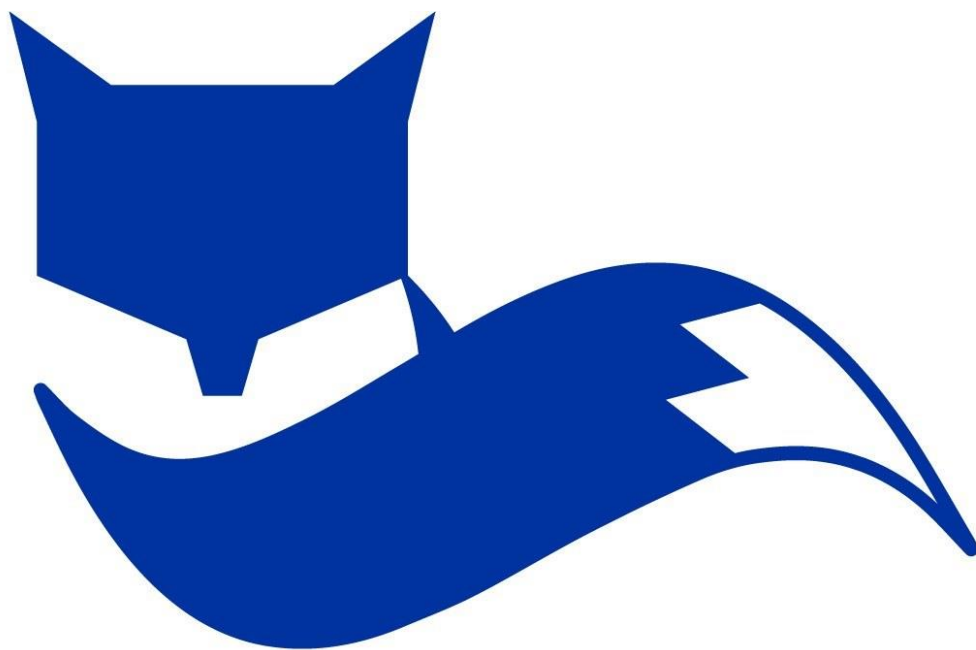




FOXWOOD ACADEMY

Foxwood Academy Newsletter Summer
Term 2026

Foxwood Primary Phase - Summer 2026



We hope all of our families had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break, and we would like to wish everyone a positive and successful start to the summer term. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back into school and to see how quickly they have re-engaged with familiar routines.

We understand that getting back into school routines after a break can take time for some children. Please be reassured that our staff are here to support each student's wellbeing, ensuring they feel comfortable, safe and ready to learn. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support—we look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you throughout the term.

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 sway 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.

Consultation on SEND Reform

You will be aware that the Government is planning changes to how we support students with SEND. They have published a White Paper which contains proposals for changes to the law. Over the Easter holidays our local MP Juliet Campbell held a public meeting at Foxwood for people to comment on the White Paper as part of the consultation on the proposed reforms.

Obviously the proposals will affect young people with SEND in the future, something that is very important to all of us.

The following is a link to explain this further and to give you an opportunity to express your views.

The closing date for comments is 18th May.

[SEND reform - Department for Education - Citizen Space](#)

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](#)

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.

1st May - Inset Day

25th May - 29th May: Half Term

19th June - Class Transition Day

22nd June - Class Transition Day

3rd July - Inset Day

15th July - Parents/Carers Evening

24th July - End of term

'Moments Matter, Attendance Counts'



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Good attendance plays a vital role in helping children achieve their potential. The Department for Education (DfE) is clear that every day in school matters, supporting learning, progress, friendships, and a sense of belonging within the school community.

Attendance at Foxwood continues to be excellent and above the national average for special schools — thank you for your ongoing support and shared commitment to making school a priority.

We aim for **95% attendance** for all students. Attendance below **90%** is classed by the DfE as *Persistent Absence* and is a cause for concern. If attendance drops, staff will work closely with families to understand any barriers and put support in place where needed.

Attendance is monitored closely by tutor teams. If attendance begins to decline, we will contact you and, in some cases, agree a support plan to help your child attend school regularly.

We understand that absences due to illness or medical appointments are sometimes unavoidable. Where possible, please arrange appointments outside of school hours or later in the day. Appointment letters must be shared with reception in advance for safeguarding and record-keeping purposes.

Non-medical appointments should be made outside of school time. Holidays during term time are not classed as exceptional circumstances and may result in fines — please use designated school holiday periods.

For further information, please see the DfE guidance on school attendance:

👉 <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>

If you have concerns or need support, please contact the Attendance Lead, Nikki Glover (nikki.glover@foxwood.notts.sch.uk). Day-to-day queries can be discussed with your child's tutor team.

Thank you for your continued support in helping every child make the most of their time at school.

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.