

Featherstone Primary School

Newsletter



7th Oct 2026

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 22nd Oct 2026.

Thank you to those families who have already donated. We are extremely grateful for your generosity.



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.

Curriculum – Music in school



Djembe drumming

Our children have been enjoying the wonderful sounds of Djembe drumming! They have been learning new rhythms, developing their coordination and listening skills, and discovering the importance of working together as an ensemble. What a fantastic musical experience!

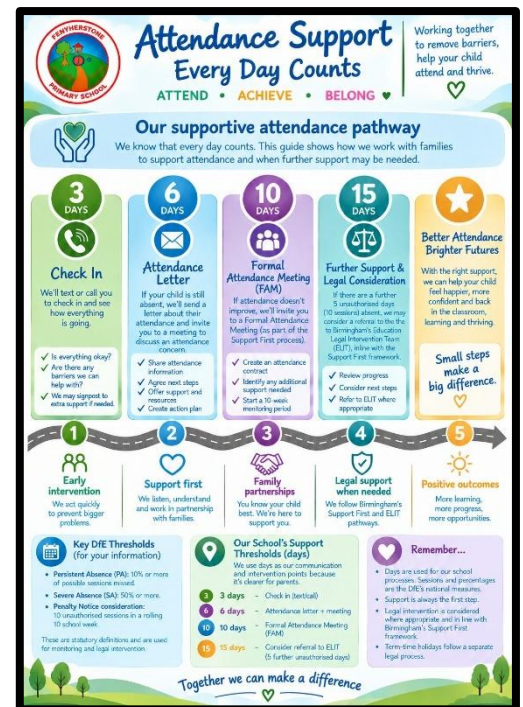


Attendance reminder

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

School Football Team

What a Start to the Season! ⚽

A huge well done to our Year 5/6 football team, who played their first matches of the season this week!

Facing two strong teams, our players battled brilliantly to achieve a draw and a loss, but the real highlight was the incredible teamwork, positive attitude and sportsmanship they showed on the pitch.

You represented the school brilliantly. **Well done, team.**

We are very proud of you!



From Mrs J Hughes
Deputy Headteacher

Diary Dates

Autumn Term	Event
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)