Farmor's School

Parent Bulletin

23rd November 2026 Week B

All years: Christmas Lunch - Thursday 17th December - Thursday 17th December is Christmas lunch day, and tickets must be prebooked before **3rd December at midday**. Those students not wanting a lunch must bring their own or there will be a reduced offer in morning break as there will be no alternative during the lunch service. Please pay via ParentPay indicating if the vegetarian option is required. Students in receipt of FSM will be allocated a lunch on PP free of charge. Please confirm if your child would like one. The menu is attached. No orders will be accepted after the cut-off date.

All years: 📚✨ Celebrating young voices and the stories of women from the past!
Congratulations to our student Isadora, who is now a published author! During the Cirencester History Festival, our Librarian was delighted to attend the prize-giving ceremony at Cirencester Public Library for the Soroptimist International Cirencester and District Young Writers Short Story Competition. At the ceremony Roz Savage MP presented students with their awards.
The competition, entitled *Her Story: Women and Girls' Voices from the Past*, invited young writers to use their creativity and storytelling skills to bring women and girls from history to life. Through authentic voices and vivid stories, participants explored the experiences of women and girls whose stories might otherwise have gone unheard.
Isadora wrote a piece about an acrobat named Alice from P.T. Barnum's and Ringling Brothers Circus. We are incredibly proud of Isadora for having her work recognised and published. What a wonderful way to celebrate creativity, history, and the power of storytelling! 👏
Congratulations to all the young writers involved!

All years: Reading Culture Award - We are delighted to announce that Farmor's School has achieved the Reading Culture Award from the National Literacy Trust, recognising our long-standing commitment to reading. The award follows a successful case study submission by our dedicated Librarian, Ms Barker-Harrold, as part of the National Year of Reading. The case study highlighted the work both within the library and the wider school community. It showcases the many ways in which we encourage, celebrate, and promote a love of reading.
From the welcoming and engaging environment of our school library, the exciting calendar of library events, to the many reading initiatives across the school, reading remains at the heart of

our school culture. We are proud of the efforts of our staff and students in helping to foster a community where reading is valued, encouraged, and celebrated.

All years: What's on at Kids Stuff and The Old Department Store Cirencester this Festive season! - Everyone is welcome, and we'd love for families from your school community to join in! Throughout November & December we're offering a wide range of activities, craft sessions and festive events. All Kids Stuff activities and crafts are drop-in Join-in (No Booking required) unless otherwise stated, and everything is offered on a **Pay-as-you-can** basis to help keep things accessible for all families. You can find the full timetable on both websites in the links below.

Year 7 - Jamila Gavin Author Event, Monday 30th November: We are delighted to be welcoming author Jamila Gavin to our school soon. Jamila will lead an assembly where she talks about her career as a writer, the power of stories, the importance of reading, and, most importantly, her award-winning books! There will be a pop-up bookshop at the event, and students will be able to purchase books and have them signed. Students who wish to purchase a book will need to bring a bank card or cash on the day. The parent letter can be found below, along with a link with more information about Jamila and her work.

Years 7 and 8: Social Media Platforms - Following the recent Grooming Talks by PC DAVIS, it has come to our attention that there are some pupils using social media platforms that have an age rating of 13+. If your child is active on gaming and/or social media, please ensure their PRIVACY settings are properly configured and that they only connect with trusted "online friends". To assist you with this, please see the letter attached below.

Year 11: Resources for managing exam anxiety - Young Minds Matter will be delivering an assembly on managing exam anxiety this coming Wednesday 23rd November. Attached below are some related resources that can help you support your child with this as we approach the mock exams.

Year 11: Mock Exam Timetable (30th November - 11th December) - Please find a copy of the Y11 mock timetable, running from Monday 30th November to Friday the 11th of December, attached below. Students will receive their individual timetables via their tutors in due course.

Year 11: Mock briefing information - Please find a link below to the information that has already been shared with Y11 students regarding the processes and procedures around their mock exams (30th November - 11th December)

Safeguarding Newsletter: here

Careers Newsletter: here

Vacancies: here

Library Newsletter: here

Letters to parents: here.

- **All years:** Christmas Lunch **- here**
- **All years:** Soroptimist International Cirencester and District Young Writers Short Story Competition Awards - **here**, **here, here,** and **here.**
- **All years:** Kids Stuff Cirencester - **here** and The Old Department Store Cirencester - **here**
- **All years**: Volunteering at Home Start - **here.**
- **Year 7:** Jamila Gavin Author Event - **here** and **here.**
- **Years 7 and 8:** Social Media Platforms - **here**
- **Year 11:** Resources for Managing Exam Anxiety - Coping cards **here** and stress booklet **here.**
- **Year 11:** Mock Timetable **- here**
- **Year 11:** Mock Briefing Information **- here**