

FOXMOOR PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a real pleasure accompanying our Year 6 children on their residential visit to the Isle of Wight this week. We had a fantastic few days, and I was extremely proud of the way the children represented Foxmoor throughout the trip. Their behaviour was excellent, and several members of the public took the time to comment on how polite and well behaved they were. They were a real credit to themselves, their families and our school.

I know our Year 6 parents will want to join me in thanking all the staff who attended the residential. Trips such as this simply would not be possible without staff being willing to give up time with their own families so that our children can enjoy these wonderful experiences. Their commitment and enthusiasm helped to make the residential such a memorable one for the children.

I would also like to say a big thank you to everyone back at school for holding the fort while we were away. I understand everything ran smoothly in our absence, although Mrs Nunn has apparently added another skill to her already impressive repertoire and is now particularly adept at unblocking toilets!

You may be aware that Little Foxes has recently extended its hours and is now offering before and after-school sessions. A banner will shortly be displayed on the school fencing to advertise this provision, but in the meantime, please do spread the word to any families who may be interested.

I also need to remind everyone about the importance of supervising children at drop-off and collection times. We have had two near misses involving children playing football in and around the underpass and on the grass before and after school. In one incident, a football came very close to hitting a baby in a pram. Please ensure that children remain appropriately supervised when arriving at and leaving school and that they are considerate of other people using the paths and underpass.

Finally, congratulations to our newly elected Team Captains and Eco Warriors following their successful election campaigns. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm with which so many children have put themselves forward for these important roles, and I look forward to seeing what our new representatives achieve over the coming year.

Mr Bridgewater
Headteacher



Coming up in the weeks...

- 6th October - Y5 voice collectives in school
- 7th October - Parents' Evening
- 8th October - Flu immunisations
- 14th October - Parents' Evening
- 22nd October - Harvest Festival at St Matthews

Whole School Attendance

Our whole school attendance this academic year so far is

97.6%.

If your child is off school due to illness, you must call every day that they are off before 9am to update us on their condition. Any other absence will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

Remember - moments matter, every day counts

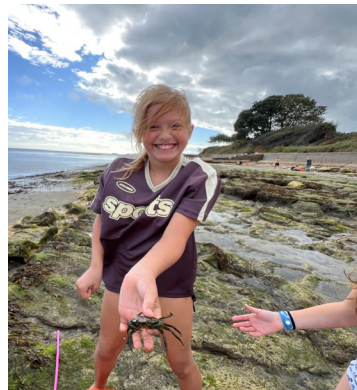
Year 6 residential to the Isle of Wight

Our Year 6 children have returned from a fantastic week on the Isle of Wight, full of adventure, fun and wonderful memories!

During their residential, the children enjoyed a visit to the Mary Rose Experience at Portsmouth, took in the views on the chairlift at Alum Bay, and explored the rock pools at Bembridge. They also had the opportunity to visit the RNLI, learning more about the incredible work they do.

Alongside all the exciting activities, there was plenty of time for ice creams on the beach, fun in the park and, of course, lots of laughter with friends.

It was an amazing experience for everyone, providing the children with opportunities to build friendships, develop independence and create memories that will last a lifetime. We are so proud of how brilliantly they embraced every adventure and made the most of this very special week!



KS2 Atlas Football Tournament

Last week, our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 football teams proudly represented Foxmoor at the Atlas Football Tournament. All of our players performed brilliantly, showing fantastic teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the competition. A huge congratulations to our Year 3/4 team, who secured an amazing second place and made it all the way to the finals!

Well done to all the children who took part. We are incredibly proud of you all!



Superstars of the week

A huge congratulations to our first group of 'Superstars of the week'. All the children have excelled in an area of school life and were awarded in our celebration assembly last Friday. Well done to you all!



Your New Team Captains

We are delighted to introduce our new Year 6 Captains, who were proudly chosen by their fellow house members. They are looking forward to taking on their new responsibilities and working hard throughout the year to support and lead their teams at a variety of exciting events. We wish them all the very best in their new roles!



Your New Eco-Warriors

We are delighted to introduce our new Eco Warriors! With two representatives from each year group, our Eco Warriors are ready to take on their important roles, helping to make our school a greener, more sustainable place. They will be working hard throughout the year, leading and supporting a range of exciting eco-friendly initiatives and events.



Year 6 DT Project

Our Year 6 children have been busy putting their DT skills to the test, designing and making their very own skittles! They were delighted to invite our Year 1 children to come and play with their creations. Lots of fun was had by all, and the homemade skittles were absolutely adorable!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please find below a list of current planned visits and some important dates. Further dates will be added in subsequent newsletters. Please note that new dates added are in blue.

Autumn 2026	Term 1
6th October	Year 5 Voice collectives project in school
7th October	Parents' Evening
8th October	Whole school Flu immunisations
13th October	STEMworks Lego workshop for Year 5 and Year 6
14th October	Parents' Evening
22nd October	Harvest Festival at 2pm (Year 3 & 4 parents invited to watch)
23rd October	End of Autumn term 1

Autumn 2026	Term 2
2nd November	Start of Autumn Term 2
3rd November	DSP Photography (Individual photos)
3rd December	Reception Nativity at 9:30am (Parents invited to watch)
4th December	DT sale and Friends of Foxmoor Christmas event after school
9th December	KS1 Christmas play (2pm and 5:30pm)
14th December	KS2 Christmas Carol Concert from 5pm at St Matthews Church (Year 5 and Year 6 parents invited to watch)
16th December	KS1 Christmas Parties in school (information sent nearer the time)
17th December	KS2 Christmas Parties in school (information sent nearer the time)
18th December	End of Autumn Term 2 - 12:30pm finish

Spring 2027	Term 1
4th January	Start of Spring Term 2
8th January	Whole school pantomime trip



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Short-Mat Bowls.
Prostars Enrichment Day



Dear Headteacher / PE Lead,

We are delighted to offer our **Short Mat Bowls Enrichment Day**, a unique and engaging experience designed specifically for primary school pupils.

We have partnered up with the **active wellbeing team at Forest of Dean District Council** to provide this exciting opportunity!

Why Bowls?

Short Mat bowls is an inclusive sport that provides children with the opportunity to develop key life skills while having fun in a supportive and active environment.

- **Inclusive for all** – regardless of ability, age, gender, or background.
- **Accessible and engaging** – children can quickly learn the basics and enjoy success.
- **Flexible** – bowls can be played in a variety of ways and locations.
- **Skill-building** – develops concentration, teamwork, communication, coordination, and decision-making.
- **Low-impact and enjoyable** – allowing every child to participate and feel involved.

What Does the Day Include?

Our experienced team will deliver a fully planned enrichment day that is both educational and enjoyable.

- **30-minute sessions**
- **Groups of up to 16 pupils**
- **All equipment provided**
- **Managed by our team**

We bring everything needed, allowing your staff to focus on supporting and enjoying the experience alongside the children.

Benefits for Pupils

Throughout the day, pupils will:

- Build confidence and self-esteem
- Improve focus and concentration
- Develop teamwork and communication skills
- Promoting respect, sportsmanship, and fair play
- Experience a new and exciting sport in a positive environment



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Are handwriting struggles holding your child back? Do they experience pain, fatigue or frustration when writing

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Learn touch typing skills in a small group (4-6), with fun warm ups, games and software you can use at home to practise. Suitable for SEN.

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DENMARK ROAD HIGH SCHOOL

THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS ABOUT THE FSCE ENTRANCE TEST FOR YEAR 7 ENTRY

The Gloucestershire Grammar Schools Entrance Test for entry into Year 7 in September 2028 will take place on Saturday 3rd July 2027. If your child is currently in Year 5 and wishes to apply for a place at a Gloucestershire Grammar School, they must take this test.

Registration will open on Monday 8th February 2027 (12 noon) and close on Friday 19th March 2027 (12 noon).

Following the [Gloucestershire Grammar Schools announcement earlier this year](#) the test provider will be Future Stories Community Enterprise (FSCE). The admissions test will consist of three FSCE papers:

- Adventure Paper: English and Maths, with Multiple Choice Answer options;
- Beacon Paper: English and Maths, where you respond with Short Written Answers;
- Compass Paper: any of the following subjects you learn at school: Art & Design, Computing, Design & Technology, English, Geography, History, Languages, Maths, Music, Physical Education, Science, with Multiple Choice Answer options.



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About Denmark Road High School

Denmark Road High School is a girls' grammar school for students aged 11-18, located on Denmark Road, Gloucester.



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Open Evening
Thursday 1 October 2026
5:00pm - 7:00pm

For Prospective Students

Year 7 Admission
September 2027



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Talk from the Headteacher at 6pm in the main hall.



CIRENCESTER DEER PARK

Join us for our 2026 Open Events

We look forward to meeting you and introducing you to our school.

Open Mornings 09:15 - 11:00

- Wednesday 16th September
- Thursday 24th September
- Thursday 1st October

Open Evening 17:00 - 19:30

- Wednesday 30th September



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