



“Hope and a Future”

TERM DATES:

- 24th Oct Last Day of Autumn 1
- 3rd Nov First Day of Autumn 2
- 3rd Nov Clubs start
- 5th Nov Open Morning for EYFS September 2026
- 7th Nov Celebration Assembly in the hall
- 13th Nov Year 1 and 2 Great Fire of London day (letter on MCAS)
- 19th Nov Year 3 and 4 Chocolate Day (letter on MCAS)
- 1st Dec INSET Day
- 11th Dec Book Fair in Hall 3pm—4pm
- 11th Dec EYFS/KS1 Nativity 1:30pm and 4pm
- 16th Dec Whole School Pantomime Visit (letter to follow)
- 17th Dec Christmas Jumper Day
- 17th Dec Christmas Lunch
- 18th Dec Christmas Service in the Church 2:15pm
- 19th Dec Class Christmas Parties
- 19th Dec Last Day of Autumn 2
- 5th Jan INSET Day
- 6th Jan First Day of Spring 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic first half term we have had; we can't believe it's the half term holiday, already! I would like to start my newsletter by saying a huge 'thank you' to everyone (children, families and the school team) for being so welcoming and supportive during my first half term at Ford End Primary. I have had a wonderful 8 weeks and look forward to seeing what the rest of the year has in store for us!

The children have had great fun studying their new topics: Year 5 and 6 have been getting gruesome with Grendel; Year 3 and 4 have been getting stuck into their chocolate theme; Year 1 and 2 have done some fantastic fire work based on The Great Fire of London; and EYFS have learnt all about the importance of the 'people who help us'.

Thank you to everyone who came to our Harvest Festival this afternoon and to those who donated items for our Harvest Food Bank collection; your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated.

Mrs Monger has been working hard on the 'My Child at School' app; all clubs for half term are now live and bookable, alongside some exciting school visits and experience days! Please keep an eye out on the app for all future trips and visits.

You will also see that, on the MCAS app, there is a new 'permissions' section. Please ensure you have completed this for all of your children before we return to school on 3rd November.

A reminder to parents to ensure that all school lunches are booked at least a week in advance. Additionally, please ensure all club debts are cleared before the end of the term.

For those who have children, friends or family who are due to start school in September 2026, or who are looking to move to a new school, we have our annual open morning on 5th November at 10am. Additionally, following feedback from parents, we have arranged an open evening on 26th November at 6pm. Please point people in the direction of our new Instagram account 'fordend.life' for more details.

Finally, we are very pleased to announce that Mrs Olivia Hickley will be joining the Ford End Team after half term as the new EYFS, Year 1 and 2 class teacher. We would like to thank Mrs Norbury for all of her hard work to support for our school over the last half term and look forward to welcoming Mrs Hickley.

Wishing you a wonderful half term break .

Best wishes,

Mrs Sarah Tate, Headteacher (BA Hons, NPQH, NPQSL) and the Ford End Team



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Please Note...

The school day begins at 8:30am. School gates will be opened at 8:20am. Then end of the school day is 3:00pm for KS1 and 3:05pm for KS2.

PE days are as follows: Year 3/4 — Monday EYFS/Year 1/2 and Year 5/6 —Wednesday

Please ensure children come to school in their correct PE kit, on these days. This includes all long hair tied back and all jewellery removed, specifically earrings. Children must also have the correct sports kit to change into if they are taking part in an after school club.

Please ensure that your child comes to school in the correct uniform (or PE kit on Mondays/Wednesdays). Please see https://fordendschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Uniform_Policy_Ford_End_2024.pdf for the correct uniform list. Make sure your child brings a coat when the weather is cold.

All medications must be given to the school office, named, by a parent or guardian, having completed a medication administration form.

