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Farcet CofE Primary School Newsletter

Dear Farcet Families

We have had a lot of wonderful events taking place this term such as Internet Safety Day, World Book Day, Science Week, our Easter church service and our RE Enrichment Day. A big thank you to all of the teachers who arranged these events for the children. We also have lots of events planned for the summer term too. Please take a look at the calendar below.

After the Easter holidays, I will be sharing the new DEMAT attendance policy with you which will reinforce the importance of your children not missing time off of school. Mrs Oldfield will be in touch with families whose attendance has fallen below 90% to complete an attendance contract to ensure that we can improve overall attendance.

I hope that you have a lovely Easter break.

Caroline Sadler (Headteacher)



Term 4

Week 5

27th March 2026

OUR VISION:

*Let your Light
Shine*

**OUR SCHOOL
VALUES**

We are FARCET:

We are *forgiving*

We are *ambitious*

We are *resilient*

We are

compassionate

We are *equal*

We are *together*

Year 5&6 visit Stanground Academy

Mrs Brown (Science Leader) arranged for Year 5&6 to visit Stanground Academy on Tuesday 17th March 2026. The children had the opportunity to take part in hands-on physics, chemistry and biology lessons. They measured how a spring increased in length when adding a weight, the distance a toy car travelled when a wooden ramp increased in height, mixing liquids, using a microscope to look at an onion skin and finally studying the outside and inside of a lamb's heart. After lunch, the children took part in a Lego robotic challenge, whereby they worked in teams to create a robot.

Isaac (Year 6) stated that he was looking forward to joining Stanground Academy in September 2026, since he wants to join the Lego robotics club. Furthermore, Ryder (Year 5) and Grace (Year 5) thoroughly enjoyed and successfully made a Lego robot. However, the most popular activity was learning about the lambs' heart by each holding the heart and learning about the inside of a heart.

National Science Week (16th-20th March 2026)

Mrs Brown (Science Leader) also arranged for the children to undertake different science experiments across the school. Earhart learnt that irreversible changes last forever and they made some food using different ingredients to demonstrate this.

Goodall class were lucky enough to take part in the 'magic milk experiment.' They poured milk onto a plate and added a few drips of food colouring. When the children added washing-up liquid, the milk and food quickly moved around the plate. The children learnt that the washing-up liquid wants to attach itself to the fat molecules in milk. When the washing-up liquid is added, the fat molecules in milk are quickly moved out of the way.

Luther-King class made lava lamps. First, the children poured oil and water into a bottle and they found out that the liquids do not mix because water is denser than oil. Then, the children added a few drops of food colouring and glitter to add some decorative sparkle. Finally, the children added in a vitamin C tablet and they watched as the bubbles began! The



children learnt that the tablet reacts with the water and CO₂ (Carbon Dioxide) it released as bubbles. As the CO₂ looked to escape, the bubbles moved up and down through the oil making the lava lamp.

Hawking class undertook a PH investigation. Using litmus paper, the children tested vinegar, lemon, water, toothpaste and bicarbonate-soda for their PH levels. Then the children categorized the solutions into acids, alkaline or neutral. Then they discussed how they would test a solid for its PH level. The children revisited prior learning and concluded that they might be able to dissolve the solid in water to test it. Finally, the children dissolved a vitamin C tablet in water and tested its PH level.

Easter Church Service at St. Mary's Farcet

On Wednesday 25th March 2026, the children attended an Easter service at St. Mary's Church, Farcet. The Year 6 children reminded us of the importance of Easter for Christians by retelling the Easter story. Furthermore, Goodall class treated us to a well-rehearsed and beautifully performed hymn, 'Lord of the Dance.' We all sung Easter hymns and prayed for peace. The church warden, Mrs Legg, stated, *"It was lovely to see you all in church today. The children did extremely well. It is a pleasure to see you all and how hard the children have prepared for the service."*



Easter Bonnet Parade

On Thursday 26th March 2026, all of the children took place in an Easter Bonnet Parade in the school hall. Thank you to all of the children who took the time to create their imaginative and creative Easter bonnets.

The Parent Council and Major Carol, from the Salvation Army came into school to watch the parade and then had the hard task of awarding prizes to the most creative Easter bonnets.

Congratulations to the following children who are the winners of the Easter Bonnet Parade 2026:

Earhart Class: Zara

Goodall Class Year 1: Molly

Goodall Class Year 2: Torvi-Lee

Luther-King Class Year 3: Toby

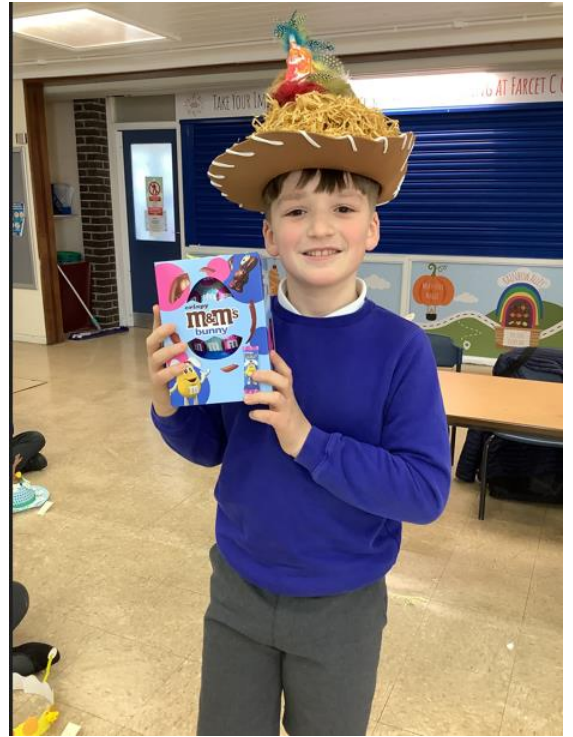
Luther-King Class Year 4: Poppy

Hawking Class Year 5: Rory

Hawking Class Year 6: Vivienne

Also, thank you to the Parent Council members and Major Carol for taking the time to judge our Easter bonnet competition.





Year 6 Spring Term Mock SATS

Our Year 6 children have done so well in their recent Year 6 Mock SATS test, which they sat a couple of weeks ago. Miss Roberts and I wanted to share the wonderful results with you, since it shows how hard they have been working since the start of Year 6.

English Reading: 90% reached the expected standard.

English Reading: 54.55% reached Greater Depth
Spelling and Grammar: 90% reached the expected standard.

Spelling and Grammar: 9% reached Greater Depth

Maths: 81.82% reached the expected standard.

Maths: 18% reached Greater Depth.

Combined (Reading, writing and Maths):
81.82%

Miss Sadler and Miss Roberts are very proud of the children and we are keeping our fingers crossed that they achieve as highly during the SATS tests which begin on the 11th May 2026.

Attendance



Attendance this week (23rd-27th March 2026) is
95.1%

Well done to Luther-King class this week-95.7% attendance.

DEMAT Attendance Policy

DEMAT have introduced a new attendance policy to ensure all schools attendance in the Trust is 96%+, which is what we have been striving for this academic year.

The DEMAT attendance policy states the following:

Tier 3: Early Intervention	90% – 96%	Barrier Removal	Golden hour contact; "catch-up" work; family meetings to identify triggers; initiating Attendance Contracts.
Tier 4: Intensive Support	Below 90% (PA)	Multi-Agency Action	Formal attendance plans; collaboration with Local Authority; legal intervention if necessary.
Tier 5: Specialist Support	Below 50% (SA)	Crisis Management	Intensive case management; multi-disciplinary teams; potential for exceptional part-time timetables.

Mrs Oldfield (Family Worker) will be in touch with you to arrange meetings to discuss your child's attendance and, if necessary create an attendance contract with yourselves.

St. Mary's Church, Farcet

The church wardens would like to share some important calendar dates with you so that you have the opportunity to join in with the local events that they have arranged for families in the local area:



- Easter Saturday 4th April 10.00-12 coffee morning in St Michael's Church Hall, Mace Road, Stanground. £3.00 entrance which includes 10 raffle tickets, a drink and biscuits, plus an Easter Egg tombola and other stalls.
- Easter Saturday 4th April (10.30-2.00pm) Easter Egg Hunt for the children, at St John's Church, Stanground. Entrance free.
- Easter Sunday Service at 11.00am at St Mary's Church, Farcet. Easter Day service of Holy Communion.

Parent Survey March 2026

Thank you so much for your wonderful Parent Survey Feedback. Here are the highlights:

- 100% of parents either strongly agree or agree that their child is happy at Farcet CofE Primary School.
- 100% of parents either strongly agree or agree that their child feels safe and children are well-behaved at Farcet CofE Primary School.
- 100% of parents either strongly agree or agree that their child achieves well at Farcet CofE Primary School.

We are delighted that you view your child's school in such a positive light. We have noted that a few parents would like the school to offer more affordable, plus a greater variety of after school

clubs, so we will be considering how we can improve our provision from September 2026.

Maternity Leave





As Miss Roberts begins her maternity leave, all of the staff, pupils and parents would like to wish her health and happiness with her little baby boy when he is born. We can't wait to meet Miss Robert's little baby boy in the future.




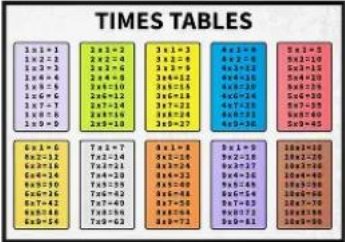




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Summer 1 & 2 Dates for your diary

Date/Time	What?	
27.3.26	Last Day of Term	
30.3.26.- 10.3.26	Easter Holidays	

13.4.26	Return to school	
21.4.26	Nursery, Reception and KSI Speech and Language Parent Meeting from 2.15pm	
29.4.26	Phonics Meeting for Year 1 parents 2.50pm	
4.5.26	Bank Holiday	
11.5.26-14.5.26	Year 6 SATS tests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11.05.26-Spelling and Grammar test • 12.05.26- Reading test • 13.05.26-Maths papers 1&2 • 14.05.26-Maths paper 3

21.5.26	Whole School Trip to Grimsthorpe Castle	
22.5.26	Staff INSET No School for children	
25.5.26-29.5.26	Half Term	
1.6.26-5.6.26	Year 4 times table testing week	
4.6.26	Year 5&6 swimming lessons begin	
8.6.26-12.6.26	Yr1 Phonics Screening Week	

12.06.26	Class Photos		
19.6.26	Father's Day Picnic		
26.6.26	RE Enrichment Day		
29.6.26	Sports Day		
2.7.26	Reports sent home to parents		

3.7.26	Parent Council summer fete after school	 A colorful banner for a 'SUMMER FETE'. The text 'SUMMER FETE' is in large, bold, green letters with a yellow outline, set against a blue sky background with white clouds, sun rays, and several colorful butterflies. Below the text is a string of multi-colored triangular bunting flags, and at the bottom is a patch of green grass with a few more butterflies.	
17.7.26	Last Day of Term	 A yellow rectangular graphic with the text 'End of Term' written in a black, handwritten-style font. To the right of the text is a blue school bag filled with various school supplies, including pens, pencils, and a pair of scissors.	