



# Forest of Galtres

ANGLICAN METHODIST  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Newsletter - Friday 16th January 2026

## A message from Mrs Holmes

We have had an excellent start to the spring term, with lots of exciting learning and events planned for the weeks ahead. Please have a look at the diary dates in this newsletter.

This week, our Reading Ambassadors led worship. This focussed on the joy and importance of reading. They spoke confidently to the school about their plans to develop reading even further. Their enthusiasm and ideas were inspiring and we are looking forward to seeing their impact across school.



## Forest school fun!



### Important dates for your diary

Thursday 22nd January	KS2 Panathlon event	A letter has been sent to the pupils representing the school.
Thursday 29th January	Young Voices, Sheffield	Foxes class
W/C 2nd February	National Story telling week	We will be celebrating this in school
Wednesday 4th February	EYFS trip to the theatre	Conkers and Acorns class.
Thursday 5th February, 3.30pm - 3.50pm	Class drop ins	This is an opportunity for you to visit your child's classroom, look at their learning and informally chat to the class teacher.
Friday 6th February	NSPCC Number Day	More information to follow
W/C 9th February	Children's Mental Health Week	We will be celebrating this in school.
Tuesday 10th February	Safer internet day	We will be celebrating this in school.
Friday 13th February	Break up for half term Non-uniform day	Our non-uniform day is to celebrate all pupils reaching gold on the reading chart.
Monday 23rd February	School opens	All children
Friday 27th February	Year 3/4 trip to the Jorvik Centre	More information to follow
Wednesday 4th March, 8.50am - 9.30am	EYFS Books and Breakfast	We welcome parents/carers of Conkers and Acorns into school for books and breakfast.
Wednesday 4th March	Year 3/4 Dodgeball event at Huntington School	More information to follow for the team selected to represent the school.
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day	Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character or bring a prop from their favourite book.
Friday 6th March	Y5/6 Biggest ever girls football event	More information to follow for the team selected to represent the school
Wednesday 11th March, 8.50am - 9.30am	KS1 Books and Breakfast	We welcome parents/carers of Hedgehogs into school for books and breakfast.



## Reading is the key that unlocks the curriculum

In Years 2 - 6, Reading Plus is an important programme used at Forest of Galtres to support your child's reading development in a fun, structured and engaging way. It helps to build reading fluency and comprehension, boosting children's confidence and supporting their learning across the curriculum. To gain the full benefit, children are expected to complete six tasks each week. This includes four tasks in school and two tasks at home with a mixture of reading, vocabulary and visual skills activities.

Regular use of Reading Plus has a positive impact on children's reading stamina, understanding and enjoyment of reading. Reading Plus sessions can be recorded in children's reading records and we ask that reading is logged each week. Children in Years 1-6 should record reading at least three times per week and children in EYFS twice per week.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child develop strong reading habits at home.



### FoG Reading Plus Statistics 2025/2026

Year group	Total number of words read this year so far
2	238,079
3	531,109
4	677,821
5	1,535,130
6	730,370
Whole School total	3, 712, 509



It has been a busy week in Acorns!



### Chaplain's Corner

I have the privilege of leading our Eco Council at FoG and supporting our school community to be stewards of our wonderful world.

Our Eco Council had a planning meeting last week and we are excited to announce that we are going to be working towards the RSPB 'Wild Challenge' award. The award encourages schools to complete a list of challenges that help to educate children about the environment and provide practical ways that we can make our local community more environmentally friendly. The first challenge that we would like to complete is the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch and we would like to invite you to join us our efforts! More details will be sent to you next week so watch this space!

If you are passionate about environmental issues and would like to work closely with our Eco Council, please do not hesitate to get in touch via the following email address: [hello@fog.hlt.academy](mailto:hello@fog.hlt.academy). Thank you.



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### Attendance this week



98%



94%



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93%

Whole School attendance this week **95%**. National Average attendance: **93%**