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## Farcet CofE Primary School Newsletter

Dear Farcet Families

I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer break with your children.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new EYFS Reception families. The EYFS Reception children have settled into their learning really well during their morning and afternoon visits this week.

Years 1-6 have returned to school and are showing excellent behavior. They are very enthusiastic about their learning, so I am sure that we will have a very successful school year.

We start the school year by launching our new school vision and values to reflect our ambitions for the future of Farcet CofE Primary School. Read on to find out more.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Caroline Sadler (Headteacher)



**Term 1**

**Week 1**

**5<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

**OUR NEW  
SCHOOL  
VISION:**

***Let your Light  
Shine***

**OUR NEW  
SCHOOL  
VALUES**

**We are FARCET:**

**We are *forgiving***  
**We are *ambitious***  
**We are *resilient***  
**We are**  
***compassionate***  
**We are *equal***  
**We are *together***



## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

We were so pleased with the progress that the children made last academic year, we decided to change our school vision and values to reflect our ambitions for all of the children who attend Farcet CofE Primary School.

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, all of the staff and one governor met to discuss the strengths of our school and what we would like to see happen in the next year and five years. As a result of our discussions, we agreed upon a new school vision and new school values.

Our new school vision is taken from the Bible (Matthew 5:16). The new school vision is:

*Let your Light Shine*



We then thought about all of the children in our school and their wonderful attributes. As a result, we chose the following values to uphold at our school and within the Farcet community:

**We are FARCET:**

**We are forgiving**

**We are ambitious**

**We are resilient**

**We are compassionate**

**We are equal**

**We are together**

Values are beliefs that guide or motivate our actions and help us determine what is important to us.

# ATTENDANCE

Last academic year, our whole school attendance average was 95%. This academic year, we want to achieve 96%+.

However, we know that it is often tempting for parents to take their child/children on holiday during term time, since flights and hotels are much cheaper. Whilst you might benefit from a cheaper holiday, your child's learning will suffer. There are 190 statutory school days in one academic year and 175 days (weekends or school holidays) available to use for holidays. Therefore every school day counts.

Whilst you can fill out an Application of Leave during Term Time form, which can be found from the school office, your child's absence will not be authorised for a holiday or day trips. I will only authorise absence for the following reasons:

- Sickness
- Unavoidable medical or dental appointments
- Days of religious observance.

## Your responsibility as a parent

If your child is registered at a school you must ensure that they attend regularly.

- The regulations make it clear that parents do not have any right or entitlement to take a child out of school for the purposes of a term time holiday.
- If parents take their child on holiday or day trip in term time, this will be counted as an unauthorised absence. This is the same as truancy and you may be at risk of a penalty notice fine being issued or prosecution in the Magistrates court.

Attendance this week (3-5<sup>th</sup> September 2025) is 99%



Mrs Oldfield (Family Worker/Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead) will be in touch with families whose child's attendance fell below 95% during the last academic year, so that she can support you to achieve the attendance target of **96%+** this academic year.

## Farcet Family Cake and Learning Mornings



This academic year, we would like to offer you the opportunity to join us for cake and learning mornings. We will be running information sharing events and then provide you with the opportunity to see your child learning in the classroom. We will provide you with the dates and the themes that we will be presenting soon.





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025, we celebrated all of the children who had their birthdays during the summer break.

# Term 1

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	
08.09.25	EYFS Reception in school full time	
15.10.25	Open Morning for new EYFS Reception intake 2026-2027 academic year.	
21.10.25	Individual School Photos	
24.10.25	Staff Training Day	
27.10.25-31.10.25	Half Term	
3.11.25	Term Begins	

<b>01.12.25</b>	DEMAT Carol Service, Ely	
<b>19.12.25</b>	Last Day of Term	
<b>22.12.25- 2.1.26</b>	Christmas Holidays	
<b>5.1.26</b>	Term Begins	

**More dates to be added.**