



# FOXWOOD ACADEMY

Foxwood Academy Newsletter Spring  
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## Foxwood Primary Phase - Wednesday 22nd January 2025



We would like to wish everyone a happy new year as we welcome all of the children back for our second term of the year. Primary staff would like to thank parents and carers once again for their support over the Christmas period with attending our Nativity and our Christmas fayre. 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. If at any point students and families are in need of support, please do make contact with school.

### Staff update

We welcome Rachel Kelly back into primary and she will be teaching in Squirrels for three days a week. We say a fond farewell to Katie who I'm sure we'll be seeing again.

We would also like to welcome Katrina Hatter to the team. She will be supporting in Foxcubs and Hedgehogs class.

## 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 next half term. There will be more things happening as the term progresses and we will of course let you know about these dates.

22.01.25 - Meet the teacher

14.02.25 - Last day before Half Term

## 'Moments Matter, Attendance Counts'



The Department for Education is continuing to make school attendance a high priority. They have released new statutory guidance for all schools, mainstream and special schools, which came into force from August 19th 2024 which is now being followed. Attendance at Foxwood will always be a priority. Attendance continues to be excellent and above the national average, so 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 and a legal requirement. It is essential that children and young people get the

most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing and wider life chances. We aim for students to be at school **95%** of the time. This is seen as good attendance. Attendance below 90% (Persistent Absence) is a cause for concern and staff will work with you to identify any barriers your child may have in having regular attendance. Support will be provided as it is important that the Academy works with families to support in this matter. Attendance below 50% (Severely Absent) will be focussed on and very closely monitored with external support provided where required on a case by case basis. It is crucial to pick up attendance concerns quickly so 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. Absence below 90% is a serious cause for concern. In certain cases, a support plan will be put in place to support the young person to get them back into school. This will be done in a supportive way and is crucial that school and home work together to support the needs of the young person. We do understand that there are times when children will need to 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. At the end of this term, any student with attendance of 95% and above will be entered into a prize draw to win a Waterstones Voucher for £25.

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](mailto: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. 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, please send a copy of the appointment letter through to the office prior to the day of the appointment.