



F&B NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term: Thursday 19th December 2024

We are on Week 1 of the lunch menu

Dear Parents, Carers, and Pupils,

As we reach the end of this festive term, I want to take a moment to celebrate everything we have accomplished together. It has been a truly delightful few months, and I am so proud of all our pupils for their hard work, enthusiasm, and creativity.

The children's recent performances have been a real highlight. From the **wonderful acting and singing** in our Nativity and Christmas productions to the **Choir's marvellous performance**, the talent and confidence on display have been incredible. A special mention also goes to our **Rocksteady bands**, who brought such energy and joy to their performances. Each child has shone brightly, and it has been a pleasure to watch their efforts come to life.

A heartfelt thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support. Whether you helped with costumes, attended performances, or encouraged your children from home, your involvement makes such a difference and is always deeply appreciated.

As we head into the Christmas holidays, I wish you all a peaceful, restful, and joyful break, filled with warmth and festive cheer. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year, refreshed and ready for another exciting term.

Wishing you all a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year!**

Warmest wishes,
Mr Wells

Each term, a member of the governing body will tell you about what they have done so far this year. You can find more information about the governing board [here](#).

Name: Role: How long have you been a governor?	Hannah Craig Inclusion Governor I joined the governing body in September 2023
When were you last in the school and what were you doing?	I came in on 27 th November to review the inclusion plans and progress being made since my last visit in September. Inclusion is when all students, regardless of any challenges are provided high-quality teaching, interventions, and supports that enable them to succeed. My visit included a learning walk where I got to meet students and see the support that is in place. The last part of my visit was to attend the SEND coffee afternoon with Mrs Potma, this is a supportive meeting where SEND parents/guardians (actually anyone) can meet to discuss concerns, diagnoses but also celebrate the success of our students.
What did you learn during your visit?	We are lucky at F&B that we are able to provide such a vast and supportive inclusion provision. The Inclusion Quality Mark (UK) Ltd recognised our provision again this year presenting us with a Centre for Excellence award
What challenges do you see for the future?	That the needs of students are continuing to increase and there is only so much external support that we can access due to a national shortfall. Teachers are working so hard to meet every child's need and the entire team go above and beyond to ensure all students receive the best possible education.
When is your next visit to the school?	In the new year to look at inclusion and mental health, equality, accessibility but also wellbeing.

Dexter

Dexter has had a very busy weekend with us and was lucky enough to join some of the lovely Christmassy things we had planned ahead. Penny was very excited to spend time with him.

Swimming at our lovely Leventhorpe pool were first on the agenda, alongside some gymnastics where he did a very impressive bar hang with Penny. They had lots of fun. In the evening we went to a lights show at Hylands Park and he of course needed to warm up with a yummy hot chocolate.



Poetry

English Subject Spotlight: Focus on Oracy: Poetry and rhymes

Each fortnight in this newsletter, we will include on this page, a poem that I will have shared in assembly on the first Monday of every fortnight with Year 1 and 2 pupils. This will be shared in class for pupils in Nursery and Reception. Please find the poem below.

We would like to encourage you to share the poems at home too. If your child is particularly keen, they may want to practise and recite it to me in school! Any pupil who chooses to do this will receive a special sticker.

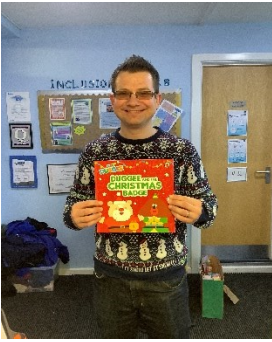
Helpful tip: We teach the children to recite the poem by stating the title of the poem and its author before they start.

Mrs Brooker (English Subject Lead)

'Cats' by Eleanor Farjeon

Cats sleep, anywhere,
Any table, any chair
Top of piano, window-ledge,
In the middle, on the edge,
Open drawer, empty shoe,
Anybody's lap will do,
Fitted in a cardboard box,
In the cupboard, with your frocks-
Anywhere! They don't care!
Cats sleep anywhere.

Secret Reader



"It was lovely reading to Lavender class, Jonah was surprised to see it was me, and loved hearing one of his favourite stories. The children were very well behaved and joined in during a couple of sections"
Bruce N



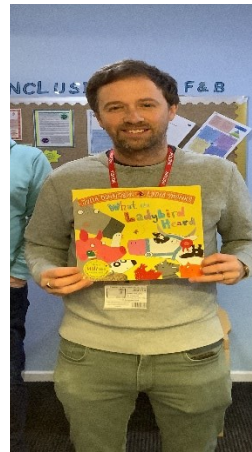
"It was a joy to read to Jasmine class, the children loved joining in with all the songs. A lovely experience, thank you"

Natalie N



"What an absolute pleasure to read to the class today! Thank you for having me as the Secret Reader"

Jolene D



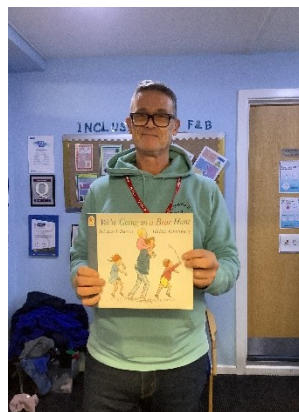
"Sunflower class were very polite and listened intently, I enjoyed it very much "

Mark P



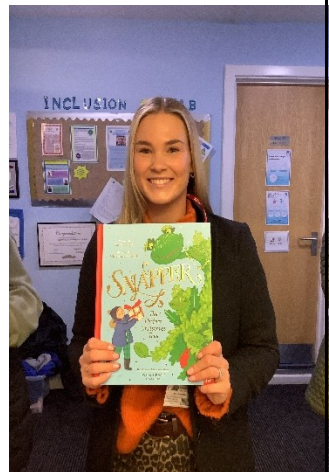
"Today was so much fun. It was a pleasure to read to Snowdrop class. Thank you for inviting me in"

Melissa M



"Fantastic enthusiastic children, loved it"

Patrick M



"Seeing Ralphie's face was priceless! Dandelion class listened so well and made me feel very welcome"

Verity N

Dates for Spring Term 2025

F&B Spring Term 2025 - Useful Dates

6 th January	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
7 th January	School Open – all pupils to return
9 th January	Mayor to visit Year 1
9 th January	Year 2 - local visit History walk
22 nd January	Little Recyclers (bags to school collection – drop off 8am-10am)
27 th January	2 nd Reception Screening
29 th January	School Led Film Night
7 th February	PTA – Jazzy Jar Dress Down Day
10 th February	End Of Topic – Nursery – 11am & 2.40pm
11 th February	End Of Topic – Reception – 2.40pm
12 th February	End Of Topic – Year 2 – 2.40pm
13 th February	End Of Topic – Year 1 – 2.40pm
17 th -21 st February	HALF TERM
5 th March	Year 1 Trip – Colchester Zoo
11 th March	Lavender Class Parents Evening
13 th March	Lavender Class Parents Evening
17 th March	PTA Mothers Day Gift Shop Week
24 th March	Rocksteady & Choir Concert 1.45pm
31 st March	End Of Topic – Nursery – 11am & 2.40pm
1 st April	End Of Topic – Reception – 2.40pm
1 st April	Parents Evening (excluding Lavender Class)
2 nd April	End Of Topic – Year 1 – 2.40pm
3 rd April	End Of Topic – Year 2 – 2.40pm
3 rd April	Parents Evening (excluding Lavender Class)
4 th April	Break The Rules Day
4 th April	School Finishes at 2pm for Easter Break
7 th – 21 st April	Easter Holidays – School Closed
22 nd April	School Open – all pupils to return

Term Dates

**Reedings Junior School and
Fawbert and Barnard Infant School
Term Dates for Academic Year 2024-2025**



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Term Time	School holidays	5 INSET Days/ 1 Occasional day	Bank Holiday	Weekend
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In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

[2025 to 2026 term dates can be found here](#)