

Newsletter

Friday 16th January 2026

Dear parents and carers

Welcome to the first newsletter of the Spring Term - although with the weather we have had this week, it seems strange referring to this term in that way! I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and managed to spend some quality time together as families. It has been great to be back at school and January is already flying by! Our theme for the first two weeks has been new beginnings, with a particular focus on kindness. I have challenged the children to see if they can show an act of kindness every day in January. (Hopefully, you might be seeing some of these at home too!) We celebrate acts of kindness every day in class and I also have a kindness tree outside of my office where children can be nominated by a member of staff to have a leaf on the tree.

On Thursday, we were lucky to have a visitor in assembly, Chris Coles, who is a pilot for Easy Jet (other airlines are available!). Chris spoke to the children about his role and also the mechanics of how the aircraft works and the science behind it all. As you can imagine, the children were very interested in everything Chris had to say and had lots of questions. It is great for the children to hear about different jobs - if any parents would like to come in and talk to a class or the whole school about a particular role, please do let me know.

Yesterday, we changed our end-of-day arrangements and I have received positive feedback so far - do let me know, however, if you have any further feedback. I am hoping that by parents coming into the playground, it will feel safer for all of us.

We have published dates for this term on this newsletter and on our website - please do make a note of any which are relevant to you.

I hope 2026 is a really happy and healthy year for all of you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Emma Thorp

Staff update

Welcome to Miss Georgia Matthews, who is the new teacher of Year 1 Monkeys class. We are delighted to have Georgia on the team!

THANK YOU!
Everyone at
Felbridge Primary
School

For the generous donation of £114.25 towards our work amongst those experiencing homelessness locally. We are so grateful for your ongoing kindness and thoughtfulness.

Charlie 😊 - C.E.O, January '26



Thank you to everyone who donated at the Key Stage 2 carol service at St John's church.

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 Crawley Open House provides support and services for those suffering the effects of homelessness, unemployment, loneliness, discrimination, and other forms of social exclusion.
 Our support is available to anyone in need.

Term Dates

26th January

3.30pm FoFPS Spring term planning meeting - all welcome

27th January

Year 4 Roman Day

28th January

Year 6 Parents SATs information meeting
2.45pm

3rd February

Year 2 - Fire service safety talk

11th February

Whole school skipping workshop

12th February

9 am SEND Coffee morning - all welcome

2nd March

Year R - Fire engine visit

3rd March

Year 6 WWII day in school (dress-up)

4th March

Year 6 Newhaven Fort

9th March (week of)

Children's Mental Health Week

11th and 12th March

Parent consultations

16th March (week of)

Whole school local history week

17th March

Year 4 STEAM event at Lingfield College

20th March

Comic Relief

23rd March - 25th March

Year 4 Hindleap Warren

27th March

End of term from 1.15 pm

Class Wishlists

[**R Geckos**](#) [**1 Monkeys**](#)

[**2 Leopards**](#)

[**3 Pandas**](#)

[**4 Toucans**](#)

[**5 Macaws**](#)

[**6 Jaguars**](#) [**SENDCO**](#)



Values Champion

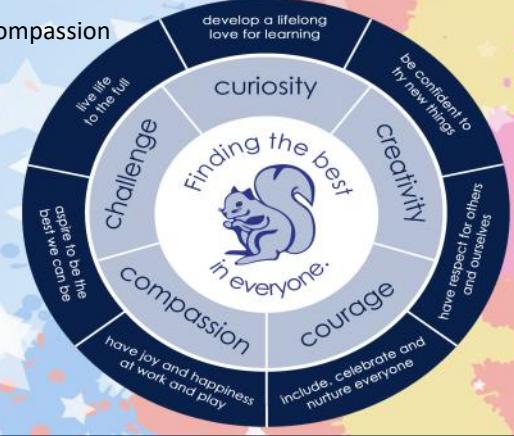
Well done to the following children who have received certificates:

19th December

Geckos - Geckos for All Values
 Monkeys - Monkeys for Compassion
 Leopards - Harris for Creativity
 Pandas - Freya for All Values
 Toucans - Arthur for Creativity
 Macaws - Alex D for Challenge
 Jaguars - Rebecca for Courage

16th December

Geckos - Ruby for Compassion
 Monkeys - Albie for Challenge & Courage
 Leopards - Teddy for Challenge
 Pandas - Mikey for Challenge & Compassion
 Toucans - Riley for Courage
 Macaws - Everly for Courage
 Jaguars - Maddie for Challenge



Well done!

Mathletics: Monday, 15th December

to Sunday, 11th January

Mathletics

BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD		PLATINUM		EMERALD	DIAMOND	EPIC
Monkeys Mia V Hattie IV Jake IV Leopards Alessio IV Pandas Ben V Malone II Toucans Jessica III Leila III Macaws Hattie II Gabriella I	Monkeys Izzy IV Indigo III Oscar V Maisie IV Amelie II Leopards Teddy III Toucans Zenia III Jaguars Ellie	Monkeys Rosie IV Oscar I Aubrey IV Cooper IV Dominic V Leopards Bethany IV Alex V Joshua V Pandas Ollie IV Fionn V Imogen II Seb M V Florence IV	Toucans Martha IV William V Jack II Macaws Shane V Alina V Freddie V Finlay IV Jaguars Charlotte I Jack V	Monkeys Dominic III Leopards Alex I Shane V Alina V Freddie V Finlay IV Jaguars Joshua III Adeline III Iyla III Pandas Fionn III Holly IV Seb M III Spencer III Seb W IV Toucans Jasmine III William II Freya IV	Macaws Alina II Jaguars Autumn III	Leopards Orson IV Toucans Oscar IV Macaws Jared IV Jaguars Evan III Bella IV		

Attendance

Attendance past 2 weeks:	Geckos: 96%	Monkeys: 99%	Leopards: 97%	Pandas: 93%	Toucans: 96%	Macaws: 96%	Jaguars: 91%	Whole School: 95%
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Term Dates for Next Academic Year

2026-2027		
Autumn Term 	Term Starts	Thursday 3 rd September
	Half-Term	Mon 19 th Oct - Fri 30 th Oct
	End of Term	Friday 18 th December
Spring Term 	Term Starts	Wednesday 6 th January
	Half-Term	Mon 15 th Feb - Fri 19 th Feb
	End of Term	Thursday 25 th March
Summer Term 	Term Starts	Monday 12 th April
	Half-Term	Mon 31 st May - Fri 4 th June
	End of Term	Friday 23 rd July
INSETS** - School closed to pupils	Monday 1 st September 2026 Tuesday 2 nd September 2026 Monday 4 th January 2027 Tuesday 5 th January 2027 One additional INSET TBC	
Bank Holidays- School closed	May Bank Holiday: Monday 3 rd May 2027	

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