



Falconer's Hill
Infant School

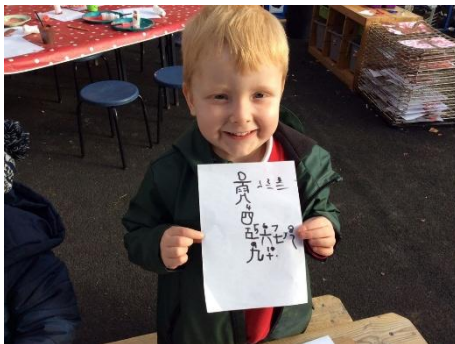


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31st January 2025

Review of the Week

This week at school has been full of exciting learning experiences! Year 1 students have been exploring the fascinating world of animals, discovering different species and their habitats. In Year 2, our budding mathematicians have been diving into the world of multiplication, mastering new skills to solve problems. Meanwhile, in the EYFS, children have been immersed in the vibrant celebrations of Chinese New Year, learning about traditions, stories, and the significance of this special time. It's been a week of curiosity and discovery for everyone!



Thank you Reuben!



Thank you, Maple Class!



Thank you, Oak Class!

Headline

News

Attendance Attendance Matters



Attendance is a priority concern in our duty to 'safeguard' children. We believe that children can reach their full potential only by receiving full-time education through regular attendance.

Our Target

At FHIS we want to achieve attendance for **all** pupils of **96% or greater**. This is a minimum of an additional 62 hours of learning achieved compared to that of 90% attendance.

Attendance 27th January – 31st January 2025

Chestnut – 90%

Sycamore – 93%




Ash – 97%

Maple – 89%

Oak – 96%

Willow – 94%

Whole school – 93%

<h2>Important Dates</h2> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay and read every Friday 8:45am-9am - A chance to read in the classroom with your child. • KS1 will be celebrating Shabbat SMART day on Friday 31st January as part of our Religious Education Curriculum. • EYFS Cake sale- Friday 7th February 2025. • Internet safety day – Tuesday 11th February 2025 • Sponsored Fun Run – Friday 14th February 2025
<h2>Big Sing</h2> 	<p>The theme this year is ‘Songs of Celebration’, with carefully chosen songs which celebrate the diversity around us, and I would love for your school to benefit from participating in this event.</p> <p>The performance will take place on Wednesday, 21st May 2025 at the Derngate, Northampton.</p> <p>List of this term’s songs:</p> <p>Unstoppable Dreidel song Spectrum song Can you hear my voice? Saute et secoue The night of a thousand lights Would that I could be a lowly fern Creepy castle Firework Gotta be me I wanna be like you Wish it could be Christmas everyday Something inside (So strong) I’m still singing Power in me</p>
<h2>Safer Internet Day</h2> 	<p>Safer Internet Day 2025 will take place on the 11th of February 2025, with celebrations and learning based around the theme ‘Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online ‘</p> <p>Safer Internet Day is the UK’s biggest celebration of online safety. Each year we cover an online issue or theme that speaks about the things young people are seeing and experiencing online. Created in consultation with young people across the UK, this year Safer Internet Day will be focusing on the issue of scams online and for young people, how to protect themselves and others, as well as what support is available to them.</p>

Chinese New Year Home Learning



For homework this term, students have been exploring the exciting traditions of Chinese New Year! They've been learning about the significance of the celebration, including the zodiac animals, the importance of family reunions, and the customs like decorating with red lanterns and enjoying special foods. Students were encouraged to create a project about what they've learned, whether it's making a Chinese lantern, writing about the zodiac animal of the year, or even trying out a Chinese recipe at home. It's been a wonderful way to celebrate the cultural richness of this important festival!

ProSports Sponsored Fun Run



Change of date!

On the morning of **Friday 14th February 2025**, the children at Falconers Hill Infant school will be taking part in a Sponsored Fun Run to raise money for new sports equipment for the school. Falconers Hill Infant school are working in collaboration with Pro-Sports to host a new and exciting event in our school calendar.

The event will be held at the **Icon building field** (close to the Icon building by the Ashby Road). Each year group will have a circuit to run, including between one and three obstacles, depending on the age and year group of the child. Children will need to wear their PE kit and suitable footwear for running on muddy grass. Please be aware that the weather is ever-changing and warm clothing will need to be provided due to the children walking back up the hill after the event.

Each year group will have a timeslot of **1 hour to complete the course**, including a musical warm up. We welcome parents and families to join in with the support by bringing 'celebration' resources such as signs, pom-poms and enjoy the music and achievements of the children.

Timings for year groups are below:

Year 2 (Oak and Willow): 9:15am-10:15am.

Year 1 (Ash and Maple): 10:30am- 11:30am.

Reception (Chestnut and Sycamore): 1pm-2pm.

A booklet will be coming home for all children with a copy of the sponsorship forms and map of the course. We ask that families return their named sponsorship form, along with money raised to the school office by **Wednesday 5th February 2025**.

Home Learning challenge: Design/ decorate a plain white t-shirt to wear for the fun run. Children will not need to bring any bags or resources to school for this day as it is a 'no pens' day in school and will be practical activities based on health and well-being.

If you have any questions regarding the event, please speak your child's class teacher or a member of the office team.

Wrap Around Care



Wrap around care:

As a school we have since been closely monitoring the demand for wrap-around care and feel that the demand may have significantly increased in the recent years.

At FHIS, we strive to adapt and change to meet the needs of our families now and prioritise working with families to provide support that is suited to you.

Mrs Edkins and I have been carefully considering how we could provide wrap-around care at FHIS. We are hoping to put an after-school care provision in place within the school because current parents have asked about it, prospective parents have indicated that is something they look for when choosing a school and we believe it will improve the security of the school's future.

We are writing to request that you complete this [Microsoft form](#), to communicate if you would be interested in a paid Breakfast Club and After School Club? The pricing and timings of this provision are yet to be confirmed however, we envisage that Breakfast Club will continue to start at 8am and the After-School Club starting at 3:25pm and ending at 5:30pm. The club will run daily, although we appreciate that this may not be required by all families daily. To be financially viable, we will need at least approximately 16 pupils attending the wrap-around care each day.

I would be grateful if you could register your interest by completing the form by the end of the day on **Friday 14th February 2025**.

For further information, please see Government guidance.

[Wraparound childcare: Everything you need to know about before and after school childcare – The Education Hub](#)

Alternative link to feedback form: <https://forms.office.com/e/05TFvgaPGR>

Thank you.

Pupil Premium



If your household income is below £16,190 you may be entitled to receive Pupil Premium.

Pupil Premium funding offers a range of support including school holiday food vouchers and subsidised school trips.

If you think you might be eligible, please apply online using the following link: www.westnorthants.gov.uk/help-cost-going-school/free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium

Or alternatively pop to the school office for a form.

Office Foyer



Please can we politely ask, that if you are in the school office foyer that you refrain from letting other people in.

This is for everyone's safety & privacy.

Thank you for your understanding.



Stars of the week

31st January 2025

Chestnut

Stan-lee – Trying hard with his writing
Ava – For developing her confidence



Sycamore

Stefania – Wonderful writing in Grammar bag
Roman – Amazing perseverance when learning new things

Ash

Amber – Always trying her best
Ralph – Amazing phonics & fab spelling



Maple

Kayden – Showing his values and active listening body all week
Layla – Effort in Math's



Oak

Reggie – Working so hard in his writing
Annabelle – For producing an amazing sunset in the style of Gakonga

Willow

Ella-Mae – Fantastic work
Elissa – Super Multi-Skills





Spring Term Dates



Spring_1

Spring term starts - Monday 6th January 2025
Teacher training day 6th January
World religion day 17th January
Shabbat SMART KS1 31st January
Uganda mufti day 31st January
Sponsored fun run - Keep active day 7th February
EYFS Cake sale 7th February
Safer Internet Day 11th February

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Film club after school 27th February
World Book day 6th March
Animal SMART day 14th March
Year 2 Cake Sale 14th March
Science Week 10th-14th March
Grandparent SMART 20th March
World Maths day 26th March
EYFS Spring show 31st March
Year 1 Spring show 1st April
Year 2 Spring show 2nd April
Easter disco 3rd April
Easter egg hunt 4th April



DESIGN A T-SHIRT COMPETITION

Design/decorate a t-shirt to wear for our sponsored muddy fun run event on the 14th February.



Please do let staff know if you do not



Friday 14th February 2025



“Providing ALL children, the opportunity to PLAY a range of sport, helping them to LEARN key physical and emotional skills and inspiring a lifelong LOVE for health and fitness”.



HOME LEARNING
CHALLENGE

CHINESE NEW YEAR

CREATE A
DRAGON MODEL

CREATE A
CHINESE FAN

WRITE YOUR
NAME IN
CHINESE

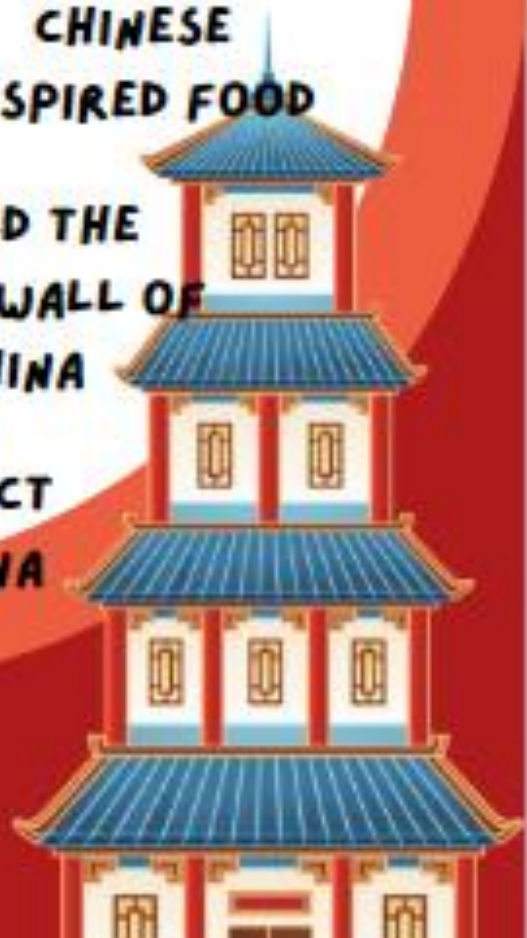
CREATE A
CHINESE
LANTERN

COOK SOME
CHINESE
INSPIRED FOOD

WRITE A
DRAGON
THEMED STORY

BUILD THE
GREAT WALL OF
CHINA

CREATE A FACT
FILE ON CHINA



DUE IN BY FRIDAY
7TH FEBRUARY

FRIENDS OF FHS



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS



We're seeking for volunteers to:

- ✓ Help out in the planning and organisation of our Summer Fayre. Collecting donations, seeking stall holders, preparing posters, etc.
- ✓ Can help run a stall on the day

JOIN US NOW

