

Falcons Class

Term 5 – 2025/26

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely Easter break and are ready for the Summer term!

General Information

As we move into the summer term, we will be placing a strong emphasis on developing the children's independence, which is especially important as Year 2 begin preparing for their transition to Year 3 in September.

A member of staff will greet children at the outside door in the Barn Owls outdoor area to support them in entering the classroom independently. Staff will still be available to receive brief messages in the morning; however, we kindly ask that longer conversations take place at a more convenient time so that we can ensure a prompt and smooth start to the school day for all children.

Reading

A reminder that reading books are changed on Mondays, and children are expected to read at home at least three times a week, with this recorded in their reading record.

On Wednesday mornings, children can choose a book to take home for reading for pleasure. This system now gives them greater responsibility to select books they will enjoy.

In Falcons, we are incredibly proud of the excellent progress pupils are making in reading, with many showing increased confidence, fluency, and enthusiasm. Our current focus is on developing comprehension skills to prepare them for more detailed texts and written questions.

When reading at home, you can support your child by asking a range of questions, including recalling key facts, summarising the text, and "why" questions such as: "Why do you think the character feels this way?" or "Why did the author choose that word?"

PE

Our PE days this term are Tuesday and Wednesday.

We are continuing to wear our school PE kits on our class PE days. Our school PE kit consists of a red or white t-shirt, black shorts or joggers/leggings, daps or trainers. It is also encouraged that children wear a jumper/cardigan whilst the weather is still slightly unpredictable.

Homework and Spelling

Homework will be given out and checked on Mondays. Each week consists of one task or talking point for each day of the week.

Thank you for your continued support. Last term, we saw some wonderful home learning and always try to share excellent effort with the rest of the class.

Enquiry

Our first enquiry this term is "What changes around us?". We'll explore the seasons by observing and recording daily weather, and create artwork inspired by four different artists—one piece for each season.

Our second enquiry is "Who helps who?". We'll learn about people who help us and their roles. If any parents work in emergency services and could visit to share their role, we'd greatly welcome it. We'll also explore the past by researching Princess Campbell and her contributions.

Term 6 – Year 1 Phonics Screenings

As we enter the summer term, we will begin preparing for the June phonics screening. We are very proud of Year 1's progress in reading and writing. The screening is a short, informal check where children read 40 words using the phonemes they've learned. It will be carried out in a relaxed way with Mrs Frohlich, with breaks as needed. Results will be shared in your child's end-of-year report.

If you have any questions about the information please come to speak to me after school, or we can arrange a convenient time and date for a longer meeting.

Goodbye for now from Mrs Adams!

As you know, I will be going on maternity leave at the end of this term, with my last working day being Friday 22nd May 2026. It has been a pleasure working with all the children in Falcons class this year. I look forward to hearing about the continued progress they will make in their final term.

Thanks,

The KS1 team