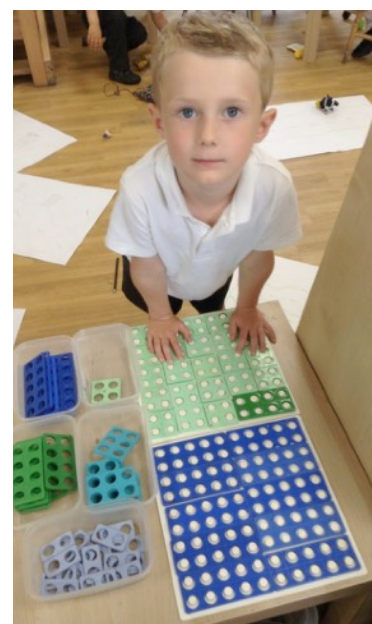
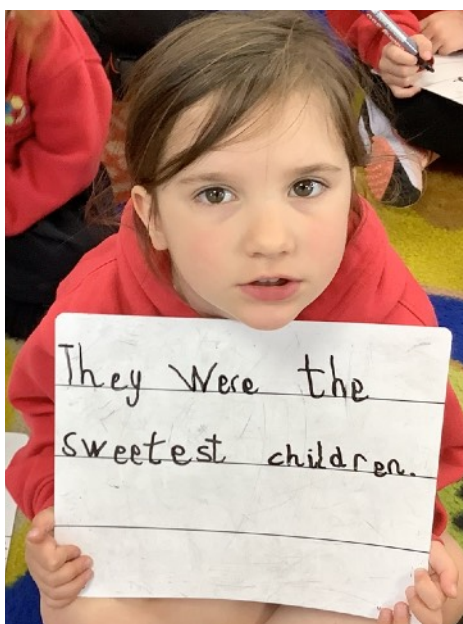


Farsley Farfield Primary School Reception 2026-7



"Farsley Farfield Primary School is a vibrant and happy place to learn."

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Welcome

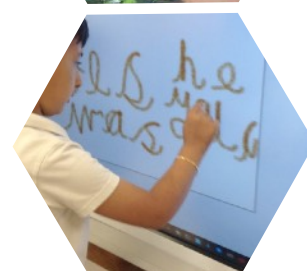
Welcome to our lovely school. I hope that you and your child are looking forward to the big step into full time schooling. We know that our high quality 'early years' education will be a great start for your child.

Farsley Farfield Primary School is a very good school with strong educational standards, a high level of care, a super learning environment, committed and talented staff and fantastic children. In September 2023 our 'Good' status was re-affirmed by OFSTED and feedback from parents and children is very positive.

We offer an early years education largely based upon play and first hand experiences with skilled adult interactions. We lay strong foundations of improved speaking and listening, social awareness, self-confidence and independence. Our children gain literacy and numeracy skills upon which to build in the Key Stage 1 classes and beyond.

We are proud of what we have to offer your family and we look forward to many years of partnership to come.

Peter Harris
Head teacher



Before starting school

We visit nursery settings in July to help transition into school for children not already in our Nursery. We will also arrange a classroom visit very early in September, just prior to starting full time school.

Our uniform consists of a grey sweat top or cardigan (optionally, with our hive logo), a white polo top, shirt or blouse, grey or black trousers, skirt/pinafore and red chequered summer dress. Shoes with velcro straps are ideal footwear in the early years. Embroidered tops are available from Whittakers uniform shop on Farsley Town Street. Your child will need a white t-shirt and black shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings for P.E. and should come to school in this kit on their PE day (TBC). The red PE hoodie is optional.



"It's my first year as a parent at Farsley Farfield and I feel incredibly lucky to have found such a fabulous school!" Reception parent 2025

Special Needs and Disability



Helen Smith
Deputy Head/
SENDCO

Farsley Farfield Primary School has a very strong reputation for inclusion.

If your child has special needs, a disability or you are concerned about their development, please speak to us as soon as possible, and regularly after that, so that appropriate provision can be put in place.

"The school provides exceptional support for pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)."

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Learning to Read

Learning to read is the most essential target for all our children and is a team responsibility: teachers, support staff and parents.

Children will engage in daily phonics sessions. These short, active, multi-sensory lessons will introduce all the letters and sounds needed for reading. We will let you know which sounds we are learning and provide phonic sound flash cards to help you to support this at home.

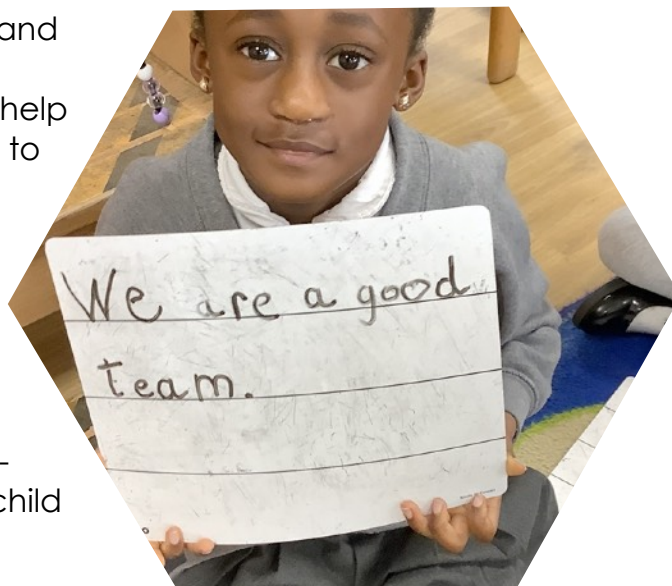
Your child will receive a reading book when they are able to recognise letter sounds and blend. To help your child, you can read story books together talking about the pictures and pointing to the words as you read. Please keep all the reading materials provided by school together in the child's book bag.

You will be provided with instructions for any reading and homework activities given to your child. We will run a 'Phonics and Reading Workshop' early in October to help parents support their child's reading and work with us to ensure that EVERY child succeeds. We will also invite parents in to watch 'Phonics Live' to help you to help your child at home.

Practising oral blending over the summer will really benefit your child and help prepare them for starting school. Try saying simple words in 'robot talk' during everyday activities: for example, "Can you put your c-o-a-t on?" or "Please find your h-a-t." Encourage your child to blend the sounds together to work out the word.



"The school is a lively, happy place."





“So far I have nothing but praise for the school, our daughter is thriving and well supported, and is happy to come to school every morning. The outdoor areas especially are a huge asset for the school.”

Reception parent 2025

Outdoor Play

All Foundation Stage children have access to outdoor provision in all weathers! Please ensure your child has appropriate footwear/coat/sunhat/sun cream. We do have some wellies to share. We aim to make the best use of our fantastic school grounds and your child may sometimes come home with some of our mud!

In the main Reception play area we have a big climbing structure called ‘The Rigs’ to clamber up and slide down from and a fabulous mud kitchen to play in.

We also have access to other play areas such as our fort, tyre park, play equipment for upper body strength and the infant yard (for bike/trike/scooter fun). There is a conservation area with pond and a wide variety of trees.

As well as the wonderful play spaces around the infant building, the children will have ample opportunity to visit our unique ‘Farfield Farm’ project, beginning with harvesting in the autumn term. The ‘farm’ also has lots of chickens, ‘Three Little Pigs’ and the ‘Three Billy Goats Gruff’.



“(My child) is enjoying school but is not very communicative (surprisingly!) regarding what he actually gets up to at school. The photos, emails, messages and web postings are great!”

A window into our world

We are very proud of our extensive class blogs, accessed by a weekly email link or from the front page of our school website: www.farsleyfarfield.org.uk

These blogs are regularly updated, and they provide parents with an up-to-date insight into the learning that the class has been engaged with. Please register your email address for regular alerts about blog updates.

Profiles

Each child will have their own individual profile: a record of their work, experiences, activities and progress during their time in Reception.

Communication

The informal start to the day is often a good time to pass on information, but longer chats are always welcome by appointment. Contact the teachers on the email addresses given on the back page of this booklet. Teachers will typically try to respond within two working days.

There are two planned Parents' Consultation Evenings per year, usually in October and February/March.

If you have any concerns, however, please contact us as soon as possible - don't wait for Parents' Evening!

Food and Drink

We strongly recommend that children eat school meals - especially as that they are free until your child is in Year 3! Our take-up of school meals is usually well above average.

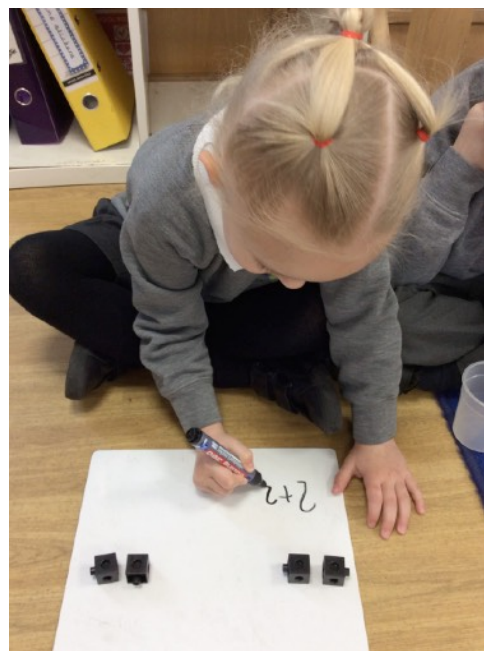
Our school meals are nutritionally balanced and are prepared from scratch on site. Halal and vegetarian diets are catered for. Lunch is served as a 'family service' set meal: typically consisting of a hot main meal followed by a dessert. The vast majority of infant children take a school meal every day. At least one meal a week is meat-free for everyone.

Your child will be offered free fruit at school and most families choose to supplement this with additional fruit from home. Children can drink water at any time and have a cup of milk in the middle of the morning session (non dairy alternatives are available). Milk is free until the term your child is 5. School milk can be paid for yearly or termly. It is subsidised and still currently costs £12.00 per term (unless you are entitled to it free as you are on certain benefits).

Even though school meals are free in Reception up to Y2, please do apply for 'Free School Meal' status if you are on benefits as this brings funding into school and may be beneficial for your family in later years. Eligibility for free school meals is being extended from September 2026.

Due to life-threatening allergies, **please do not bring nuts in any form** into school. Please do inform us of any known allergies so that we can draft a medical plan as necessary.

"Absolutely love the school so far. Very happy with progress and the regular updates we receive. Thank you so much. "
Reception Parent





"(My child) has come on leaps and bounds and that is wonderful."

Reception parent

"(My child's) happiness and settled-ness shines through and is a great testament to you all."

Reception parent

Early, late or ill?

We aim for 100% attendance and the average has typically been 96%. Poor attendance or punctuality typically results in poor attainment.



The classroom doors should be used to enter school. Infants classes start at 8.45am and the register will be taken 10 minutes later. If you are late, you should please use the main entrance and report to the office to make sure your child is registered. If you ever need to collect your child early, you should ensure your child's teacher knows and use the main entrance when you arrive. **Please inform the teacher or office if someone else is collecting your child.**

Please let us know when your child is away ill by emailing attendance@farsleyfarfield.org.uk or by calling 0113 2058130 option 1.

If your child has an infectious illness you should contact school immediately. **If your child is actually sick or has diarrhoea, s/he must be kept off school for 48 hours after the last instance please. This is in line with Public Health guidelines. Failure to do so makes controlling outbreaks of illnesses more difficult.**

Holidays should not be taken in term time please unless there are exceptional circumstances. Holiday request forms are available on the website or from either office.

Parking and Road Safety

Families are encouraged to walk or scoot to school and scooter storage facilities are outside the classrooms. If you do need to drive to school, you **must not** park in the staff car parks unless there is an agreement in place e.g. due to disability. There is some parking on the ground to the right of the school by the garages, on Westway and down Cotefields Avenue. Beware of residents-only parking - people do get tickets. **Farfield parents are also allowed to use Pudsey Civic car park for free at the start and end of the school and this is our recommended solution.**

Always park considerately and please drive very slowly around school (it's a 20mph area). Please don't park with your engine idling as this causes poor air quality. Around school opening and closing times, car drivers are encouraged to avoid driving down Cote Lane from the infants towards the Juniors: please do a loop using Farfield Avenue, Farfield Drive and Richmond Road.

Key Contacts



Sabrina Pinnock
Reception teacher



Hannah Kumar
Reception teacher



Andrea Tomlinson
Reception teacher



Peter Harris
Head teacher



Rebecca Myers
Nursery Officer/Asst
Learning Mentor
PPA cover in Reception



Diane Walton
Infant Administrator

All email addresses are:

forename.surname@farsleyfarfield.org.uk

0113 2058130

School Times

Infant School begins: 8.45am
Reception Lunch time: 11.45am – 12.45pm
Afternoon Session: 12.45pm – 3.15pm

