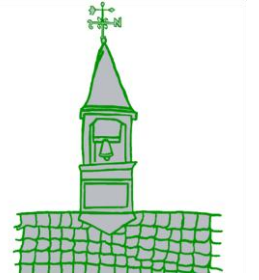




"Together we can"

Fakenham Primary Federation

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Be the best YOU can be

Friday 19th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Once again thank you for your response to supporting with contributions to school trips, these are an important part of school lives for children - it is good to know so many of you value them.

Free School Meals

Please can I remind you again to sign up and if you are not sure to check with the school offices. It makes a difference to you and the school. If you have signed up for FSM then each month the Local Authority funds an extra voucher for you to spend at a local supermarket - this is guaranteed until March and hopefully, it will continue in 2026/7. You must have applied for Free School Meals even if your child is at the infant school. Whilst all children can have universal free school meals at FINS this does not automatically mean you get a monthly voucher - check if you can apply. If your child is in receipt of FSM then the school will get increased funding next year to spend on staffing, resources and supporting your children. As you all know personally, every pound matters! The key date for schools is the 2nd of October - depending who is on roll and who is entitled to FSM on this date will impact our funding for 2026/27. Help us by checking if you are eligible before the end of the month - we can then get vouchers out to you asap.

Events for parents

Please keep your eyes out for dates of events. We are putting things on to help you know what we are doing and how you can support your child's learning - please engage. There will be:

- short meetings about the phonics learning at FINS
- workshops for Y1 and Y2 children afterschool next week
- a 'fun' Early Years Trail on Wednesday 1st October
- there will be learning cafes at both schools scheduled soon
- learning reviews at FJS in a few weeks and FINS after half term

These events are there to support you, staff are putting in lots of time and effort to engage with you. Everything you can do at home, alongside what we do in school with your children, will make a huge difference to their learning, confidence and outcomes, now and in the future. Please give up a bit of time, for your children - we look forward to seeing you.

Important Reminder – FJS & FINS are NUT FREE SCHOOLS

Please take care when sending in 'chocolate filled' items, such as crepes, croissants, pain au chocolat etc. A lot of these items are actually 'hazelnut' chocolate spread and therefore, must not be brought into school due to us having staff and students that have severe allergies.

Cycle Helmets

It is a requirement of the school that all children, either cycling or scootering to school, must wear a helmet for safety purposes. Accidents do and sadly have happened recently – wearing a helmet is an important safety measure to prevent head injuries.

Ordering Meals on Arbor

Could we please remind all parents to pre-order their children's meals via the Arbor app, please follow the link below for guidance, if needed.

[How to Pre-Order Meal Menu choices on the Parent Portal or Parent App](#)

Friends of FJS

The Friends of FJS will be having a meeting at The Limes on Tuesday 23rd September 6.30pm. If you are interested in joining or just offering a helping hand when you can, please pop along – everyone welcome. If you want to contact them prior to the meeting, feel free to send them a message on their facebook page **Friends of Fakenham Junior School PTA**.

Have a lovely weekend,

Adam Mason