



Fairisle Infant and Nursery Schools children's newsletter



Autumn 2025 Newsletter 2

A message from the Headteacher



Our school is proud to share that we have been awarded the prestigious **Healthy High Five Gold Award**, an achievement earned by only eight schools in our area! This award recognises excellence across key areas of health and wellbeing, including **healthy eating, physical activity, emotional wellbeing, leadership opportunities, and positive play**. We want to extend a heartfelt thank-you to our dedicated staff and wonderful pupils for their hard

work in helping us reach this standard. An extra mention to Mrs James who led the project and liaised with our school nurse Janet Barfoot to be able to be aspirational for our school to continue to strive for Gold! More information will be available on our school website, and we are delighted that this success further reflects our strong commitment to **personal development**, which was judged **Outstanding** in our January 2025 Ofsted inspection.

I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing everyone on our return January 6th 2026 (January 5th 2026 is an INSET day)!

Miss Owens, Headteacher



Caterpillar group

The Little Caterpillars have been having a fantastic time getting ready for Christmas. The children have been doing some messy sensory play, fine motor tasks of creating baubles with paper and shiny objects and spending lots of time outside running, climbing and riding bikes.

Caterpillar Room also has a new outdoor area where the children can explore sand, water and other sensory activities.



Rainbow Room



We've been as busy as ever this half term, working hard to build important skills that will help with future learning, especially writing! Through lots of fun activities, our little learners have been practicing both gross and fine motor skills. Whether it's jumping and climbing in the garden or engaging in activities like "Tap Tap" (a great hand-eye coordination game) or dressing dolls, the children are strengthening the muscles they'll need for writing and other tasks later on. We joined in with Nursery Rhyme Week and learned lots of fun songs and rhymes. Our favourite was *Humpty Dumpty*! The children loved singing along and acting out the story! We are now all getting excited for Christmas! We've started preparing for some festive fun, and we can't wait to celebrate together!

Sunshine Room

This term has been a wonderfully busy and joyful one at Sunshine Nursery! The children have really enjoyed celebrating a range of festivals and special events, including Diwali, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Children in Need Day and Christmas. They loved exploring our different role-play areas and getting creative activities their teachers prepared. We also spent time talking about our families, traditions and the different ways we all celebrate. The children shared their own experiences and learned that while we may have similarities, not everyone celebrates the same things—and that's what makes our nursery community so special. We are so proud of how much they've grown this term and look forward to more fun and learning ahead!



Year R



Year R have been busy learning about celebrations this half term. We learnt about Diwali and made clay diva lamps. We were very respectful when learning about Remembrance and the importance of poppies. Our inner artists came out and we painted beautiful pictures of the poppy fields. We then went on to learn about how we celebrate birthdays using the book 'Kipper's birthday' as inspiration. We made birthday hats, cupcakes and wrote party invitations. Finally we went on to learn about the nativity story and the birth of Jesus as part of our RE topic. We showcased our knowledge of this significant story through a magical retelling at our Christmas performance. What a successful couple of months!

Year 1

This half term in Year 1, we launched our new writing topic inspired by The Jolly Postman. The children were amazed to discover letters mysteriously appearing in our classroom, left behind by the postman himself! This led us on exciting journeys around the school as we delivered the letters to their rightful recipients. We acted out the story together, practicing our retelling skills before becoming real authors and rewriting the tale to share with the Year R children. It has been a wonderful mix of imagination, storytelling, and hands-on learning.



Year 2



This newsletter has been written by Cooper, Christian and Eva. We have enjoyed learning about Guy Fawkes, Mondrian and cold climates. We have learnt lots about animals who live in the Arctic. We wrote a fact file. In DT we built a car with axles and wheels. The wheels moved and we decorated the vehicles with paper. We have been busy learning songs for our Christmas Performance. We hope you enjoy it. Merry Christmas!

Attendance Matters

As a school we have a duty of care, shared with the Local Authority, to challenge poor attendance. As SCC states - 'Once your child is registered at school you are legally responsible for making sure they attend regularly.'


In line with this duty of care, a 'National Framework for Penalty Notices' for school absence, including unauthorised holiday absence, has been introduced following changes to the law. These new government regulations came into effect from 19th August 2024:

ATTENDANCE WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1 I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.


£160



2 FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.

+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 1 parent = £640
Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days



IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

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If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1 Day = **2** Sessions

3 FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS

+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 2 parents = £1280
Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days




If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

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2ND TIME

2 parents and 1 child = £320
2 children = 640
3 children = 960
4 children = 1280

No discount for early payment



3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.

A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

If your child is unwell and you are unsure if they can come to school, please see our school website or the following for guidance [Should I keep my child off school?](#)