



FOXWOOD ACADEMY

Foxwood Academy Newsletter Autumn
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Foxwood Primary Phase - September 2025



We would like to welcome all of the children back for the start of another academic year. We hope that you all enjoyed the summer break and that the children are looking forward to another year! We would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new students and families who have joined us at Foxwood this year.

As you know, students can sometimes struggle during breaks from school as they like the routine that school provides. Students can also find the transition back into school following a school holiday challenging at times. As always, if at any point students and families are in need of support, please do make contact with school.

We want to ensure that you are well-informed and feel part of our school community:

- **Key dates:** Please see the summer term dates below for important dates, including school events and holidays. You can also find important dates and letters for events on the calendar on the school website. You can access this by clicking the link: <https://foxwood.academy/calendar>
- **Communication:** As always, we encourage open communication. There are many different ways we communicate with you. There is the daily planner, website <https://foxwood.academy/>, annual reviews, parents evenings, meet the tutor, letters and half termly swag and Class Dojo. If you require further communication, please do contact the office and the appropriate member of staff will get back to you in a timely manner.
- **Well-being:** If you feel your child requires additional well-being support, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Working closely together between home and school is a vital part of your child being successful at school. Any concerns you have, please don't hesitate to contact us so we can resolve any issues quickly.

Thank you for your partnership and support. We look forward to working together to make this autumn term a successful start to the academic year.

eSafety



It is now more important than ever to ensure that your children are safe when online. Please see the attached booklet for advice and tips about how to keep your children safe when using a range of different platforms including streaming, gaming and social media.

[Parental Controls booklet 2024](#)

Horse Riding



Squirrels and Rabbits class will be horse riding every Thursday afternoon up until February 12th. After which point, Foxcubs and Hedgehogs will be riding. Please ensure that on these days your child is wearing trousers or leggings and has a change of shoes (preferably wellies).

Safeguarding and Support



Safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do in school, to ensure the safety and protection of children in and out of school and online. With 96% of all teenagers reporting they are active online every day (24% of 5-7 year olds), it is important that when children access online sites when away from school, they have a good understanding of risk and vulnerabilities affecting their safety and well-being by providing education through the Preparing for Adulthood curriculum and their Computing, E-Safety and PSD lessons. To offer students further support at home, when accessing content online, please access the NSPCC link below to find supportive information and guidance to start those conversations with your child. This link also provides parents support and offers support for children around friends, relationships and mental health. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>

Key Dates



Please see a list of the key dates below for this term. There will be more things happening as the term progresses and we will of course let you know about these dates.

24.9.25 - Meet the Tutor - This event runs at 3:30pm and 4:15pm and you will have an opportunity to meet the class team and ask any questions you may have.

6.10.25 - INSET day.

17.10.25 - Break up for half term.

'Moments Matter, Attendance Counts'



Good attendance is one of the most important factors in helping children achieve their potential. The Department for Education is clear that every day in school matters – even a small amount of absence can have a significant impact on learning, progress, and long-term outcomes.

Regular attendance not only supports your child's academic progress, but also helps them to build friendships, develop social skills, and feel part of the school community. We all want the very best for your child, and ensuring they are in school every day, on time, gives them the best possible chance to succeed.

Attendance at Foxwood continues to be excellent and above the national average. Thank you to you all for sharing the belief that attendance in school is vital. As parents and carers, you have a strong understanding that your child being at school is a priority alongside a legal requirement.

It is essential that children and young people get the most out of their school experience. We aim for students to be at school **95%** of the time. Attendance below 90% is classed by the Department for Education as *Persistent Absence* and is a serious concern. If your child's attendance falls to this level, we will work closely with you to understand any barriers affecting their attendance. Our aim is to provide the right support where needed, so that together we can help your child attend school regularly and make the most of every learning opportunity.

Foxwood has systems in place to pick up attendance concerns quickly. Your child's tutor team monitor attendance closely and as soon as it drops below 97%, staff will identify ways to support where this is required. If attendance continues to decline, you will receive a letter to inform you of this. In certain cases, a support plan will be put in place to support the young person to get them back into school.

We do understand that there are times when children will be absent from school due to illness and other exceptional circumstances. If you are ever in any doubt whether to send them or not, please don't hesitate to get in touch for support. If your child has a medical appointment, please arrange this for later in the day, to avoid missing too much learning time. Hospital appointments might be more challenging to arrange and we do understand this. It is advisable to mention to the GP or hospital that your child's attendance in school is important and this may support getting a later appointment. If your child needs to miss school for a medical appointment, you must send the appointment letter to reception prior to the appointment so we have this for our records and to safeguard our young people.

Non-medical appointments must be made out of school hours.

Holidays in term time are not classed as exceptional circumstances and can lead to fines. There are 175 non-school days each year when children are not required to be in school. Please do minimise disruption to learning by taking holidays in the designated breaks.

If you have any concerns around your child's attendance and feel you need additional support, please do get in touch with the Attendance Lead nikki.glover@foxwood.notts.sch.uk. Any day-to-day enquiries about attendance, please do discuss this with your child's tutor team.

Thank you to you all for your continued support.

Absence from the Academy



If your child is not able to attend school due to illness, please ensure that you contact the Academy on the first day of absence first thing in the morning. Each day your child is absent, a phone call to the Academy is required. If contact is not made first thing in the morning, you will receive a reminder text along with a follow up phone to ensure safeguarding.

If your child has a medical appointment that can't be arranged outside of the school day, a copy of the appointment letter must be sent through to the office prior to the day of the appointment. This is in line with the Department for Education's 'Working Together to Improve Attendance' statutory guidance and is to help us keep accurate attendance records, so please provide proof of medical appointments, such as a doctor's note or appointment confirmation, when your child is absent for a medical reason. This ensures the absence is properly recorded as excused.