

# The Fernwood Flyer

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## News and notices from Fernwood Primary and Nursery School.

And that's the first half-term done!

We've had so many fun experiences, learnt so much and settled well into new year groups these last seven weeks. Some of the highlights of the term have been: Meetings for Families regarding Y6, EYFS and our York residential for Y4; Y6 visited the Galleries of Justice in relation to their topic of Crime and Punishment and have had Bikeability lessons; Y2 have visited the Fernwood School for a sports festival; Y1 have been developing their RE knowledge with a visitor from St Leonard's Church; Y4 loved their Roman Day and it was great to see them dressed in character! We've also had visits to Wollaton Park where Y1 were looking for signs of autumn. Spruce and Damson class treated us to an assembly; all year groups looked at and learnt about famous figures from history on our History Day; Y3 have produced some great multimedia artwork; and Y5 enjoyed their visit to the William Booth Museum. You should have seen photos on your child's Class Dojo page regarding these events. Our newest children have settled well into Nursery and our Lighthouse continues to support some of our most vulnerable children in expert ways.

It's been great welcoming families into school for our Parents' meetings and our Come and Read sessions recently. We have an active group for parents who want to support the school in different ways—the Friends of Fernwood organise events at school for children and families to raise funds for the school. If you are interested, email the team to express an interest in helping or simply come along to some of our events.

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Our extra-curricular clubs have been in full swing and more continue after the half-term break—do check the [website](#) for further details. Our boys' football team has had several matches already and the girls have theirs later on in the year. Read the report over the page from William P.

We wave a fond but sad farewell to Mrs Biant—one of our senior midday supervisors. Mrs Biant has worked at Fernwood for about 33 years and has overseen over 3 million dinners in that time! We will miss her kindness, sense of humour and leadership of the team. She will be spending winters in sunnier, warmer climes—enjoy!



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## NOTICES

We run a French club here in school—if your child is in Y3/4/5/6 and wants to learn French, then get in contact via the email below. The club is on Wednesday lunch times, it's £4.25 per session and the contact is Sara Bishop: [leclubfrancaisnottingham@gmail.com](mailto:leclubfrancaisnottingham@gmail.com)



## PARKING

As you know, Arleston Drive can be a very busy place at drop-off and pick-up times. It is really important that you look at parking further away so you can walk to school. Parking on the pavement and across our neighbours' drives is not safe and causes great upset to our community.

## ARBOR

### Parent Portal & Parent App

Many parents will be aware that, from October 2023, we switched our main data system over to Arbor. The Arbor parent portal and the associated parent phone app ensure that parents can access important information about their children and, in some cases, request updates to the details we hold for you on our systems.

### Reporting your child's absence from school

Same day absences can now be reported via the app. This is straightforward: Go to your child's **PROFILE** then on the menu click **ATTENDANCE** and log the absence there. As previously, all absences must be reported daily. Please note: **this service is for reporting absence only** and should not be used for other communication. School staff will then approve or reject the absence. Once approved, it will be visible in the Attendance tab. Absence requests cannot be edited, only deleted and recreated if changes are needed, and approved absences cannot be deleted.

To activate a text dialogue – most of you will by now have received a text from us and responded which creates a unique number to message the school.

If you haven't received a SMS from the school, please let us know.

### Match Report 30/09/24 and 07/10/24

By William Pinnington



The rain lashed down as we arrived at Brocklewood on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September. Our first game was against Glenbrook.

We went into half-time 2-0 up with a stunning from outside the box by Rafe and a well-worked team goal where Madiba scored, passing it past the keeper. In the second half we scored another goal, winning the game 3-0. The rain continued to pour as we faced Roslyn in our second game of the evening. We were soaked and tired but we persevered, scoring five goals in the first half – one of which was an extraordinary volley by Seb from a corner. Three more goals came in the second half and it finished 8-0. We battled hard in the rain and won both games without conceding a goal.

The following week we played two more games, first against Ambleside. We played extraordinarily well, winning the game 9-0. In the second game we played Bluecoat. We took an early lead the first half but Bluecoat equalised late in the game to draw 1-1.

Well done to the team and thank you Mr Greenwood, Miss Hill and Miss Evans for enabling us to take part.



**DATES EYFS/KS1 and KS2**

**SOME DATES HAVE CHANGED—  
PLEASE CHECK THEM.**



**Fri 18th Oct—HALF-TERM**

**Mon 4th Nov—Term begins**

**Mon 4th Nov—Careers Week**

**Tue 5th Nov—Individual pupil photographs**

**Fri 8th Nov—Careers Day and Fair (dress up)**

**Mon 11th Nov—Yew & Elm to Wollaton Park**

**Thu 14th Nov—Fir, Oak & Ash to Wollaton Park**

**Fri 15th Nov—Children in Need**

**Wed 20th Nov—Flu vaccinations**

**Thu 21st Nov—Christmas Market 17:00-19:00**

**Mon 2nd Dec—Y3/4 DISCO 18:15-19:45**

**Tue 3rd Dec—Reception Nativity: Bumblebees, Ladybirds & Butterflies. 14:30**

**Tue 3rd Dec—Y6 to the Comp for sports**

**Tue 3rd Dec—Y5/6 DISCO 18:15-19:45**

**Wed 4th Dec—Reception Nativity: Fireflies & Dragonflies 14:30**

**Wed 4th Dec—Y6 to the Comp for sports**

**Fri 6th Dec—ELF WALK for Infants @Wollaton Park**

**Tue 10th Dec—Y1 Christmas Sing! Otters & Foxes 09:00 and Hedgehogs, Squirrels & Badgers 14:30**

**Wed 11th Dec—Nursery Elf Walk and Christmas Sing! 10:30 and 14:30.**

**Wed 11th Dec—Area Band concert 19:00**

**Thu 12th Dec—Y2 Christmas Sing! Seals & Turtles 09:00 and Dolphins, Whales & Penguins 10:30**

**Thu 12th Dec—Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas dinner.**

**Fri 13th Dec—Lighthouse Elf Walk 14:30**

**Mon 16th Dec—Y3 Christmas Sing! Ash, Elm & Fir 09:00 and Oak & Yew 10:30**

**Mon 16th Dec—Nursery/Lighthouse/Y3 Christmas Party!**

**Tue 17th Dec—Y4 Christmas Sing! Acer, Fern & Lime 09:00 and Palm & Pine 10:30**

**Tue 17th Dec—Reception & Y4 Christmas Party!**

**Wed 18th Dec—Y5 Christmas Sing! Beech, Birch & Cedar 09:00 and Maple & Olive 10:30**

**Wed 18th Dec—Y1 & Y5 Christmas Party!**

**Thu 19th Dec—Y6 Christmas Sing! Damson, Laurel & Spruce 09:00 and Walnut & Willow 10:30**

**Thu 19th Dec—Y2 & Y6 Christmas Party!**

**Fri 20th Dec—CHRISTMAS BREAK**

Spring Term begins on Mon 6th January

If you want to subscribe to our calendar, the [LINK](#) is here—it will synchronise our dates with your own.



Our winning Fernwood Friend logo designed by Charlie Gu. We love it!

**TERM DATES**

AUTUMN 2—Mon 4th Nov to Fri 20th Dec

SPRING 1—Mon 6th Jan to Fri 14th Feb

SPRING 2—Mon 24th Feb to Fri 4th Apr

SUMMER 1—Tue 22nd Apr to Thu 22nd May

SUMMER 2—Mon 2nd June to Fri 25th Jul

**INSET DAYS for academic year 2024/25**

o Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2025

o Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2025

All other dates for the year on our calendar on the

[website](#). **HOME > NEWS & EVENTS > CALENDAR**

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