

Four Marks School Newsletter



Message from the Headteacher

It has been another busy and positive few weeks in school, with a wide range of activities and opportunities for the children to enjoy.

Our Year 6 pupils completed their SATs last week. They approached the week with a sensible attitude and good focus, and we were very pleased with how they conducted themselves. It is now lovely to see them enjoying the remainder of their time at Four Marks, including wearing their leavers' hoodies with pride (see picture below). We would also like to thank our wonderful Governors who came in to support the school during SATs week.



We have also been fortunate to welcome a number of wonderful trainee teachers from the University of Winchester, who have brought enthusiasm into the classroom and made a valuable contribution.

Some of our Year 5s took part in the Goblin Cars event on 21st March, which was a very rewarding experience. We are grateful to Mr and Mrs Trench for their time and support, and to Mrs Adlam, Mrs Appel and Mr Perkins for preparing the children and giving up their Saturday. Thank you to FOFM for supporting this fantastic opportunity for our children. We also hugely appreciate the support from VAS Automotive and Ducati Alton.

Some of our pupils performed at A Night at the Musicals at Amery Hill which was fantastic and a great collaboration with other local primary schools. Year 4 also enjoyed their visit to Haslemere Museum, with the teddy mummification a clear highlight.

We are also pleased to share some personal news: Mrs Pink, our Deputy Head, is expecting. I am sure you will join us in congratulating her and wishing her all the very best.

Finally, a quick reminder to please ensure all jumpers and cardigans are clearly named. A large number of items in lost property are unnamed, which makes returning them difficult - even a name written in biro is very helpful.

Diary Dates

- 1st June - Inset day
- 2nd June - Children back to school
- 2nd June - Year 3/4 swimming
- 2nd June - Multiplication check week (Year 4)
- 8th June - Phonics screening check week (Year 1)
- 9th June - Class photo day
- 9th June - No swimming for Year 3/4
- 12th June - Rowan class assembly
- 16th June - Year 3/4 swimming (last one)
- 17th June - Sports day (weather dependant) - details in this newsletter
- 19th June - Willow class assembly
- 22nd June - Year 6 Leavers service @ Winchester Cathedral
- 23rd - 29th June - World Music Day week of worships (details to follow)
- 26th June - World Music Mufti Day
- 26th June - Showtime mini musicals performances
- 3rd July - Amery, Eggars and Perins Transition days for Year 6
- 7th July - Year 5/6 performance @ 6.15pm
- 8th July - Year 5/6 performance @ 6.15pm
- 10th July - Listen to me music assembly - Hazel, Beech & Rowan
- 10th July - Children visit new classes & reports go out
- 13th July - Parents invited in to visit new classes
- 15th July - Year R trip to the Watercress line
- 20th July - Year 6 party (after school)
- 22nd July - Leavers service @ COGS
- 22nd July - Break up for Summer - 1.15pm finish!

Forest School

Next half term will be:

- Year R (Thursday)
- Willow (Wednesday)
- Sycamore (Friday)

Inset days

- 1st June 2026
- 1st Sep 2026
- 2nd Sep 2026
- 4th Jan 2027
- 22nd Feb 2027
- 12th April 2027

PE days

Children will continue to wear their PE kit to school on their PE days. PE days for this half term will be:

- Year R - Monday
- Year 1/2 - Wednesday
- Year 3/4 - Monday & Wednesday
- Year 5/6 - Tuesday & Friday



Print for your fridge

Supporting children in a digital world

Technology is now a normal and valuable part of children's lives. It helps us communicate, learn, create and explore. In school, technology can enrich learning and prepare children for the future. At home, it can entertain, connect families and provide opportunities for creativity and curiosity.

At the same time, research is helping us better understand how screen use – particularly passive or solitary screen use – may affect young children's development, especially in areas such as attention, conversation, sleep and social interaction.

Importantly, the research does not suggest that all technology is harmful. Instead, it highlights that the type of screen use, the amount of time, and the context in which it happens all matter greatly.

Researchers are increasingly finding that younger children learn best through:

- real conversations
- face-to-face interaction
- imaginative play
- physical activity
- reading together
- opportunities to sustain attention and concentration over time

These everyday experiences help children develop language, emotional regulation, resilience and the ability to focus and engage deeply in learning.

Some studies have found links between screen exposure in early childhood and later difficulties with attention, sleep, language development and emotional regulation. Researchers are also exploring how fast-paced, highly stimulating content may make it harder for some children to sustain focus in learning and conversation.

However, there is also evidence that high-quality, interactive and shared technology experiences can be positive – especially when adults engage alongside children by talking, asking questions and encouraging thinking.

The key message emerging from the latest research is not about removing technology altogether. Rather, it is about helping children achieve a healthy balance:

- balancing screen time with play, reading and outdoor activity
- protecting sleep and family conversation time
- encouraging children to experience boredom, creativity and sustained concentration
- helping children build strong social and communication skills
- using technology intentionally rather than automatically

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Recent UK guidance also highlights the importance of shared interaction and conversation around screen use, particularly in the early years.

As a school, we know that parenting in the modern world is not easy. Technology is everywhere, and every family's circumstances are different. Our aim is never to judge, but to work together with parents to support children to thrive – academically, socially and emotionally.

By working in partnership, we can help children develop the focus, confidence, communication skills and resilience they need to flourish both in school and beyond.

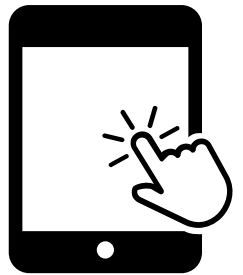
Some of the guidance and research referred to can be found here:

Gov.uk: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-screen-time-guidance-for-parents-of-under-5s>

NHS: <https://bedslutonchildrenshealth.nhs.uk/speech-language-and-communication/screen-time>

Thank you for your support,

Warren Glew



Reminders

- As always, we would be very grateful if you could ensure that any outstanding payments are brought up to date, particularly voluntary contributions and school lunches. If your child is in Year 6 please don't leave the school with debt to cover from our already stretched budget.
- Please ensure that school uniform (especially jumpers and cardigans) are named - the amount of un-named lost property we have in the office is actually quite shocking.
- Please ensure that your child is in correct school uniform.

Sports day

Sports day - Wednesday 17th June

We are looking forward to our annual sports day on Wednesday 17th June (weather permitting). If needed, our reserve date will be Wednesday 1st July.

Timings for parents

Year R, 1 and 2

- Gates open: 12:35pm (close 1:00pm)
- Races: 12:45pm - 2:00pm
- Reception races finish at approximately 1:15pm

Years 3-6

- Gates open: 1:45pm (close 2:00pm)
- Races: 2:00pm - 3:15pm

Important information

- Children should come to school in PE kit with a t-shirt in their house colour if possible.
- If you wish to take your child home early, they must be signed out at the registration table.
- Reception children may be collected from 1:30pm, and Year 1 and 2 after their races (around 2:00pm).
- If you are staying for Key Stage 2 events but would like your child to sit with you, you must still sign them out and take full responsibility for them.
- Children will take part in activities in the morning and have an early lunch, so there may be a slight change to the menu on the day.
- Children will be outside for much of the day, so please ensure they have a named sun hat and sun cream applied.
- FOFM will be providing refreshments - please bring cash. It will be open from 1:15-2:15pm, then close until 3:15pm. Please note children cannot have treats until they have been signed over to parents.
- The pre-loved shed will also be open for some of the afternoon.
- We would appreciate any offers to lend a gazebo or marquee. Please contact the office if you can help!



Thank you for your continued support - we look forward to seeing you there.

Sports!



Well done to our amazing netballers who attended the County tournament. The children came 9th in Hampshire and showed great spirit and teamwork. Brilliant work!

After just one season together as a team, Isla and Maisie's football team (Gladiators) have achieved an incredible success by reaching the cup final. The team's hard work, determination, has been outstanding throughout the season. The coaches and parents are incredibly proud of their achievement! Well done girls!!



Well done to the children who went to a basketball tournament. It was a hard fought contest and children showed resilience and determination. They worked so well as a team and we couldn't be prouder

A huge well done to our fantastic Year 3 and 4 children who attended a friendly Rounders match at West Meon. They showed great team work and sportsmanship and had a brilliant time in the sun sunshine. The post match snacks were particularly excellent. Great work guys!

FRIENDS OF FOUR MARKS

PTA

Building fun, community & memorable moments for our children! ❤️

A huge thank you to our previous PTA team for everything they've done for the school community! ❤️



We're really looking forward to working together to create fun events, support the school community and raise funds for exciting opportunities for the children.

Meet the new team:

- ♥ Co Chairs - Charlotte Lloyd & Veronika Bright
- ♥ Deputies - Charlotte Sadler & Lucie Wootton
- ♥ Treasurer - Rachel Higgins
- ♥ Deputy Treasurer - Nathan Dean
- ♥ Secretary - Ali Silvester

Got ideas? We'd love to hear them! ❤️



Keep an eye out after Sports Day because we will be selling ice creams for the children and families!



A small treat, a chance to celebrate the day and hopefully with a little sunshine too!



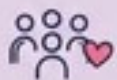
We'd love more parents, ideas and friendly faces involved.

Our next casual get-together will be announced soon so keep an eye on:

- ♥ Emails
- ♥ Facebook Groups
- ♥ WhatsApp Groups

No pressure, no committee joining required - just ideas, community and helping where you can! ❤️

COMING UP NEXT YEAR



Family Events



Community Socials



Seasonal Fun



Fundraising Ideas



School Support Projects

♥ Big ideas for little memories ♥

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Friends of Four Marks
Primary School (FOFM)



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Or simply come and say hello at school pick-up! ❤️

DISCOVER EGGAR'S

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Eggar's School

YEAR 4 & 5 SAMBA WORKSHOP

Discover Samba; the street carnival music of Brazil.
Learn how to play the instruments and put
together an exhilarating performance!



Wednesday 17 June
4.00pm - 5.15pm





AMERY HILL SCHOOL

Education for life



Taster Days & Open Mornings
23, 25 & 30 June, and 2 July
9.00 - 10.30am



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Year 5 Taster Days
Monday 22nd & 29th June

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Soda Pops

Wednesday, Thursday
& Saturday Evening

Hot Rods

Friday & Saturday
Matinee



15th - 18th

July

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