

THE BULLETIN

Weekly update from Feniscowles Primary School

Friday 16th October 2026



Half Term & INSET Day

Next week is the final one before the October half term holiday. School will close for the break on Friday 23rd October at the normal finish times. We will still run our after-school Pitstop provision as usual on that day. We are closed to children for one full week and one day. Please note that school will be closed Monday 2nd November for a staff INSET day. We look forward to welcoming all **children back on Tuesday 3rd November**. We hope you all have a wonderful and relaxing half term break!

Parents' Evening and Why We Changed the Times.

Thanks to all who were able to attend our first parents' evening of the year. It was lovely to welcome families into school and to talk about how your child has settled-in to their new year group. This is the first time we have trailed changing the timeframe - allowing slots to start from 1:00pm and the majority of feedback that we have heard about this has been positive. Changing the timings has been done in order to "free up" directed hours for staff and in turn, allow them to run more clubs. By trimming 6 hours away from late night parents evenings, it now means all staff can run a club for at least one half term and so our extra curricular offer for our children increases. If you have any feedback about parents' evening, please drop Miss Dootson an email on deputyhead@feniscowles.blackburn.sch.uk or feel free to call our school office.

London Trip

Our first London trip will go out on Wednesday next week and we're very excited. Our woodpeckers class will be the first to visit. During this trip, children will visit the houses of parliament to learn all about democracy and how the country is run. They'll also enjoy a walking tour of some famous capital city landmarks such as Buckingham Palace, Big Ben and Downing Street. A reminder for families to have a look at the parent briefing powerpoint on the class Dojo pages which will help to answer all your questions.

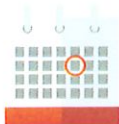
Harvest and Wrap Up Lancashire

Thank you to all who were able to contribute towards our harvest collection and to those who were able to donate useable winter coats to our Wrap Up Lancashire collection. These two schemes form a big part of our annual charitable contributions and we think they're an important way to teach the children about helping others who may be less fortunate than us. Thank you also to year 5 who led a special harvest Assembly to celebrate this season, and we look forward to Year 2's special harvest Assembly next Wednesday.

Signing Reading Records

We have noticed that in one class across school, 15 children aren't regularly reading at home or signing reading records. Reading is "the key" to unlocking so very much for your children: imagination, stress relief and access to the wider curriculum all come from reading. Reading is a vital skill for our children in all year groups and being a good reader at a young age is a huge predictor of future academic success. We understand life can be busy but 10 minutes of reading a day adds so very much to your child: not just academically but in terms of well-being too as they really value special 1:1 time with their adults. Please can we remind all families that reading daily is the goal. We can forgive slipping to 3-4 times per week when hobbies get in the way but, a child who is not reading at all in the mornings or evenings misses much more than you imagine.

Key Dates



23.10.26 - 30.10.26 - School closes for Half Term at normal finish time

02.11.26 - School closed for INSET staff training

03.11.26 - School re-opens