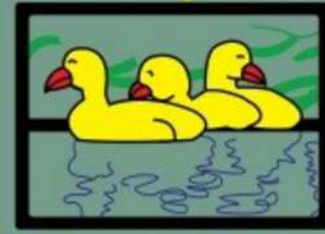


Fleckney CE Newsletter



Headteacher update

As we come to the end of a hugely successful year at Fleckney Primary School, it's a great time to reflect on all we've achieved together. This short 9-week summer term has been packed full of events, and it has been fantastic to welcome so many of you into school.

From our brilliant Sports Days (including a record five falls in the parent races!), to the wonderful Year 2 Canon Glover assembly, Foundation Stage Bible and Medal celebration, Year 6's fantastic performance of Dragon Days, and our parent drop-ins – the school has been buzzing with activity and community spirit.

Last week, children enjoyed their transition mornings with their new teachers, which were met with real excitement. We were also delighted to welcome four new members of teaching staff who joined us for the transition days: Miss Lane (Year 4), Mrs Billson and Mr Dandolo (Year 5), and Mr Crane (Year 6). We're thrilled to have them as part of the Fleckney team.

This term also saw our Year 2 children head off on their first residential to Beaudesert – a real highlight! The children were a credit to the school, and we're so grateful to the staff who gave up their time to make such a special experience possible. A huge thank you again for your patience with the delayed return bus!

Of course, this time of year is always a mix of emotions as we prepare to say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 pupils. They have been fantastic role models, and we know they'll go on to do amazing things at secondary school. We're also saying farewell to two much-loved members of staff: Miss Battersby and Mrs Fremmer. Both have made a significant impact during their time here and will be greatly missed.

It's been a brilliant year for the whole school, and a particularly special one for me – my first full year as Headteacher of this wonderful school. Thank you for your continued support, partnership, and the trust you place in us.

Wishing you all a relaxing and joyful summer break!

Warm regards,
Mr Richards



Summer edition

Foundation Stage



Fleckney CE Primary School



Calling all parents seeking an extraordinary educational experience for their child from September 2026. Look no further than our exceptional school!

September 2026 intake

Apply by January 2026

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fleckneyprimary@fleckney.leics.sch.uk



Spaces in all year groups!

Dojo Termly Winners

As we approach the end of another fantastic academic year at Fleckney Church of England Primary School, we are thrilled to celebrate our final Dojo winners! These pupils have gone above and beyond, demonstrating our school values and showing real determination, effort, and aspiration throughout the summer term.

Following our recent SIAMS inspection, we were delighted that inspectors recognised how our children are “enabled to be the best that they can be.” This is something we see daily, and never more so than in the positive attitudes and behaviours of our pupils.

Throughout this term, children have worked incredibly hard to follow our school rules and live out our Christian values. In doing so, they have collected an impressive number of dojo points—some of the highest totals we’ve ever recorded! This shows the commitment our pupils have to continuously improve and to give their very best in everything they do.

While only a few pupils receive the special golden tickets as top dojo earners, we want to take this moment to acknowledge and celebrate all our children. Every single pupil has achieved something to be proud of this year, and we are deeply proud of the kind, hardworking and ambitious individuals they are becoming.

Well done to all our dojo champions—and indeed to every pupil—for another brilliant year of growth and success!



Kindness Cup

We are thrilled to announce that Austin is this term's Kindness Cup winner!

Austin truly embodies what the Kindness Cup represents. He is a caring, respectful, and hardworking young man who always gives his best in everything he does. Quietly confident, Austin approaches each day with a calm and unassuming manner, always ready to offer a helping hand to others.

His generosity of spirit and willingness to support those around him have made him highly respected by both his peers and adults alike. A shining example of kindness in action - well done, Austin!



Clubs!

This year, we've seen incredible success through our partnership with FCS, who have delivered an exciting and diverse range of extracurricular clubs for our pupils. Over a 24-week period, FCS offered 15 different clubs, giving children the chance to explore new interests, develop their skills, and have lots of fun along the way.

From the creativity of Film Club to the precision of Archery, and the energy of Multi-Sport, Cricket, and Rounders - there has truly been something for everyone!

We're delighted to share that due to the popularity and impact of these sessions, next year we'll be expanding our offer even further. FCS will be providing over 20 clubs across a 30-week period - giving our pupils even more opportunities to get involved, stay active, and try something new. We look forward to continuing this fantastic partnership and can't wait to see what next year brings!

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Cooking Club 2025



Children have enjoyed the cooking club this academic year with over 30 children attending over 12 weeks.

The children have tasted new foods, learned valuable skills and made delicious, nutritious meals.

At the end of the 4 weeks, the children are given all the recipes to take home and try again with their families.

The cooking club could not have happened without the kind donations from: Fleckney Co-op, Davidson Homes, Persimmon Homes, Fiona Cairns, FSA and Fleckney Festival for the new aprons.

Beaudesert

On Thursday 19th June, 62 Year 2 children and 8 staff visited Beaudesert Outdoor Activity Centre for a two day residential trip. The sun shone brightly and everyone involved had a fantastic time. As the centre is located under mature woodland, we stayed cool and shaded despite the high temperatures. The children took part in many wonderful activities including: quarry zip wire, crate stacking, archery, grass sledging and a climbing wall. They also had free time to play in the beautiful grounds and a song-filled campfire to end the day. The staff were incredibly proud of all of the children for the enthusiasm, determination and resilience they showed when tackling the activities. We were also impressed by their willingness to encourage, support and help their team mates. Despite the patchy Wifi, we were able to use the Seesaw app for the first time to send information and photos to families at home. Over 90 photos over the 2 days!! We felt this was a really positive way to share our experience in a way we haven't done before and hope families enjoyed the immediate insight to the trip and reassurances that all was well.



Foundation stage

We have had a jam-packed term in Foundation Stage, continuing our learning and refining our ideas and skills when playing! We began with our Bikeability and improving our balancing skills on the balance bikes. We have visited Windmill Farm Park and learnt about New Life and held the animals.

On Grandparents Day, we looked at pictures and objects from the past, celebrating precious family memories. The children talked about the things they brought into school to their classmates.

The Foundation Stage children have been welcoming the new pre-school children at their play afternoons, demonstrating kindness, compassion and respect as they have introduced them to new routines and played alongside them.

We also spent time visiting Father Phillip's garden last week and exploring this great place for our Teddy Bears Picnic!

The end of this year's celebrations are nearly upon us as we mark the children's achievements in our end of year awards assembly. The whole team in Foundation Stage wish the children and their families a happy Summer holiday! The team will miss the children very much, but know they are all ready for the next step in their school life.



Year 6



As usual, it has been a very busy term in Year 6! We have had a lot of fun in science, exploring the evolution of different animals and how we inherit various genetic traits from our parents. One of the highlights was when we became birds for an afternoon, using different utensils as beaks to pick up sweets of varying sizes, representing seeds. During History Week, we revisited our topic on the Shang Dynasty and learned about the lives of different people during that time. The children enjoyed discovering new facts and dressing up costumes! On Global Art Day, we focused on the Patagonian mountains and created our own watercolour and fine line artwork inspired by that landscape. The children have also been busy rehearsing for our play, impressing us with their focus and determination, while the singing sounds beautiful. Additionally, the students are preparing for the Year 6 fashion show, themed around the artwork of Banksy. They have designed their own graffiti-style t-shirts to wear on the day. The Year 6 children have also begun their transition to secondary school, with many visiting their new schools in recent weeks. They have all returned full of excitement, and we wish them the best of luck!

Year 5

Year five visited the Aylmerton outdoor education centre on their residential visit to Norfolk. They took part in teambuilding activities and built hides in the woods. Later, they went on a twilight safari in the grounds of Felbrigg Hall. The weather was warm and sunny for the river study day. The children measured the river and its rate of flow from its source to the sea. It was impressive to see how careful they were with their measurements using technical equipment. It was super to see the children working together so well. The centre staff praised the children for their good manners and positive attitude.

In English, the children have been writing stories based around the book *The Matchbox* and a short film 'The Piano'. They have focused on the use of language and the emotions of the characters involved and produced very creativity and thoughtful narrative work. We have explored similar themes in our poetry work; where we have looked the work of Benjamin Zephaniah.

During our history lessons, we have been looking back at World War 2 experiences. We have looked at how life in Britain was shaped by the war and the importance of the Battle of Britain. The children especially enjoyed the trip to the Imperial War Museum at Duxford, where they were able to interact with artefacts and archives and immerse themselves in a life and warfare of World War 2. Whilst there, they were able to get a very close-up look at the giant aircraft and walk in the footsteps of the men and women who served.

In Art, the children in year 5 focused upon the artist Wilfred Stanley Haines and his artwork during WW2. We also compared his work to that of Joseph Turner and created landscapes that represented the feelings and mood of the times. The children produced artwork that was both colourful and creative.



Year 2



On 12th June Year 2, invited Leicester Tigers rugby player Solomone Kata into class to chat to the children and answer questions about life as a professional sportsman. Linked with our Christian value of Aspiration, Solomone told the children about how hard he has worked to achieve his dream. As well as finding out he enjoys a trip to KFC and his favourite colour is pink, the children discovered how he loves the team work aspect of playing rugby and loves travelling the world. Mr Kata took the time to chat to every child, take a photo with every child who wanted one and signed as many autographs as the children asked for. We really appreciate his time and the kindness he showed to us all.

Sport @ Fleckney

On Friday 6th June, a group of year five and six children travelled to Market Harborough cricket club to take part in a series of matches against local primary schools. They faced some tough teams but continued to show resilience. The children all played well and demonstrated some super skills. It was good to see that many of those who attended this match also enjoy practising their skills at our after-school cricket club. Well done.

On Monday 16th June, a group of year six children travelled to Leicester Tigers' training ground to take part in a Touch Rugby tournament. The event began with training sessions with coaches from the Tigers. They quickly understood the rules of the game and enjoyed the fast-paced nature of this form of Rugby. The children all really enjoyed the day and were keen to be playing in every match. Well done to all who took part. Thank you to Mrs French and Jack for accompanying the children at the event.

The Harborough schools Area Sports event took place on Monday 23rd of June at Corby Triangle athletics track. A team of thirty two children, from years three to six took part in sprints, long distance, throwing, long jump and relay events. It was great to see every child push themselves to achieve the best result that they could. All the children performed well and there were a number of first place finishes in both the heats and the finals. Once all of the points were counted, Fleckney finished fourth out of thirteen schools. This is our highest place finish for many years. A very well done to all involved!

The Foundation Stage Sports Day took place on Tuesday 24th June. The children were very excited and keen to take part in their events. Many of them demonstrated a great turn of speed when running. Well done to the year five children who helped the younger children at the event. It was lovely to see so many parents, carers and family watching the children compete.

Key Stage One also had their Sports Day on Tuesday 24th. It was another well attended event, with many families taking time out of their busy schedules to watch the children. The children showed a super competitive spirit, really giving it all they had got. It was also lovely to see the children supporting each other and cheering their team on. Well done also to the year five children who helped out at this event, demonstrating kindness to the younger children.

On Wednesday 24th June, the children from years three, four, five and six took part in the Key Stage Two Sports Day. It began with sprints for all children and was followed by the long-distance running. The obstacle race followed, in which children had to jump the hurdles, climb through two hoops and carry a rugby ball to the end. The final event was the year group house relay. All of the children really pushed themselves to be as fast as they could be and were keen to cheer their team mates on. Again, it was great to see so many family members coming to watch their children compete.



SIAMS

We are delighted to share the fantastic news of our recent SIAMS inspection, which reflects the hard work, dedication, and strong Christian values that underpin everything we do at Fleckney Church of England Primary School.

Please see the letter from Mr. Richards sent on 3rd July for full details. We are incredibly proud of everyone in our school community—staff, pupils, parents, and governors alike—for making this achievement possible.

Thank you for being part of our journey!

Be the best you can be !



Let your light shine

Matthew 5:16

“The vision drives the work of this highly inclusive school in supporting pupils and adults.”

Year 3

In English this term, we have embarked upon a journey into the world of dreams and mystery. We have studied *The BFG* by Roald Dahl and *How to Live Forever* by Colin Thompson, written recounts and character descriptions and created 'WANTED' posters and 'Revolt Recipes' for gruesome giants. We have been thinking about imagery using the poem 'The Cave of Curiosity' by Pie Corbett and linking this with a crazy, eccentric world. The children have then created their own surreal poems. An explosion of imagination at its most creative and best!

Following our fantastic trip last term to the Leicester Botanic Gardens for a 'Plants Wow!' day, the children learned all about the different parts of a plant and their uses. We have carried out an investigation involving the essentials required for plant growth and we have looked at the pollination process and seed dispersal in detail.

In History week, we had fun creating Iron Age restaurant menus and making clay beaker pots, like the Bronze Age people.

We have also been discovering about how our local area has changed. We walked around the village comparing photos of Fleckney up to 100 years ago, discussing how and why so much has changed. We compared maps from 1885 and 2025 and researched how the population has increased. We visited the village library to find out about school prior to 1972. We have also been focussing on 'The Magic Kingdom', learning about Florida, contiguous states, peninsulas and turtles! This was linked to our Global Art Day activities where the children created their own mosaic turtles and orange tree posters in recognition of the Sunshine (or Orange) state.



Celebrating excellent attendance

We are thrilled to announce that our school has achieved an impressive overall attendance rate of 95.8% this year – just shy of our ambitious target of 96%! This achievement is a testament to the dedication and commitment of our students and their families.

To put this into perspective, the national average attendance rate for primary schools in England during the 2024-25 academic year was 94.8%. Our attendance rate is significantly higher, reflecting the strong partnership between home and school.

Thank you to all our families for their support in ensuring regular school attendance. Your efforts play a crucial role in your child's education and contribute to the success of our school community.

**Whole
Year
95.8%**

**Summer
Term
96.5%**



Attendance League Tables

Overall

1. Year 2 - **96.5%**
2. Year 1 - **96.3%**
3. Year 6 - **96.2%**
4. Year 5 - **95.8%**
5. Year 3 - **95.5%**
6. Year 4 - **95.4%**
7. Year R - **94.9%**

Persistent Absence

1. Year 2 - **2.9%**
2. Year 1 - **3.6%**
3. Year 6 - **5.6%**
4. Year 5 - **5.7%**
5. Year 4 - **9.1%**
6. Year R - **9.2%**
7. Year 3 - **9.4%**

(% of children less than 90% attendance, national is 15.2%)

Year 1

Year 1 have had a very exciting Summer term. We thoroughly enjoyed our Art lessons and learning all about Kenya on Global Art day. Children made necklaces, inspired by the Masai tribe, using vibrant colours and patterns. In P.E, children have been practising their athletic skills in preparation for Sports day. We have learnt all about Judaism in R.E and made lots of links to Christianity during lessons.

We have been consolidating lots of our Maths learning and have begun measuring mass and capacity. In our English lessons, we have been studying lots of different books by Julia Donaldson. We used History week to learn all about explorers. Children enjoyed dressing up as different heroes whilst we found out about the great explorers of the world and space. Year 1 were also working incredibly hard in their Phonics lessons this term and should be proud of their effort!

During this term, we had our brilliant trip to West Lodge farm park. Children saw a wide range of farm animals, fed baby lambs, rode in barrels and of course had a great time playing with their friends. We are so pleased to have had such a wonderful final term with Year 1 and hope you all have a fun and restful Summer!



Year 4

What an exciting and incredibly busy summer term it has been in Year 4. From creative writing to athletics achievements, the children have truly shone.

In English, we've been diving into the beautifully animated short film *The Lighthouse* as a stimulus for our writing. The children have worked extremely hard on developing their sentence structure and making ambitious, high-level language choices. Their efforts have been a joy to read - well done to all our budding authors!

Linking with our geography work on Megacities, the children have explored the theme of Cityscapes in Art. Their creativity has come to life through stunning 3D city images, showcasing a brilliant blend of imagination, perspective, and design.

Athletics has been one key focus this term, with our much-anticipated Sports Day, and participation in Area Sports. The children demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship, determination, and team spirit throughout. A huge well done to everyone who took part!

As the term draws to a close, we can hardly believe how quickly the weeks have flown by. We'd like to take this opportunity to wish all our Year 4 children the very best as they journey into Year 5. You've made us very proud. A heartfelt thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year. Your encouragement and involvement make a world of difference.

Have a safe, sunny, and wonderful summer break!



2025 Art Competition

We are thrilled to share the wonderful results of our 2025 Art Competition, where 104 talented pupils from across the school submitted entries full of enthusiasm, imagination and creativity. The theme this year was "Animals", and the artwork on display truly captured the beauty and the diversity of the animal kingdom.

Our judge, Jane Barklamb, was blown away by the passion and originality in every submission, making it incredibly difficult to choose the winners. After much deliberation, we were proud to announce the following winners for each phase:



First Place (£30 Prize)

April M, Evelyn R, Maya G & Marley P

Second Place (£20 Prize)

Rudi Mc, Ethan C, Erin W & Joel A

Third Place (£10 Prize)

Mia C, Amelia W, Eleanor H & Albert W



A huge congratulations to all our winners and a big well done to every pupil who took part—your creativity and effort made this year's competition a true celebration of artistic expression. We can't wait to see what you create next year!



Fleckney School Association



The Friends of Fleckney School Association (FSA) have had an outstanding term raising vital funds for our school community. The third and final disco of the year was a fantastic success, raising over £700! Half of this amount will support our school directly, while the other half will be donated to the Little Princess Trust, a wonderful charity helping children with hair loss.

The Summer Fayre on June 28th was a scorcher, with temperatures soaring above 30°C at times! Despite the heat, the event was a huge hit, raising over £1,500 for the school.

Thanks to the dedication and hard work of the FSA, the total funds raised this year have exceeded an incredible £6,000 – a remarkable achievement that will make a real difference to the resources and opportunities available to our pupils.

The FSA is always looking for new people to join and volunteer. Without the time and energy of these amazing volunteers, the FSA simply wouldn't exist. If you'd like to get involved, meet other parents, and help support the school, please get in touch! A massive thank you to everyone who has contributed this year – your support truly means the world to us.

Collective Worship

Throughout the summer term, our Collective Worship sessions have continued to inspire and engage pupils across the school. Over the past 9 weeks, we've explored important Christian themes including Ascension and Pentecost, deepening our understanding of these key events.

One memorable focus was the parable of Abram and Lot (Genesis 13:5-12), where Lot chooses the better land while Abram faces a more challenging path – yet God's presence remains steadfast. This story reminded us all of the saying, "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade!" encouraging resilience and faith even when times are tough.

We have also celebrated our Christian value of Aspiration, with the awarding of the Aspiration White Star to pupils who have shown great determination and ambition.

The Parable of the Talents was explored as a powerful example of using the gifts and opportunities we are given to strive for success and growth. Similarly, the inspiring story of Jamie Vardy highlighted how aspiration, hard work, and perseverance can help us overcome obstacles and achieve our dreams.

Collective Worship continues to be a meaningful time for reflection, learning, and growing together in faith and community.



Diary Dates and Term Dates

School open for 2025-2026:

Tuesday 26th August

Autumn half-term:

Mon 20th Oct - Fri 24th Oct

School closes for Christmas:

Friday 19th Dec (early 1:30 finish)

Start of spring term:

Monday 5th January

Spring half-term:

Mon 16th Feb - Fri 20th Feb

School closes for Easter:

Friday 27th March

Summer term starts:

Monday 13th April

May day bank holiday:

Monday 4th May

Summer half-term:

Mon 25th May - Fri 29th May

School closes for summer:

Tuesday 7th July (early 1:30 finish)

Teacher Training Days: *Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd August 2025*

School Opens for 25/26: *Tuesday 26th August*

Parents' Evenings: *23rd, 24th & 25th September 2025*

Harvest festival services: *Wednesday 8th October 2025*

Individual children's photos: *Thursday 9th October 2025*

Sibling photos: *Thursday 16th October 2025*

Autumn half-term: *Monday 20th - Friday 25th October 2025*

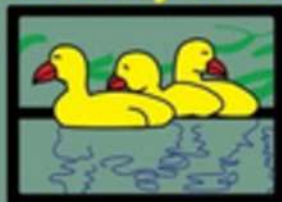
Yr6 PGL Residential: *3rd - 7th November 2025*

Church Christmas services: *Wednesday 17th December 2025*

School closes for Christmas holidays: *Friday 19th December 2025*

(1:30 closure)

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