins for den building (any size)

Coats / hats / suncream / water!

As the weather can be very changeable, please make sure your child is equipped for the weather ahead. Rain does still catch us out at this time of year so a light jacket needs to be in school every day.

On warmer days, please make sure your child has a named hat in school and is wearing sun cream. A refillable water bottle is a must to keep everyone hydrated please!

As we move into the warmer months, children can keep their ties at home for the remainder of the term.

No scooters or bikes

We have had to remind several children and parents about our rule about bikes and scooters on the site recently. Everyone must **dismount** bikes or scooters on the school grounds to keep everyone safe. Thank you.

