

# Featherstone Primary School Newsletter



6<sup>th</sup> October 2025

## Harvest

As part of the Harvest Festival at Featherstone Primary School, we are supporting Edington Food Bank. We want to help support our local community and show our Featherstone Values to the people outside of our school. This week, Reverend Goshawk (the chair of trustees) from Erdington Foodbank & Church delivered a special Harvest Assembly to all the children.

We are asking for donations of the following items:

- Tinned meat
- Tinned fish
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned fruit
- Beans/Lentils/Pulses
- Pasta/Rice
- Biscuits
- UHT milk
- Tea/Coffee
- Fruit juices



Last day of donation will be on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2025.

**Mental Health Day Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 2025** – Please remember to bring a £1 to school or you can give whatever you can. Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct is a non-uniform day for children and staff.



## Learning Hub

This week in the Learning Hub the children have been enjoying learning all about the signs of Autumn. We have read books, enjoyed crafts, made cakes and had lots of fun!



## 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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025.

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.

## Football competition!

This week our Year 5 and 6 football team attended their first competition. They played really well and we are very proud of them.

Mr Hunt's standout players on the day were Moses and Orlando. Well done!



### **Weekly Class Newsletter**

Just a reminder that every week we send weekly newsletters by email showing what learning has taken place in class. This will be sent every Friday to show you what your child is doing in their English, Maths and Topic learning. The aim of sharing current learning is to enable you to also support and extend your child's learning at home in line with the curriculum.

### **Accidents in School and Reporting to Parents**

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

This approach will tell you the cause of the accident, time, place and what first-aid treatment were 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 school does phone 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.

### **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: 9.15  
Monday to Friday: Closure from: 2.45 to: 3.45

## Place2Be

Miss Lake, who is directly employed by Place2be, will be leaving Featherstone on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Miss Lake intends to progress her career within Place2be, and we wish her well with her move and thank her for all that she has done for the pupils at Featherstone Primary. Place2be plays an important role in supporting our pupil's mental health in school and many pupils and parents have benefited from this service.



Place2be will work with the school to replace Hayley and will keep you informed.

## Diary Dates

<b>Autumn Term</b>	<b>Event</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Non-school uniform. Children can wear their brightest colours to support this cause. £1 donation through parent pay or send in £1 with your child to give to their teacher.
21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Parents Evening 3.50-6pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Diwali Dinner
23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Parents Evening 3.50-6pm
24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 5 parent showcase 9:15
28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Flu Spray NHS Rec – Y6
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner for Children (staff and children)
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS Christmas Performance 9.15am / 2.45pm

<b>TERM DATES - School Year 2025 to 2026</b>			
<b>Autumn Term 2025</b> Term starts: Monday 1 September 2025  Half-term: Monday 27 October 2025 to Friday 31 October 2025  Term ends: Friday 19 December 2025	<b>Spring Term 2026</b> Term starts: Monday 5 January 2026  Half-term: Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026  Term ends: Friday 27 March 2026	<b>Summer Term 2026</b> Term starts: Monday 13 April 2026  Half-term: Monday 25 May 2026 to Friday 29 May 2026  Term ends: Monday 20 July 2026	<b>Teacher days</b> 2days 1st and 2nd September 2025  Monday 5 January 2026  Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2025  Monday 20 July 2026

From Mr. E. Gaibee  
**Headteacher**