

Featherstone Primary School

Newsletter



4th September 2026

Welcome back

A warm welcome to all our parents and particularly to the new families who have joined us this year. We hope that the start of this journey is an exciting one and during your child's education at Featherstone Primary School, they go from strength to strength.

Our New SEND Learning Hub is Now Complete!

We are delighted to share with parents and carers that our **new Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Learning Hub is now complete.**

Following the demolition of the former Caretaker's House and the subsequent construction work, we are incredibly pleased to see our vision for this purpose-built provision become a reality. The project has been fully funded and budgeted for by the school and represents a significant investment in the future of our pupils. The new SEND Hub reflects our continued commitment to providing high-quality, inclusive learning environments where every child is supported to learn, develop and thrive.

The new purpose-built Hub includes:

- A dedicated sensory room
- A spacious teaching and learning area
- An open-plan kitchen
- A specially designed sensory garden
- Skylight windows, providing plenty of natural light
- Bi-fold doors opening directly onto the garden area

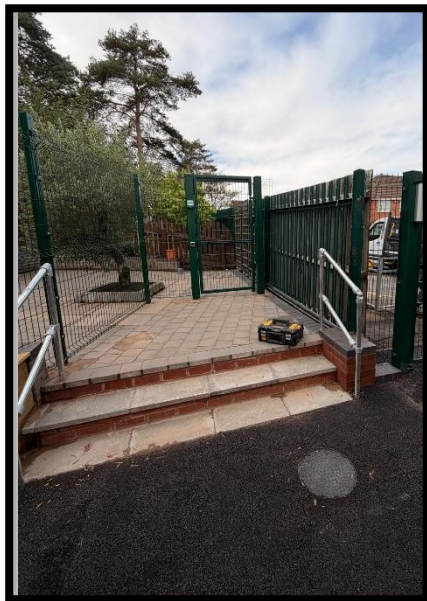
We are extremely proud of the finished provision and the opportunities it will provide for our children. The Hub will offer a calm, welcoming and carefully designed environment where pupils can receive additional support tailored to their individual needs.

This is another important step in our ongoing commitment to strengthening SEND provision across the school and ensuring that all our pupils have the very best opportunities to succeed.

We look forward to seeing our children benefit from this fantastic new facility for many years to come.



The house before the work was carried out.



Introducing Grammarsaurus – Our New Whole-School Curriculum.



Grammarsaurus

We are excited to share with parents and carers that this year we have introduced Grammarsaurus as part of our new whole-school curriculum.

Grammarsaurus provides high-quality, carefully planned resources across a range of curriculum subjects. One of its strengths is that its resources are developed by practising teachers, helping to ensure that learning is relevant, engaging and designed specifically for primary-aged children. Across the school, children will benefit from a more consistent and progressive approach to learning, with knowledge and skills carefully developed as they move from one year group to the next.

The curriculum includes a strong focus on English, reading, writing, spelling, grammar and vocabulary, alongside resources supporting subjects across the wider curriculum. Children will experience high-quality texts, structured lessons, opportunities to develop their vocabulary and activities designed to deepen their knowledge and understanding.

Introducing Grammarsaurus across the school is part of our continued commitment to ensuring that our curriculum is ambitious, engaging and accessible for all children. We want our pupils not simply to remember facts, but to develop the knowledge, skills, confidence and curiosity that will support them throughout their education.

We are looking forward to seeing the impact of our new curriculum and, most importantly, seeing our children enjoy their learning, make strong progress and achieve their very best.

Accidents in School and Reporting to Parents

From time to time, children have accidents in school. These can happen in the playground or in classrooms. Following any first aid incident, and to ensure that parents are kept informed, we use an electronic emailing system called Evolve. This allows us to report any accidents or incidents, along with any first aid given to your child, directly to you via email.

This approach will tell you the cause of the accident, the time and place, and what first-aid treatment was administered.

How will parents be informed? We will be using your email addresses from our school records that we already have on our system. Please ensure your contact details are up-to-date and that you check your emails daily.

What if the school phones me? As per existing practice, we will continue to telephone for any head injuries or illnesses.

If you have any queries, please ask to speak to our school's Medical Co-ordinator (Mrs Blair) or Miss Beach.

Attendance reminder

We are entering the season of coughs, colds and sniffles. When calling to report your child's absence please give a full reason or describe their symptoms.

“They have a high temperature and a cough” is much more useful than “They are not feeling well” or “They won’t be in”. This helps us to identify patterns across the school. Thank you.

IMPORTANT REMINDER Year 6: Secondary School Deadline

A reminder to our Year 6 families that the deadline for Year 7 secondary applications to Birmingham local authority is 31st October 2026.

Please complete the Year 7 application through the Birmingham City Council website. It is extremely important that you don’t miss this deadline as missing it will delay your child getting a place in Year 7.

Parking

Many schools experience traffic-related issues at the start and end of the school day. Birmingham City Council has introduced Car Free School Streets to address these issues by restricting traffic in the streets surrounding some schools at drop-off and pick-up times.

Featherstone Primary School is part of this scheme. This will reduce congestion and improve air quality at the school gates, as well as making it easier and safer to walk or cycle to school.

The following restrictions will be in place:

Glenville Drive and Haywards Close, Erdington, Birmingham, B23.

Times:

Mornings
Afternoons

Monday to Friday: Closure from: 08:15 to: 09:15
Monday to Friday: Closure from: 14:45 to: 15:45

Place2Be

Mental Health Support for Children - Place2Be.

We are proud to continue working with Place2Be, our brilliant mental health and emotional wellbeing charity, which operates on-site.

Place2Be offers two main services for children: (i) self-referral drop-in services for children, who can go and chat to Miss Hayley Lake (our Mental Health Leader) about anything that’s on their mind; (ii) clinical counselling for those children who are identified as those who may benefit from it. Hayley is on the school door every morning – pop by and say hi or email her on hayley.lake@place2be.org.uk

From Mr. E. Gaibee
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Autumn Term	Event
25.09.26	Flu Vaccinations
14.10.26	School Photographs
20.10.26	Parents' Evening 3.45 to 6.00 (appointments only)
21.10.26	Diwali Dinner
22.10.26	Parents' Evening 3.45 to 6.00 (appointments only)
26.10.26 to 30.10.26	Half-term

School Year 2026 to 2027

Autumn Term 2026

Term starts: Thursday 3rd September 2026 – Ends: Friday 23rd October 2026

Half-term: Monday 26 October 2026 to Friday 30 October 2026

Term Starts: Monday 2nd November - Ends: Friday 18th December 2026

Christmas: Monday 21st December 2026 to Friday 1st January 2027

Spring Term 2027

Term starts: Wednesday 6th January 2027 – Ends: Friday 12th February 2027

Half-term: Monday 15 February 2027 to Friday 19 February 2027

Term Starts: Monday 22nd February 2027 - Ends: Wednesday 24th March 2027

Easter: Friday 26th March 2027 to Friday 9th April 2027

Summer Term 2027

Term starts: Monday 12th April 2027 – Ends Friday 28th May 2027

Half-term: Monday 31 May 2027 to Friday 4 June 2027

Term Starts: Monday 7th June 2027 - Ends: Wednesday 21st July 2027

Summer: Thursday 22nd July 2027 – Tuesday 1st September 2027

Back to school: Thursday 2 September 2027

Additional days school will be closed for pupils

Teacher Training Days

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Monday 4th Jan 2027

Tuesday 5th Jan 2027

Thurs 25th March 2027

Bank Holiday

Monday 3rd May 2027

Polling Day

Thursday 6th May 2027 (tbc)