

St. Faith's Church of England Infant and Nursery School

Family Newsletter



4th September 2026



Dear parents, carers, families and friends,

Welcome to our first Family Newsletter of the year. What a fabulous 2 days we have had. We are so proud of the children and how well they have all settled into their new classes. We are all very excited for our year ahead.

You may have noticed our lovely new Friendship Garden in the playground. This area was developed with the support of our fabulous Friends of St Faith's PTA. There are still one or two things to add. The children already love using it and sitting in the reading dens during the day, though we do ask that you don't use it before and after school. The same is for our climbing equipment and trim trail. These are not to be used before and after school. This is for your child's safety and to ensure that the rules and expectations that we have for the use of all equipment and areas are not blurred through use at different times. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

There is quite a lot of information this week in the Newsletter, so do ask if you are unsure about anything.

On Monday 14th September we are having Jeans for Genes Day, to raise money for this very important children's charity. Please visit <https://www.jeansforgenes.org/> if you would like more information. The children are invited to come to school wearing jeans, or denim - and any non-uniform if your child doesn't have any jeans. Please do not buy anything especially for this day. If you would like to donate for Jeans for Genes, please follow this link. https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jeansforgenesday30680?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL Thank you! We will have some wristbands for sale in the office, for £1 each, if you would like to buy one.

Some of the diary dates for September are on page 2 of the Newsletter. These are added to as required and will be on the calendar on the website, so do keep checking in at <https://www.st-faiths.lincs.sch.uk/> If it is an event or a talk for families, more information will follow.

For some of our new Reception families, you will receive a paper copy of our newsletter this week, until we have set up your log ins for Arbor. Please do this as soon as possible and then all letters will be sent electronically. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your love and support.

Warmest wishes
Amanda Konrath,
Head teacher

Diary Dates

Thursday 3 rd September	Back to school – welcome back!
Monday 14 th September	Jeans for Genes Day – non-uniform day to raise money
Wednesday 16 th September	9.10am Talk for Writing Talk for Families
Wednesday 23 rd September	9.10am Reading and Phonics Talk for Families (Rec and Year 1)
Wednesday 23 rd September	Individual photos
Thursday 24 th September	Armed Forces Coffee Morning with Mrs Simpson
Thursday 24 th September	Open evening for new families 5pm
Friday 25 th September	Plesiosaur day
Tuesday 29 th September	9.10am Year 2 Curriculum/Assessment Update for Year 2 Families
Wednesday 30 th September	Rhubarb Theatre

Pupil Premium

Are you entitled to additional support through Pupil Premium?

If you are unsure please apply online at <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-pupil-support/apply-free-school-meals>

This not only provides vital additional funding to the school but also allows us to further support your child academically and emotionally and offer family support too! Please speak to Miss Wright for further information.

If your child is entitled to Pupil Premium already and need support with anything come and see us! E.g. PE kits and water bottles.

Passwords

Please let us know if your child is going to be collected by someone else at the end of the day, from school or Fireflies. We also ask that you provide a password that the person collecting can use, for added security.

If someone unfamiliar comes to collect your child and there is no password or we haven't been informed, even if the adult is known to school, then we will not release your child from our care.

If a sibling or friend is collecting, they must be over the age of 16.

Thank you.



Healthy Snacks

If your child brings their own snack to school, please ensure that this is ONLY fresh fruit or vegetables and not raisins! A reminder that we are a NUT FREE School.

BIRTHDAY TREATS

In line with developing a love of reading in everyone in our St Faith's family, instead of bringing sweets or cakes into school for your child to celebrate their birthday with their friends, we ask you to bring a present of a book! This maybe their favourite and it can be shared in the classroom or the library over and over again! We do have an Amazon

Reading list, if you need any ideas. <https://amzn.eu/4xhoaAG>

This also aligns with our being a healthy school and allergy aware.

Thank you.



Ready, Respectful and Safe

Ready, Respectful and Safe are our school rules.

Your child will have been talking about these in their classes as they learn or recap our school rules.

They are simple, effective and used by everyone in our St Faiths Family.

Your child may have already come home wearing a sticker saying Ready, Respectful or Safe. This means that they have demonstrated that they are Ready, Respectful and Safe in the classroom, at lunchtime or outside. Please ask them what they have done to receive a sticker.



Party time!

We have a set of plastic, reusable partyware – plates, cups, bowls etc. that you are able to borrow from school if you are having a child's birthday or celebration.

As a plastic free school, we strongly promote using reusable products, rather than single use plastics or items such as disposable party plates.

We ask for a £5 donation for this, which goes towards new books for our school library. Please enquire at the school office, if you are interested. Thank you.

Our value for this half term is Friendship!
We have already seen so many children demonstrating amazing friendship in school! Wow! Thank you!



St Faith's Little Library

You may have noticed our library at the top of the school drive. This is open for everyone in our community, for you to choose a book to take home and read or share. We ask that you return the book when you have finished, for someone else to enjoy, or donate another book from home. The library is used all of the time, which is wonderful. Please make sure that when you have chosen a book from the library, it is left tidy and ready for other children to use.

We also have a box of adult books inside our school front entrance (where the school office is), for you to choose from and take, if you wish! Again, please return or bring any of your own unwanted books. Thank you!

The Big Future Survey

Our children have the opportunity to take part in a national survey, The Big Future.

The survey can be completed here: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

This message is from **Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's Commissioner for England:**

Every child's voice matters, and I want to make sure that children and young people in every school and college, in every community, have the opportunity to shape the picture of childhood that I will share with Government.