



Fair Acres Federation

Newsletter edition: **October 2026**

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we settle into the new academic year, I would like to say how incredibly proud we are of all our pupils. They have returned to school with enthusiasm, positivity and a real readiness to learn. Classrooms are busy with exciting opportunities and children have made an excellent start in their new year groups.

A particular mention must go to our older pupils, who have embraced the responsibility of being role models within our school community. They are demonstrating leadership, kindness and maturity, setting a wonderful example for younger children. We are also delighted with how well our new Reception pupils have settled into school life. They are already thriving, building friendships and approaching each day with confidence and excitement.

Learning across the school is progressing well, and it has been wonderful to see pupils engaging positively with new topics, developing confidence and showing pride in their work. We will be sending curriculum overviews for the Autumn term shortly.

We were pleased to welcome Ofsted to school on **22nd and 23rd September**. The inspection was a positive experience and provided an opportunity to showcase the many strengths of our school. We were incredibly proud of our pupils, who spoke confidently, demonstrated excellent behaviour and represented the school brilliantly throughout the visit.

I would also like to thank our dedicated staff, governors and families for their support and contribution during the inspection process. We are grateful for the opportunity to share the work that takes place at Normanby by Spital each day and look forward to receiving and sharing the published report with our school community in due course.

Our New School Values

Term	Theme	Values	What We Will Explore
Autumn	Belonging	Kindness • Respect • Community	How we help everyone feel welcome, valued and included.
Spring	Character	Responsibility • Honesty • Courage	Making positive choices, showing integrity and doing the right thing.
Summer	Growth	Resilience • Independence • Ambition	Embracing challenges, developing confidence and striving to be our best.

We are delighted to introduce our new school values, which were selected following consultation with pupils, staff, governors and families. Many excellent values were suggested and choosing between them was no easy task. As we shared the final values with the children, we emphasised that these are qualities they already show every day.



We regularly see kindness, determination, respect, honesty and friendship across our school, and the new values simply help us celebrate and strengthen what already makes Normanby such a special place.

Grouped under the themes of **Belonging, Character and Growth**, these values provide a strong foundation for lifelong learning and success. They also connect closely to our PSHE curriculum, helping children to understand themselves, contribute positively to their communities and develop the confidence to thrive in the future. We look forward to celebrating these values together throughout the year.

Benedict's Law and Allergy Safety in School

You may have recently heard about **Benedict's Law**, a new framework designed to strengthen allergy safety in schools across England. The law is named after **Benedict Blythe**, a five-year-old boy who tragically died following an anaphylactic reaction at school in 2021. Following a campaign led by his family, new national requirements have been introduced to help schools better protect children with allergies.

Benedict's Law requires schools to have appropriate allergy policies, provide allergy awareness training for staff, maintain individual healthcare plans where needed, and hold emergency adrenaline auto-injectors (AAIs) on site.

We would like to reassure families that our school has taken the necessary steps to comply with these requirements. Staff have received training in:

- Recognising the signs and symptoms of an allergic reaction and anaphylaxis.
- Responding quickly and appropriately in an emergency.
- The safe administration of adrenaline auto-injectors (AAIs).
- Allergy awareness and prevention measures across the school.



As part of these arrangements, the school now holds spare emergency adrenaline auto-injectors. These devices may be used in an emergency where a child is experiencing a severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis), including situations where a child has not previously been known to have an allergy.

For pupils with a known allergy, different arrangements remain in place. These pupils should continue to have their own prescribed medication available in school and will have an **Individual Healthcare Plan** which sets out their specific medical needs, triggers, symptoms and emergency procedures. The safety and wellbeing of all pupils is our highest priority. If your child has an allergy, or if there has been any change to their medical needs, please inform the school office as soon as possible so that we can ensure our records and support arrangements remain up to date.

Reading at Normanby

Reading remains a key priority across our school. We are delighted to invite families to our **Reading for Pleasure Event** on **Monday 2nd November at 3.00pm**.

Families are welcome to join their children in school to share stories, explore books and celebrate the enjoyment that reading can bring. Events such as these help children develop positive reading habits and demonstrate that reading can be an enjoyable activity for the whole family.

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers into school each half term for this event.

Enrichment Opportunities

We are committed to providing a wide range of enrichment opportunities that help children develop new skills, interests and confidence beyond the classroom.

This term, pupils have the opportunity to take part in an **Archery PE enrichment programme**. Endeavour class pupils will be representing the school in sporting events at a **Dodgeball Festival** in October and at **Cross Country** in November. Voyager Class are looking forward to their educational visit to **Brigg Heritage Centre**, while Discovery pupils will enjoy a visit to **Lincoln Zoo** alongside pupils from Faldingworth School. Planning is underway for an Endeavour Class trip to the Sherwood Observatory – more details will follow when this is confirmed.



On Friday 9th October, we are inviting the children to wear a splash of yellow with their normal uniform to raise awareness about young people's mental health. This is a Young Minds campaign.

These experiences help develop teamwork, resilience, confidence and curiosity, while creating memorable learning opportunities beyond the classroom. There are more plans in the pipeline - watch this space...

Friends of Normanby School (FoNS)

Our Friends of Normanby School team continues to work hard to organise events and raise valuable funds that directly benefit our pupils.

Thank you to everyone who supports FoNS through volunteering, attending events or helping behind the scenes. Your support makes a significant difference and enables the school to provide additional opportunities and experiences for children.

We look forward to welcoming families to the upcoming:

🎃 **FoNS Monster Ball** 🎃 **Halloween Dress Up Day**
Tuesday 20th October 3.30pm - 4.50pm

We are excited for the upcoming **FoNS Monster Ball** on **Tuesday 20th October**! It promises to be a **fang-tastic** afternoon packed with fun, laughter and plenty of spooky surprises. Events like these give children the chance to make magical memories with their friends and enjoy being part of our wonderful school community. A huge thank you goes to the **Friends of Normanby School (FoNS)** team, who have been working their **socks off (and possibly their witch's hats too!)** to organise the event. Their hard work, creativity and support are always **spook-tacularly appreciated**, and we are incredibly grateful for everything they do to make school life so special for our children. 🧛 🕸 🍂 ✨
Thank you for supporting school fundraising. See parent mail for further information.



🎄 **Christmas Wreath Making Workshop** 🎄

Why not treat yourself to a little festive creativity and join **FoNS and Tower Nurseries** for a **Christmas Wreath Making Workshop** on **Monday 23rd November**?

This promises to be a wonderful opportunity to get into the Christmas spirit, enjoy some festive refreshments, spend time with friends and create a beautiful handmade wreath to take home and display with pride. Whether you're a seasoned crafter or a complete beginner, everyone is welcome.

A huge thank you to **FoNS and Tower Nurseries** for organising what is sure to be a warm,

welcoming and enjoyable evening. Keep an eye out for the poster and booking information for full details. We hope to see lots of families and friends there as we begin the countdown to Christmas together!

Wraparound Care and After-School Clubs

A reminder that our wraparound provision and after-school clubs continue to run each week. In addition to wraparound care, the school is subsidising clubs on a Thursday and Friday after school for just **£1 per session**. These clubs offer excellent value for families while giving children

opportunities to socialise, develop new interests and spend time with friends in a safe and enjoyable environment. They can also be a great way for families to organise playdates and strengthen friendships beyond the school day.

To book your slots, please register at jbsporteducation.ipalbookings.com and book the days and times you are interested in. Bookings for WAC and £1 clubs are done directly with JB Sport + Education. If you have any questions or need more details, please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can call 01507 237227 to speak with their admin team between the hours of 09:00 - 16:00 Monday to Friday, or email admin@jbse.uk.

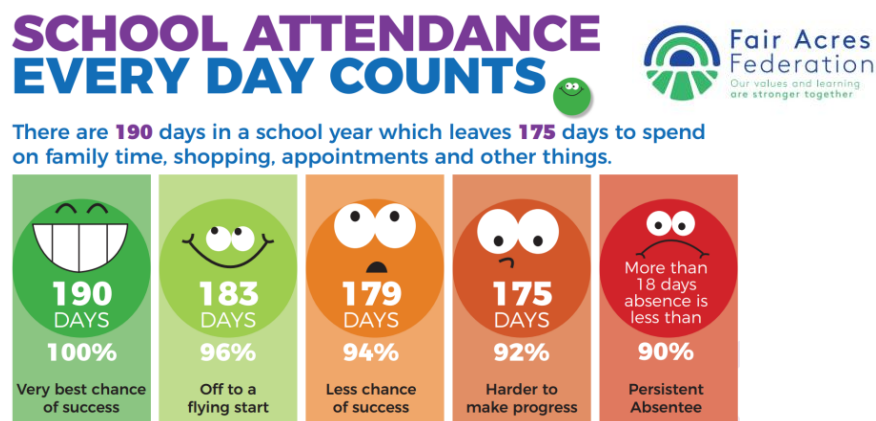
Attendance Matters

Good attendance gives children the very best chance to succeed. Our curriculum is carefully planned so that learning builds over time, meaning that even a small amount of absence can result in missed knowledge, skills and experiences that are difficult to replace.

Regular attendance also helps children maintain friendships, develop confidence, establish positive routines and take full advantage of the wider opportunities school offers, including trips, clubs and enrichment activities.

We understand that children will sometimes be unwell, but if attendance becomes a concern for any reason, please do get in touch. We are committed to working in partnership with families to provide support wherever possible. While schools have a legal responsibility to monitor attendance, our priority is always to work positively with families to ensure every child can make the most of their education.

Thank you for your support in helping your child attend school regularly and arrive on time each day. Together, we can ensure every child has the opportunity to thrive.



Parents/carers will shortly be receiving a fixed penalty notice letter which is sent to all families at the start of each academic year. Please do not be alarmed, this is not a notification of a charge but informing you of the process to be followed in the event of an unauthorised absence.

Safeguarding/Online Safety - DEEP FAKES

Keeping children safe is a responsibility we all share. As technology continues to play an increasing role in children's lives, we know that online safety is about much more than preventing children from coming into contact with inappropriate content or online harms.

Excessive or inappropriate online activity can also have a significant impact on children's mental wellbeing, sleep, friendships, behaviour and readiness to learn in school.

We encourage families to take an active interest in their child's online life by talking regularly about the websites, apps, games and platforms they use, as well as setting clear boundaries around screen time and online communication.

If you have any concerns about your child's use of technology, online safety, wellbeing or digital habits, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We are always happy to offer advice, signpost support or work together to help address concerns before they become bigger issues. By working in partnership, we can help ensure that children enjoy the many benefits of technology while staying safe, healthy and happy both online and offline.

SPOT THE DEEPFAKE!
Not everything online is real.

AI can create fake photos, videos and voices that look and sound real. These are called **deepfakes**.

It can be hard to tell the difference!

REAL? FAKE?

STOP
Take a moment before you believe or share something online.

CHECK
Where did it come from? Can you find the same information from a trusted source?

QUESTION
Remember images, videos and voices can be edited or created using AI.

TALK
If something worries you, talk to a parent or carer, a teacher or another trusted adult.

See it. Check it. Talk about it.

NSPCC For more online safety advice, visit [nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety)

A safer childhood a brighter tomorrow

A growing online safety concern is the use of artificial intelligence (AI) to create realistic images, videos and audio, often known as *deepfakes*. These can be used to spread misinformation, impersonate others or create content that is upsetting or misleading. We encourage families to talk with children about questioning what they see online, checking trusted sources and speaking to a trusted adult if something does not seem right. The NSPCC provides guidance to help parents understand AI and support children to use new technologies safely. The NSPCC provides a wealth of practical advice on topics including social media, gaming, online wellbeing and emerging technologies such as AI.

Further guidance can be found on the NSPCC website. [\[nspcc.org.uk\]](https://www.nspcc.org.uk)

NSPCC Online Safety:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Working Together Meetings November 2026

Our working together meetings provide an important opportunity to strengthen the partnership between home and school, ensuring that every child receives the support and encouragement they need to thrive.

We look forward to welcoming families into school to celebrate the progress, achievements and successes that children have made since the start of the academic year. The meetings also provide an opportunity to discuss how children are approaching their learning, recognise their strengths and identify the next steps that will help them continue to flourish.

Where appropriate, teachers may also share areas where additional support or focus will help a child make even greater progress, allowing us to work together to ensure every pupil reaches their full potential. We greatly value these conversations and look forward to sharing your child's learning journey with you.

Please complete the form sent through Parent Mail on 30th September to indicate your preferred date and time to meet with your child's class teacher. Appointment times will be confirmed before half term.

Looking Ahead to Christmas

Although there is still plenty of exciting learning and activity to come this term. We are already looking forward to the special festive events that Christmas brings. The final weeks of the autumn term are always a wonderful time in school, filled with opportunities for children to perform, celebrate, spend time together and create lasting memories.

We are particularly excited to welcome families to our **Nativity performances** on **1st and 2nd December**, where pupils will have the opportunity to showcase their confidence, creativity and hard work. These performances are always a highlight of the school year and a chance for us to come together as a school community. The performance on 1st December will take place at 9.20am, with the 2nd December performance being scheduled for 2pm. We will be able to offer 2 tickets per family for each performance – more information will be sent to families in due course.

Children will also enjoy our **Christmas Lunch and Party Day**, while our **Carols in Church** service at Owmbly Church provides a lovely opportunity to reflect on the season and celebrate together. We are also grateful to **Friends of Normanby School (FoNS)** for organising the popular **Christmas Arcade**, which is always greatly enjoyed by the children.

Please make a note of the dates in our planner below. We look forward to welcoming parents, carers, family members and friends to these events as we celebrate this special time of year together. 🎄 ✨

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are fortunate to have such a caring and supportive school community, and we look forward to another successful and enjoyable term together.

As always, if there is anything you would like to discuss, please do get in touch. We value our strong partnership with families and are here to support both the children and parents/carers. Together we can ensure that every child feels happy, safe and ready to learn.

Regards

Mrs Grummell and all the team

Key Dates Planner

Date	Event
Friday 9 th October	Hello Yellow Awareness Day
Tuesday 13 th October	Endeavour Sports Trip – Dodgeball - AM
Wednesday 14 th October	Discovery trip to Lincoln Zoo – joint trip with Faldingworth school
w/c Monday 19 th October	SEND Reviews – Teachers will be in touch to offer appointments
Tuesday 20 th October	Halloween Dress Up Day
Tuesday 20 th October	FoNS Monster Ball 3.30pm – 4.50pm (Reception – Year 6 pupils)
Friday 23rd October	Last day of term 1
Monday 2nd November	First day of term 2
Monday 2 nd November	Reading for Pleasure Event – Families invited to join their children in school to read together from 3pm
Monday 2 nd November	Working Together meetings
Wednesday 4 th November	Working Together meetings
Wednesday 4 th November	Voyager Trip to Brigg Heritage Centre
Thursday 5 th November	Endeavour Sports Trip – Cross Country - PM
Wednesday 11 th November	Remembrance
Thursday 12 th November	School photographer – individual and sibling portraits
Friday 13 th November	Children In Need (non -uniform day)
Monday 23 rd November	FoNS Wreath Workshop – 6.30pm at Normanby School
Wednesday 25 th November	Flu Vaccinations – 2 nd visit
Tuesday 1 st December	Nativity – morning performance – 9.20am
Wednesday 2 nd December	Nativity – afternoon performance – 2pm
Tuesday 15 th December	Christmas Lunch (order from GLC closer to the time) and Party Day. Christmassy non uniform (optional)
Thursday 17 th December	Carols in Church – Owmbly Church at 9.30am – all welcome
Thursday 17 th December	FoNS Christmas Arcade – held in school time (PM) – details to follow
End of Term 2	Interim progress reports will be shared at the end of term 2
Friday 18th December	Last day of Term 2
Tuesday 5 th January	First day of term 3