



GO GOMER! Well done to **FREDDIE KEMP** for passing his Grade 1 Drum exam (he achieved a pass with merit). A huge thank you to Mr Crosswell too, for his drum tuition at school.

We love to hear about your children's success outside school too. Please inform us so that we can record them here. We will continue to celebrate individual successes in our Friday Celebration Assembly.

DATES FOR FEBRUARY: The dates below are for your diary and are also included on the electronic calendar; occasionally, they are subject to change	
Ongoing	Arrival to playground from 8.40 am
	Registration: 8.45 am End of school day: 3.10 pm
Mondays	Y4 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y5 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Y3 Counting Club (invitation only): 3.10-3.45pm ● Y4 Times Tables Club (Group 1) (invitation only): 3.10-3.45pm ● Y6 Maths Reasoning Booster (invitation only): 3.10-3.45pm
Tuesdays	No PE Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Service Club (all year groups): 12.00-12.50 ● Y4 Times Tables Club (Group 2) (invitation only): 3.10-3.45pm ● Lower School Art Club: 3.10-4.00pm ● Whole School Glee Club: 3.10-4.00pm
Wednesdays	Y3 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y6 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Y6 Reading Booster Group (invitation only): 08.15-08.45am ● Lower School Multi-Sports Club: 3.10-4.00pm
Thursdays	Y3 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y4 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y6 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Choir practice (all year groups): 8.15-8.45 ● Football Training (League): 3.10-4.00pm
Fridays	Y5 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Slipper Friday - A chance for children to swap shoes for slippers to wear in school ● Y6 Arithmetic Booster Group (invitation only): 08.15-08.45am ● Home Learning sent home
Tuesday 10 February	Internet Safety Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rescheduled vocal lessons - taking place today due to INSET on Friday
Thursday 12 February	FROGS Red Disco - £3.00 - See info below <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Y3 & Y4: 4.15-5.15pm ● Y5 & Y6: 5.30-6.30pm

Friday 13 February	INSET day - School closed to children
Mon 16 – Fri 20 February	HALF TERM WEEK
Wednesday 25 February	Class 4EC - Swimming Lessons (1 of 5): pm. Swimwear, towel & dry underwear required
Friday 27 February	Deadline for completing the Google form for 'Special Lady' Lunch - See details below
Upcoming dates for March	
Wednesday 04 March	Class 4EC - Swimming Lessons (2 of 5): pm
Thursday 05 March	World Book Day - Letter to follow
Wednesday 11 March	Class 4EC - Swimming Lessons (3 of 5): pm
Friday 13 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Lady Lunch: Y3 - 11.45, Y4 - 12.00, Y5 - 12.15, Y6 - 12.30 - See info below • FROGS Special Lady gift sale (Mothering Sunday: 15 March) £3 per gift

ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/2027 CALENDAR DATES A further reminder of the school terms and holidays for the next academic year 2026/2027.

Autumn Term 2026	Spring Term 2027	Summer Term 2027
Start: Tuesday 1 September 2026 Finish: Friday 18 December 2026 Half term: 26 October – 30 October 2026	Start: Monday 4 January 2027 Finish: Thursday 25 March 2027 Half term: 15 – 19 February 2027	Start: Monday 12 April 2027 Finish: Wednesday 21 July 2027 Half term: 31 May – 04 June 2027

The academic year begins on Tuesday 1 September 2026 for all teachers and support staff INSET

Wednesday 2 September 2026 - All year group pupils return to school

Professional Learning INSET Dates:

- Tuesday 1 September 2026
- Friday 4 December 2026
- Friday 5 February 2027
- Monday 19 July 2027
- Tuesday 20 July 2027
- Wednesday 21 July 2027

ATTENDANCE We are pleased to share that we continue to sit within the top 10% of highest-attending FFT schools nationally. Good attendance is one of the strongest foundations for success at school.

- Children who attend school consistently are far more likely to achieve expected standards by the end of primary school.
- Regular attendance also supports wellbeing, helping children build secure friendships, routines and a sense of belonging.
- Learning builds day by day, and missing time in class makes it much harder for children to keep up, feel confident and fully engage with their learning.

What does improving attendance look like in practice? If a child currently has an attendance rate of 90%, this typically means they have already missed the equivalent of four weeks of school. Between now and July 2026, there are around 120 school days (240 sessions) remaining. To raise attendance into the mid-90% range, this would mean attending almost every session. Even small improvements now can make a significant difference by the end of the year.

HEALTHY SNACKS PLEASE ensure that you are supporting your child to have healthy snack habits at breaktime. Recommended snacks include:

- ✓ **Fruit and raw vegetables**
- ✓ **Low-sugar savoury options** like pretzels, rice cakes, or popcorn
- ✗ **Crisps and chocolate covered biscuit bars are better suited for lunchtime.**

Also, a reminder that we are a **nut-free school**. **Nuts and products that contain or may contain nuts are not permitted.**

PARKING SAFELY & WITH COURTESY A further reminder please, that vehicles should NOT be parked over drives or non-parking areas. Our JRSOS will be out on patrol during the month. They will provide 'a ticket' to cars that are not parking safely or lawfully.

RED SILENT DISCOS - hope to see you here on Thursday 12 February! Volunteers are required, please, to enable the running of this event. You do not need to commit to both discos - either upper or lower will be very much appreciated. Please email or speak to reception if you can offer your support. £3 tickets on the door includes crisps, drinks and sweets. 50p raffle tickets are an optional extra (6 winners per disco).

4:15 - 5:15 for Years 3 & 4 and 5:30 - 6:30 for Years 5 & 6.



SAFER INTERNET DAY reinforces our commitment to online safety and empowers pupils to manage their digital lives responsibly. Tuesday 10 February is Safer Internet Day, and to mark this, we will hold a whole-school assembly on Monday 9 February to remind pupils how to keep themselves safe online. For further information including practical tips and conversation starters, please visit the [UK Safer Internet website](#). We also encourage you to read the monthly online safety newsletter emailed at the start of each month

SPECIAL LADY LUNCH has been scheduled for **Friday 13 March** so that children, if they wish, can share lunch with that 'special lady' in their life – grandparent, mother, godmother, auntie, family friend - whoever that special lady might be. Special Ladies wishing to join this event should complete [this form](#) by **Friday 27 February**.

On arrival to school from 11.45, Special Ladies should make their way to the blue playground, so they can be signed in. They then need to find their child for lunch. They are then able to play in the grounds with their child, until their year group is called in, and again after their meal, if they wish. If we experience a wet play, we may have to ask the Special Ladies to leave after they have eaten, due to limited space inside the school. Feel free to bring a picnic blanket if you wish, if the weather is kind. Lunch will finish at 12.45pm for both children and visitors.

STAFF MATTER and we are delighted to share some lovely news. Mrs Warner is expecting her second child! We're all very excited for her and wish her every happiness as she prepares to welcome her new arrival. Mrs Warner is planning to begin her maternity leave from the May half-term. Arrangements for Year 6 on Fridays and Year 4 on Wednesday afternoons are still being finalised, and we will keep you updated as soon as plans are confirmed.

SWIMMING (Year 4 only) is an invaluable life skill and a compulsory part of the National Curriculum. Class 4EC will be starting their sessions on Wednesday, 25 February. We are lucky enough to have access to the Leesland swimming pool and have specialist swimming instructors to lead the sessions. Each Year 4 child will participate in five sessions. They will receive tailored group lessons based on their ability. Please ensure you have completed this [Google Form](#) to help us initially group the children based on their current ability. Please ensure the children have their swim kits (one-piece for girls) in school on a Wednesday and a small snack and drink for afterwards.

4EC	Wednesdays - 25 February, 4 March, 11 March, 18 March, 25 March
4LF	Wednesdays - 15 April, 22 April, 29 April, 6 May, 13 May

TIMES TABLES are essential for developing strong mental maths skills. Please encourage your child to practise on TTRS at least weekly. TTRS forms part of weekly home learning and can be accessed via Google Drive. This is especially important for Year 3 and Year 4, with Year 4 pupils taking a **national times tables assessment in June 2026** where each question must be answered within 4 seconds.

TYPEONESIE DAY THANK YOU We are delighted to share that our recent Type Onesie Day was a huge success. Thanks to the generosity of our families and the enthusiasm of our pupils and staff, we exceeded our fundraising target and raised an impressive **£257**. Alongside the fundraising fun, children also learned about the 4 Ts of Type 1 Diabetes — Toilet, Thirsty, Tired and Thinner — helping to raise awareness of the key symptoms and the importance of seeking medical advice quickly. Funds raised will support Diabetes UK's vital work, including research that continues to improve treatments and work towards future cures.

WORLD BOOK DAY this year is **on Thursday 05 March** and as always we are keen to encourage the children to be enthusiastic readers, book owners and book borrowers. If children would like to dress themselves or one of their dolls/teddies/characters as a character from **a book** on this day then they are welcome to do so. Dressing up is not obligatory and school uniforms can be worn if your child does not wish to dress up. Book tokens will be made available to your child on the day. **More information to follow...**

YOU SAID/WE DID Some families questioned why trousers are required in the winter months rather than shorts. We work hard to maintain a consistent uniform policy for practical reasons, including smartness, warmth, and safety. Occasionally, temporary adaptations to policies are agreed, and these are always arranged in discussion with the school. We will be sharing your feedback regarding uniform with our Local Governing Body so they can help us consider our current policy.