



Strawberry Fields Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome back! I do hope that you all had a wonderful holiday and enjoyed some relaxing time with your families. As we begin another year at Strawberry Fields, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new families in Foundation Stage and across the school, I do hope that you are starting to feel very much part of our school family. I am delighted with how our new children have settled into school and are already contributing to making school a very special place to be.



We have had such a lovely first week in school, and the children have been a credit to every one of you. We have seen exemplary behaviour and excellent attitudes to learning, as well as some amazing qualities such as kindness, care and

respect. We are truly blessed with wonderful children!

Have a great week,
Mrs Mumby

Staffing

This week, we welcomed some new members to the Strawberry Fields staffing team. Miss Bush has joined our early years team, teaching in Nursery, Miss Panesar joins the Year 3/4 team, teaching in Year 3, and Miss Burnell has joined our wraparound care and lunchtime team.

All of our fabulous new staff have already made a positive impact on our school family and we are delighted to have them on the team. I am sure that you will join me in welcoming them to Strawberry Fields.

Summer Holiday Camp

A huge thank you to Miss Richards and her team of staff who have been busy this summer making our summer holiday camp a huge success once again.

Year 6 Sleepover

A reminder to all our Year 6 parents that our sleepover will be taking place on Friday 18th September. The Year 6 team will be in touch shortly with further details.

Supervision of Children – Start and End of the Day

Please be advised that, unless your child attends breakfast club, staff are not responsible for supervision of children until 8.45am when they come into school. We would advise that children do not play on playground equipment or engage in football games at the start and end of the day in case there are accidents or conflict takes place and adult supervision is required. Many thanks for your support with this.

Summer Works

Whilst we have not seen extensive summer works taking place across school, we have seen a transformation of our nature area. Balfour Beatty, who have been working in the area, have spent time during the summer making this space useable for the children. We are hoping to open it up to children during play and lunchtimes as a space to relax in peace and quiet, enjoying crafts, colouring, reading or simply having a chat with friends in a calm environment.

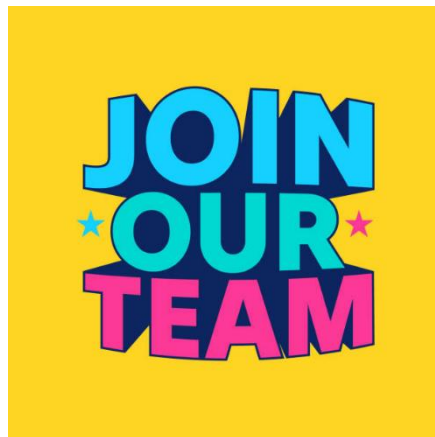


Join the Strawberry Fields Team!

We have two vacancies for a cleaner at Strawberry Fields. If you, a friend or a family member are looking for a new role and would love to be part of our fabulous facilities team, this could be the opportunity you have been waiting for!

We are looking for someone who can work 2 hours per day either 6.30am - 8.30am, ideally, or 3.30pm - 5.30pm. The rate of pay for this role is £12.65 per hour.

If you would like further details or to make an enquiry, please call into the school office or contact Mrs Lindsay Robinson, our school business manager on 0113 2320796 or strawberryfields@setschools.uk



Open Classroom

On Thursday this week – 10th September – we will be opening our classrooms from Year 1 to Year 6, at the end of the day, for parents and carers to come in and meet your child's new teacher and for children to take you on a guided tour of their new classroom. This is an opportunity for you to say 'hello' to your child's new teacher who will be working in partnership with you to support your child through their learning journey this academic year.

Lunchtime football Year 3 to 6

As we approach a change in season, if your child wishes to take part in lunchtime football with Mr George, please ensure that your child brings a spare pair of trainers, a spare t-shirt and spare joggers to change into.

Cutting through the carpark at drop off/pick up

Please do not use the car park to walk into school grounds at drop off and pick up. Please use the pedestrian entrance.

Achievement Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who received Superstar Learner certificates in today's Achievement Assembly. We are very proud of them!

1 CF – Well done to Edward

1/2 CE – Well done to the whole class

2 JL – Well done to Elsie

3 GP – Well done to Joseph

3/4 JH – Well done to Ava

4 MS – Well done to Harry

5 KM – Well done to Millie

5/6 LB – Well done to Seb

6 LH – Well done to Ava

Headteacher Award – Well done to Dutch in 4MS

Citizen of the Week – Well done to Halle in 4MS

Attendance

We encourage good attendance at all times and know that if children attend well, they achieve well. Our school target is 96%. We strive to support all families in meeting and exceeding this target for all of our children, to ensure they grow socially, emotionally and academically.

Our attendance table this week:

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
F2 Blue	100%
F2 Red	96.7%
1CF	100%
1/2CE	97.2%
2JL	99.4%
3GP	100%
3/4JH	94.8%
4MS	99.4%
5KM	98.9%
5/6LB	95%
6LH	94.9%
Whole School	97.8%

Diary Dates

September

Thursday 10th End of the day – open classrooms ‘Meet the Teacher’

Friday 18th Year 6 Sleepover

Monday 21st 5pm Phonics meeting for F2 and Year 1 parents/carers

October

Black History Month - 'Honoring Our Communities'

Tuesday 6th Local Governing Board Meeting

Tuesday 6th Inspire Morning 34JH

Wednesday 7th Inspire Morning 4MS

Thursday 8th Inspire Morning 3GP

Wednesday 7th – Nursery Stay and Play

Thursday 8th

Wednesday 14th NCM Visit Y5 and Y6

Thursday 15th NCM Visit Y5 and Y6

Friday 16th 9am KS1 Harvest Festival

Wednesday 21st School Photographs

Thursday 22nd Last day of term

Friday 23rd INSET Day

HALF TERM MONDAY 26th OCTOBER - FRIDAY 30th OCTOBER

INSET Days 2026/27

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Friday 23rd October 2026

Friday 18th December 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Thursday 22nd July 2027

On these days, school will be closed to children.



HOME INFORMATION



September's Musician of the Month

ABBA



Books to read...



About: ABBA are a Swedish group formed in Stockholm (Sweden) in 1972 by Agnetha Fältskog, Björn Ulvaeus, Benny Andersson, and Anni-Frid Lyngstad. The group's name is an acronym of the first letters of their first names arranged as a palindrome. They are one of the most popular and successful musical groups of all time, and are one of the best-selling music acts in the history of popular music, topping the charts worldwide.

Genres: Pop, Disco and Rock

Active from: 1972 - 1982 and 2016 - Present

Origin: Stockholm, Sweden

If you like ABBA, try...

- Sister Sledge
- The Bee Gees
- Baccara

