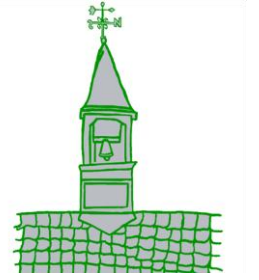




# Fakenham Primary Federation



"Together we can"

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Be the best YOU can be

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Whilst I know it is now mid-January, as this is my first email of the term; I would like to say Happy New Year! I think we are still just within the acceptable window for this.

The children have come back to school and have been working hard. I have been impressed with the learning atmosphere in both schools and that the majority of children are focused and purposeful in their lessons. It is lovely to praise the children who are being the best they can be. However, we will also continue to challenge the behaviours, both learning and general, that are not acceptable and help support and teach the child to be better. We will contact you to work with us to do this and thank you in anticipation for your support.

Whilst the children come to school to learn each day their learning does not stop when they leave our sites. Every day is full of opportunities to embed learning and skills. Whilst shopping you can support reading and maths, talk about turning left and right on journeys. Encourage your children to tell the time, recognise numbers, spot shapes and colours. Working out the order things need to be done helps with understanding instructions. The list is endless. On top of this, daily reading or phonics learning, times tables or maths practice and discussing the learning in topics is important. YOUR CHILD needs you to do these things to help them embed learning and support their progress – WE need you to do this to help us help them. Please do not think that learning only happens in school during school hours - it doesn't. What you do to support and help your child – 20 minutes a day - will make a difference.

## Free School Meals

Please, if your child is eligible for free school meals, encourage them to have a school lunch. This is a benefit due to your family; it is free food. With the cost-of-living issues affecting all of us this will make a difference. There are lots of choices each day; jacket potatoes, pasta, hot meal and cold pack lunches (Aspens have brought this back) – all dietary requirements can be met. Also, any child in receipt of FSM is treated the same as any child paying; there is no stigma attached. Remember, at FINS all reception, Y1 and Y2 children can have a free meal- please use this amazing benefit.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Adam Mason