

# Featherstone Primary School Newsletter



13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

The school has been very busy this week, with lots of events, awards, performances and trips going on.

## Place 2 Be

We would like to introduce our new Place 2 Be Counsellors Kay and Batool who have taken over from Hayley. They have been in school this week and have introduced themselves to the children, ready to start after half term. Batool will be in school Mondays and Fridays, Kay will be in school Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Between them, they will continue to be a place for children to go to with any worries or concerns, as well as support individual children and families. All children were sent a consent form for parents to complete and return. Can we kindly ask you to return these to your child's class teacher or the main office as soon as possible. Please see their profile on the end of the newsletter.



## Fidget Toys/Resources

Following advice from Birmingham's Educational Psychology Service, we will no longer allow commercialised fidget toys in school, as these can often become distracting in a primary classroom. Instead, we will provide carefully selected "focus tools" to support concentration and self-regulation for pupils under the discretion of the SENDCo and Class Teachers. These resources are intended to support learning, not play.

We kindly ask that children do not bring fidget toys or similar items into school, as any brought in will be sent home. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a calm and focused learning environment for all pupils.



## Year 5's visit to a Buddhist Temple



Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the Buddhist Temple this week. They learnt a lot about Buddhism and asked some excellent questions too! Well done Year 5!

### Curriculum Awards Assembly

This week, we celebrated the achievements of many EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children across the curriculum. The children were celebrated for their hard work in many different subjects including R.E., History, Science, Geography, English and Maths. Parents were invited in to celebrate their children's achievements at school. Well done to all the pupils for working so hard. Keep up the hard work!



### Value Awards 'Value of the Month' – Trust

Well Done to all the children who have been nominated by their teacher for consistently demonstrating our value of the month 'Trust'. It is great to see so many children being model examples for others to follow.



### **Chinese New Year Assembly**

Year 6 showcased an amazing Chinese New Year assembly. The children presented their Chinese New Year performance to EYFS and KS1 on Tuesday before showcasing this to parents on Friday. We are so proud of the children's singing and the delivery of their lines to educate others about Chinese New Year. Thank you to parents and carers for attending our performance.



### **Year 3 and 4's BOA workshop**

Year 3 and 4 had an excellent opportunity on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February. They had a visit from Birmingham Ormiston Academy (BOA) and took part in exciting dance, drama and musical theatre workshops. Year 3 had the opportunity to recreate their favourite scenes from 'Stig of the dump'. Year 4 were taught a routine from 'Matilda', and they brought out their creative sides, getting stuck in with the dance moves!



### EYFS Junk Modelling Workshop

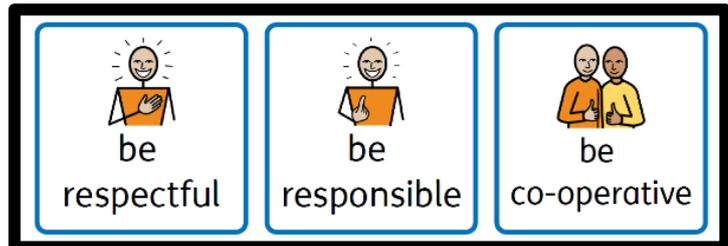
This half term the children in Reception have been learning about houses and homes. They held a junk model workshop for parents to come and show off their creativity to build and make a variety of houses and homes. They looked fantastic! The turnout was a huge success with over 40 parents coming to join in. There was also an opportunity for parents to look at their child's books to see how well they are doing in school.



### Our Behaviour Policy, Behaviour Pledge and School Rules

In school, we have three rules; Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Co-operative. The children are very familiar with these rules. Please speak to your child at home and reinforce the message that these rules must be followed when at school. At the start of your child's

education with us, they sign a pledge, stating that they will follow the school rules and be reminded of this pledge when they break it. We are also asking parents not to discuss any behaviour concerns with class teachers' afterschool. If there are any persistent behaviour concerns, your child's class teacher will write to you, inviting you to come into school for a meeting to discuss concerns and work together to put strategies in place.



### Dinner Money: Spring 2 Term

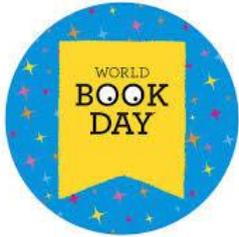


School meal every day £63.60

School meal on a Thursday only (pizza day) £13.25

Please pay for school meals on Parent Pay, in advance, thank you.

## World Book Day – Advanced notice!



Miss Lacey and Miss Nicholls, our English leaders, are pleased to announce the return of World Book Day dress up opportunities!

World Book Day is on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026**.

Our theme is 'Cosy Characters'. Children may come to school dressed as one of their favourite book characters, or they can choose to come in cosy, comfortable clothes and bring in a book ready to snuggle up and read!

We will be holding the usual competitions and fun activities to coincide with our celebrations.

Hello everyone,

My name is KAY and I am one of the new mental health practitioners working for place2be and for your lovely school. I am excited to be here, and you may have seen me already walking and looking around. Already I can see that everyone is very friendly and in time I do hope that lots of children will come and say hello to me, ask questions or perhaps tell me a little story. I will be available for children to come and see me if they want to in our Place2talk or place2be room.



### **Little facts about me**

I love dogs, dancing, walking in nature and eating lots of different kinds of foods.

Always take good care,

Warm wishes

From

Kay.



Hi – My name is Batool and I'm one of the new mental health practitioners from Place2Be. My role is to provide counselling sessions or a quick 15-minute chat with the pupils. I am also there to support parents and staff who are either concerned about their child or pupils. I am excited to get to know everyone and become part of Featherstone's amazing community. If you have any questions, feel free to drop by the Place2be room or catch me outside in the morning, evenings and lunchtimes.

Fun facts about me: I own a lionhead rabbit called Leo, I enjoy writing poetry, and I love traveling.

From Batool

2026	
Date	Event
13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half term – School closes 3.25pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	School re-opens – Back to school
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 4 MTC Parent workshop 9.10am
5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – Cosy characters
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Key Stage 1 Headteachers Award Assembly- 9.10am
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Key Stage 2 Headteachers Award Assembly- 9.10am
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening 4-6pm
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening 4-6pm
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Holiday T day – School Closed for pupils
13 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens – Back to school
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Polling Day – School closed for pupils
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Half term – School closes 3.25pm
1 <sup>st</sup> June	School re-opens – Back to school
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Transition Day
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents Evening 3.45-4.45pm
17 <sup>th</sup> July	End of term – School closes 3.25pm

Have a great half term break!

Best wishes

Mr Gravell. EYFS Leader