

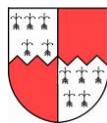
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Fitzwaryn

'Through learning to learn, pupils will access society'

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Friday 5th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the new school year! I hope that you enjoyed the summer break.

Thank you!

On behalf of the staff, I would like to extend a huge thank you for the gifts and lovely cards that we received at the end of term, whilst not expected they are appreciated.

Over the past couple of days, the children have been settling into school whether that is back into a familiar class or into a new class. They are all doing really well and there is a great sense of excitement around the school!

We have some new pupils who have joined us this week and we hope that they will all be very happy at Fitzwaryn. We have also welcomed some new Teaching Assistants to the school; we are fortunate to have a very strong team of staff.

INSET

On Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September we had 2 very successful INSET days where we completed some statutory safeguarding and medical training plus, we received training on our new assessment tool - Earwig, learnt about our new PMLD curriculum, had some Interception training and updates from the SALTs, a very busy couple of days.

Two dates to note - we have INSET days on Monday 6th October and Friday 24th October and therefore school is CLOSED to pupils on those dates.

Class Information

Your child's class teacher will be sending out essential information that you will need to know via a letter very soon. You will receive a timetable and curriculum map for the term. You will also receive your child's Autumn Term IEP.

Meet the Teacher – on Teams Wednesday 10th September

On Wednesday 10th September there will be an opportunity to meet your class teacher on Teams from 4.15 – 4.45pm. The class teacher will outline routines of the class and you will be able to ask any questions that you have. You will receive a Teams invite soon.

Senior Leadership Team

A reminder of the Senior Leadership Team for the Autumn Term:

Headteacher – Stephanie Coneboy
Interim Deputy Headteacher – Hannah Gordon
Interim Assistant Headteacher – Bec Bradley
Designated Safeguarding Lead – Claire Tobin
Business Manager – Amy Fitzgerald

Summer Works

Over the summer break, there has been an enormous amount of maintenance work both inside and outside and some exciting projects completed, including an internet upgrade, the installation of a workshop on the horticulture area which will enable the pupils to extend the scope of their

work outside. We have also been fortunate enough to have air conditioning units fitted to those classrooms that didn't have them previously and we also had some new fencing put up around the perimeter of the field.

Summer Holiday Club

There was much fun to be had at the Summer Holiday Club! The pupils all enjoyed being with their friends over 6 fun-filled days. Thank you to Sarah Gniadek-Pitt and her team of staff for providing these days. Sarah has planned some great After School events starting this term – please refer to the list that was sent out before the holidays or get in touch with Sarah for further details: s.gniadek-pitt@fitzwarryn.oxon.sch.uk

FAAAZE

For those of you whose child attended FAAAAZE, you will have received a letter from the Trustees to say that the club no longer exists. I would like to take this opportunity to emphasise that Fitzwarryn has been very supportive of this club over many years and has ploughed many financial and human resources into it – to the tune of tens of thousands of pounds with no income coming from the club back into the school's budget. Unfortunately, as a school we are no longer able to afford this support, hence the school's very difficult decision to withdraw.

We are, however, committed to ensuring that the pupils have age-appropriate, exciting opportunities after school and will work hard with the staff to ensure that an alternative is in place as soon as possible.

Clothing and Belongings

Please ensure that all clothing is named – it is very hard to match the lost jumper to the owner if there is not a name in it! Please also name as many belongings that come into school as possible so we can minimise things getting lost.

Attendance

We are committed to ensuring that all pupils uphold excellent attendance which in turn maximises a child's learning opportunities. Parents/carers have a vital role in promoting positive attitudes to good attendance. Evidence shows that pupils who attend school regularly make better progress both academically and in friendships with their peers.

Every lesson counts and it is this commitment to learning that will have a positive impact on your child's attainment and progress.

Medication

Please refer to the website for details of the procedures and permissions if medication is required in school:

<https://www.fitzwarryn.oxon.sch.uk/page/?title=Nursing&pid=35>

Earwig

As you know, we are no longer using MultiMe and we're moving to **Earwig**, a fantastic new platform that will help us capture and share learning in a more dynamic and engaging way. This marks a big step forward in how we celebrate progress and communicate with families. We're working hard behind the scenes and hope to give parents access as soon as possible.

Transport

We are aware that some of you have had issues with transport arrangements over the holidays and into the first few days of term. As you know the school is not responsible for transport but please do let us know if there is anything the school can do to support you and your child. If you are experiencing any issues, please contact SEN transport on: 01865 323 795

EE-SpecialEducationalNeedsITU@Oxfordshire.gov.uk

Dates for your diary

The Student Centre are once again planning their wonderful coffee mornings! All parents/carers and friends of the school are invited to come along and sample the delicious biscuits, cakes and drinks.

Friday 26th September 2025- with a focus on fundraising in aid of Macmillan

Friday 28th November 2025

Friday 19th December 2025

All coffee mornings are from **10 – 11.30am**. Please do come along and bring relatives and friends too!

From January 2026, the format for coffee mornings will change – watch this space!

Parents Evenings

We have three parents' evenings during the year, where you can book an appointment to discuss your child's progress at school. The evenings will run from 3.30pm – 6.30pm and you will be able to book a slot nearer the time on Arbor.

The dates for your diaries are:

- Wednesday 12th November 2025 – Face-to-face or Online
- Wednesday 4th March 2026 – Face-to-face - in conjunction with our Moving On Fair
- Wednesday 10th June 2026 – Face-to-Face appointments only

Therapists

Emma Reed and Katrina Courts are the Speech and Language therapists; Joanne Mercer is the Physiotherapist for the school and Jessica Pilgrim is the Occupational Therapist.

Friends of Fitzwaryn – please see the separate communication from Friends of Fitzwaryn

17th September 2025 – first Friends meeting of the year 9.30am in school – ALL Welcome!

Saturday 29th November – Christmas Fair – Time to be confirmed

Term Dates

The Term Dates can be found on the website. Please take a look as they do vary from school to school. <https://www.fitzwaryn.oxon.sch.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=26>

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries about your child at school – your child's class teacher is your first port of call and they can be contacted via the school office.

With best wishes

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