

# The Fernwood Flyer

January, 2025

Vol 2.5



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

The final day of January—always feels like the longest month of the year...

Been lots of positives here across the school: exciting learning and a focus on lunchtime play!

As you may have seen on Dojo, we've been asking for items such as tyres, pots and pans and camping chairs. We have launched a new lunchtime initiative to change play and it's been brilliant so far! We've started in the juniors and have now expanded it out to the infants too. The children have been pitting their wits against each other on the chess tables; making structures out of tyres and pallets; dressing up in the Imagination Station; creating tasty menus in the campsite area; scooting (safely); and playing small ball games. There is a real buzz about play and, despite the cold, the children are keen to get out with their friends and engage in various activities. We are very much looking forward to how this continues to develop over the year. A team of children meet with Mrs Orme and Mrs Giles to share their thoughts and opinions on lunchtimes and what we can do to improve it for them.

We've had a few visits this half-term already: Y5 have been to the National Space Centre to enrich their learning about space; Y3 have been to Leicester Museum to unearth more knowledge about the Ancient Egyptians; and Y4 have been playing sports at the Fernwood School. Nottingham Playhouse treated a few Y1 and Y2 children to a ticketed performance of The Ugly Duckling; and the whole school delighted in the pantomime of Peter Pan last week—*oh yes they did!* We had a Maths Day recently where the children engaged in a suite of maths activities and games including dance and repeating pattern fruit kebabs; and I've seen some brilliant writing in the infants and Y6. A great start to the year!



Fernwood Primary and Nursery School

Arleston Drive, Wollaton, Nottingham. NG8 2FZ

0115 9155727



[admin@fernwoodprimary.co.uk](mailto:admin@fernwoodprimary.co.uk)



[instagram.com/fernwoodprimary](https://www.instagram.com/fernwoodprimary)



<https://twitter.com/FernPrimary>

If you have a safeguarding question or concern, email: [safeguarding@fernwoodprimary.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@fernwoodprimary.co.uk)



## DATES EYFS/KS1 and KS2



Tue 4th February—Fir to Leicester Museum  
Tue 4th —Y4 to Comp for sports  
Fri 7th —Wellbeing afternoon  
Mon 10th—Y6 football match (boys)  
Tue 11th—Safer Internet Day  
Tue 11th—Y4 to Wollaton Park  
Wed 12th—Young Voices  
Thu 13th—Y4 to Wollaton Park  
Fri 14th—Faith & Culture Day  
Fri 14th—Half-term break  
Mon 24th—Spring term (2) begins  
Wed 26th—Science Day  
Mon 3rd March—Y6 football (boys)  
Tue 4th—Parents' Evening  
Wed 5th—Foodbank donations  
Wed 5th—Parents' Evening  
Thu 6th—World Book Day  
Fri 14th—Wellbeing afternoon  
Mon 17th—F2 visits to the library this week  
Mon 17th—KS2 football (girls)  
Mon 17th-19th Acer & Fern to York  
Tue 18th—KS2 basketball (away)  
Tue 18th—Y3/4 DISCO 18:15-19:45  
Wed 19th—Y5/6 DISCO 18:15-19:45  
Wed 19th-21st—Lime, Palm & Pine to York  
Mon 24th—Come & Read Y2 & Y3 15:10  
Mon 24th—KS2 football (girls)  
Tue 25th & Wed 26th—Y5 to the Fernwood School—sports  
Tue 25th—Come & Read Nursery & Lighthouse 15:10  
Wed 26th—Come & Read Y1 & Y4 15:10  
Thu 27th—Come & Read Reception & Y6 15:10  
Fri 28th—Come & Read Y5 15:10  
Mon 31st Y6 photo—leavers  
Mon 31st—KS2 football (girls)  
Tue 1st April—Y1 Play  
Wed 2nd —Y1 Play  
Fri 4th—Explorer Day  
Fri 4th—Easter break

## NOTICES

### INSET days for 2025-26

Mon 1st September  
Fri 3rd October  
Mon 23rd February  
Fri 22nd May  
Mon 27th July

The next school year begins on Tuesday 2nd September, 2025 and ends on Friday 24th July, 2026 for the children. Where possible, the INSET days fall next to a half-term break or holiday.

A yearly-calendar is available on our [website](#).

Keep an eye to Class Dojo and any letters regarding equipment for our lunchtime play offer.

We will be having a focus on e-safety before the end of half-term too—really important that you keep up-to-date in this area; we'll share some links and resources for parents to use.

Happy Lunar New Year: Year of the Snake.



## TERM DATES

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](#)



Excellence for All



Friendship • Respect • Inclusion • Enthusiasm • Nurture • Determination