

Frithwood News



CLASS ATTENDANCE

RW	95.3%	RE	91.1%	1D	91.2%	1H	90.9%	2L	93.1%	2K	83.6%	3C	93.3%
3H	93.2%	4G	93.1%	4C	93.1%	5S	89.6%	5T	91.1%	6N	91.8%	6C	94.1%

Well, done to RW Buttercups who had the highest attendance with 95.3%

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Week beginning: 23 rd March 2026	Weekly Attendance: 91.8%	School attendance to date: 94.9%
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Welcome back to the Summer Term. We are hoping for fine days ahead. It is lovely to see the summer uniform creeping in as the days warm up – the uniform list is on the school website. Please make sure ALL items are labelled including sun hats.

The PTA disco is next Friday. With a theme of Cirque du Disco it looks like a fun event for all the children. Please see the poster on the jotter for booking arrangements.

Schools are required to have five INSET days each year when teachers are required to be available for work but pupils are not in school. These days can be used for a variety of activities relating to teaching and learning. For the purpose of future planning, the INSET dates for the next academic year have been approved and are as follows:

- Wednesday 2nd September 2026
- Friday 23rd October 2026
- Tuesday 4th January 2027
- Friday 12th February 2027
- Monday 7th June 2027

Please remember that requests for holiday during term time will be unauthorised. We work closely with the Attendance Support Team at Hillingdon Council and they may issue a Penalty Notice for unauthorised absences. A first penalty notice is £80 issued to each individual parent, stepparent or carer, for each child(ren) if paid in the first 21 days.



This week, the Reception places for the 2026 intake were allocated. We still have some spaces available. If you know of any families who would like to join our Reception in September, please encourage them to get in touch with the school office as soon as possible. We would be delighted to hear from prospective families and welcome any enquiries.

The PTA disco is next Friday. With a theme of Cirque du Disco and a live DJ, we are all looking forward to an exciting evening of fun. Don't forget to buy your tickets – the poster is on the jotter and here for convenience!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Saunders



NURSERY AND RECEPTION FARM VISIT

Thank you all for your voluntary payments for this lovely experience and a special thanks to those parents who have so generously made an additional contribution to cover the short fall in the cost. We were so sad at the prospect of cancelling and are delighted that the children can enjoy the experience as planned.

Hillingdon's Charging Policy states the following:

'If insufficient voluntary contributions are raised to fund a visit or if the school cannot fund it from some other source then it must be cancelled.'

Unfortunately, we do not have additional funds in our budget to continue to make up a short fall in voluntary contributions and are grateful that on this occasion the visit can go ahead.

PE DAYS FOR THE SUMMER TERM

Please see below for changes to year group PE days next term. We change the days so that the children all have the chance to have specialist sports coaching during the course of the year.

Monday	Nursery & Year 2
Tuesday	Year 6
Wednesday	Year 3 & Year 5
Thursday	Year 4 & Reception
Friday	Year 1

FREE SCHOOL MEALS – PUPIL PREMIUM

The eligibility check must now be completed online using the updated Local Authority system:

<https://fsm.lgfl.net/app>

If your child is eligible, there are important benefits for both your family and the school:

Supermarket vouchers during school holidays and half terms (where funded by the Local Authority/Government schemes), free school meals during term time (where applicable), additional funding for your child in school, which helps us provide:

- Extra learning support
- Educational resources
- Enrichment activities and trips
- Pastoral and wellbeing support

Even if your child currently receives Universal Infant Free School Meals (Reception, Year 1 or Year 2), completing the eligibility check is still very important as it enables the school to receive additional funding to support pupils. This is an updated service and applications can no longer be completed through paper forms — all checks must be completed online using the link above.

If your circumstances have recently changed, we strongly encourage you to apply.

PRINTING PRESS



We are delighted that Frithwood has been able to purchase a printing press due to the fund-raising effort by ex-pupil Connie Smith.

As promised, she was the first person to try it out and can confirm it works perfectly. Look out for a new print making workshop run by Ms Bedenham and Ms Sidhu starting next school year.

We look forward to lots of printing fun.

YEAR 2 TRIP

This week Year 2 went into central London and visited the Florence Nightingale Museum. We met a lady dressed up as Florence Nightingale and she told us all about her life and her hard work during the Crimean War. We helped to clean the hospital for the soldiers, we dressed up as nurses and met Florence's family and friends. We explored the museum and learnt about objects used during the 19th Century. It was a fantastic learning experience! Once again, the Frithwood children were shining examples of excellence with their behaviour on the trip - thank you Year 2!



FRITHWOOD'S GOT TALENT IS BACK!

We are delighted to announce the return of **Frithwood's Got Talent**. This is an opportunity for all children to showcase any talents or skills they have. Children can choose to dance, sing, act, tell jokes, play an instrument or anything else which demonstrates their talent.

Class auditions will take place between 8th – 12th June. Each class teacher will choose one performance to go forward to the Grand Finals.

The Grand Final will take place on Friday 19th June

There will be one overall winner and one overall runner-up in the following groups

- Reception / Year One / Year Two – 12 finalists
- Year Three / Year Four – 8 finalists
- Year Five / Year Six – 8 finalists

Things you need to know:

- Taking part in Frithwood's Got Talent is optional.
- Class teachers will let each child know when their class audition date is.
- Class teachers will judge the acts going through to the Grand Finals.
- Entries must last no longer than 2 minutes long.
- Try to do lots of practise before the class audition.
- Children may make a group entry but with a maximum of six people.
- We would prefer groups to be made up from children in the same class. If there is a reason you need to be in a group with someone in the other class in your year group please speak to your teacher.