



Forestdale Newsletter

EASTER 2026

It has been another packed term—the children in Year 2 and Year 4 have got used to their new space. Work starts during Easter on refurbishing the areas damaged by smoke in February. We are hoping the children will be back in their classrooms before the summer break. Summer is fast approaching—please read below some important changes to breakfast club and lunchtimes. Governors have been interviewing for the new headteacher from September and an announcement will be out soon.

Changes to Breakfast Club—IMPORTANT

After the Easter holidays, our **FREE** breakfast club will begin. A separate letter has been sent to you with further details. From 13th April 2026, if you would like your child(ren) to attend the breakfast club, this must be booked via **SchoolMoney**. There is no charge for the club, and a variety of breakfast items will be available. Children will also have time to play and socialise with friends before the start of the school day.

New Lunch Menu

We are very pleased to inform you that our kitchen staff have recently been developing a new lunchtime menu, following valuable feedback from parents and carers.

Shortly after the Easter break, we will be introducing a new booking system for school lunches. This will require parents and carers to pre-book their child's meals over a three-week period using **SchoolMoney**.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they are entitled to a school lunch. Previously, we have not allowed parents or carers to provide packed lunches; however, this will now be permitted if the school menu is not suitable for your child.

Further information will be shared after the Easter break including the lunch menu.

Farewell Mrs Bhambher

We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Bhambher as she leaves Forestdale after over 14 years of making a difference in our children's lives. We wish her all the best in her new adventures!

Parents Evening and Parental Feedback.

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended parents' evening last week. It was a pleasure to see so many of you there. Many of you also took the time to complete our parent questionnaire, and we were very pleased with the results which you can view on our website. We are always striving to improve, and your views and feedback are an essential part of this

Medical

Please ensure that your child's medical information is up to date with the school office, including any dietary requirements. We are still awaiting a number of asthma care plans from parents and carers. Please provide these as soon as possible.

IMPORTANT—SCHOOL IS NOW CLOSED ON POLLING DAY THURSDAY 7TH MAY APART FROM YEAR 6 WHO WILL BE IN AS NORMAL

Free Books

Last week, your child will hopefully have come home with two or three books. These books were kindly donated to us by Children's Book Project. We hope you are able to spend some time reading together with your child and enjoy sharing these stories.

Bleed Control Kit

A few weeks ago, we were approached by Emily Fereday, who asked if our school would be interested in receiving a bleed control kit. Since 2025, Emily has been fundraising to provide these vital, life-saving kits to schools and community settings.

In February, a GoFundMe appeal was launched in memory of Leo Ross on what would have been his 14th birthday. The aim was to raise funds for additional bleed control kits to be placed in areas connected to Leo's life. Leo lived in the B45 area during his early childhood, and his mother, Rachel, kindly offered our school a bleed control kit in his honour, free of charge.

Rachel visited Forestdale in person to present the kit and shared Leo's story with us, helping us to understand the tragic circumstances surrounding his death. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to both Emily and Rachel for their generosity and kindness.



ACTIVITY	DATES
Easter	March 30th to April 10th
Children back to school	Monday 13th April
St Georges Day wear red and white	Friday 24th April 50p towards school funds
Bank Holiday Monday	Monday 4th May (School Closed)
Polling Day	Thursday 7th May (School Closed to children except Y6) SCHOOL WILL BE OPEN FOR YEAR 6 ONLY—Teacher Training Day.
KS2 SATS	Week Commencing Monday 11th May
Y6 Trip to Bellheath	Thursday 21st May
Half Term	Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May
Y4 MTC Tests	1st—12th June
Y1 Phonics Screening	8th June
Sports Day	23rd June
Transition Day	1st July Note—some secondary schools offer more than one day and they will advise you if this is the case.
Reports Out	Friday 3rd July
Y6 SATS results	Tuesday 7th July
Open Evening	Wednesday 8th July 3.30pm-5.00pm
Teddy Bears’ picnic and Summer Fete In support of Birmingham Children’s Hospital	Friday 10th July Dress in your own clothes and bring your teddy for the Teddy Bear’s picnic - Please bring a donation for Birmingham Children’s Hospital and money for the Summer fete!
Y6 Leavers Assembly	Friday 17th July 1.30pm
Break Up	Friday 17th July
Teacher Training Day	Tuesday 1st September
Children return to school	Wednesday 2nd September

FREE

EASTER CREATIVE WORKSHOP



VENUE:

**FRANKLEY
LIBRARY**

**NEW ST, REDNAL,
RUBERY, BIRMINGHAM
B45 0EU**



ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- **PAINTED EASTER EGGS**
- **BUNNY MASKS**
- **SPRING FLOWER CRAFTS**

WORKSHOP DATES AND TIMES:

WEDNESDAY 1TH APRIL

- **10:00 AM - 12:30 PM**
- **1:30 PM - 4:00 PM**

WEDNESDAY 8TH APRIL

- **10:00 AM - 12:30 PM**
- **1:30 PM - 4:00 PM**

SUITABLE FOR **CHILDREN AGED 2 – 10 YEARS.**
ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.



Thank you for all your support this term. Some of the children were part of the interview process for the new Headteacher and the good news is that Governors have appointed Mr Cox as the new Headteacher from September.

I wish you have a safe and happy Easter break!

See you back in School on Monday 13th April

Mr Foster