

# Parent Bulletin

26th January 2026 Week A



**All years – All Weather Pitch Update:** I am delighted to let you know that our bid for a grant of Community Infrastructure Funding from Cotswold District Council has been successful. We have been awarded over £700,000! This, alongside all the fundraising and community support, means that we are in touching distance of the dream becoming a reality. We are so grateful for all the support received from CDC and the local sports clubs and wider community to enable us to reach this point so quickly in just a year from starting the project. More updates can be found on the project website [Home]here. We are looking to submit the planning application this month and hope to be able to commence building it later this year. We are still raising money for the spectator stand and equipment we will need, so all donations are welcome and there is a link on the website if you are able to support this. The Pitch will be a game-changer not only for our students, but also for Fairford Youth Football Club and Fairford Rugby Club, who are our partners in this project. There will also be community use, so if you have a team or group of club that is currently short of facilities, do get in touch with me: ewhite@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk.



**Information on DofE Expeditions:** All students who are due to go on the expeditions have been given a hard copy of all information needed. Please ask you child to give you this letter – if they need a replacement, they just need to come and ask me, I won't be annoyed if they need to! As always, if there are any questions, please send your child to me on and Wednesday lunchtime. Mr Jackson

Bronze expedition information: [here](#).

Silver expedition information: [here](#).

**All years – Mini Whiteboards and Pens:** Mini whiteboards are compulsory for all our students in Years 7–10. We use them in most lessons to check for understanding. Please can you check that your child has a mini whiteboard in good condition and a pen that works. If not they can purchase new ones at a low price from Student Finance at break or lunch. Please put money on your child's thumb to cover the cost of this. Any problems please let your child's tutor know.

**All years:** The Year 7–11 Careers Newsletter is: [here](#). Of note this week is a short 5 minute video which tells you everything you need to know about apprenticeships.

**All years – Survey to assist PhD research:** We have been asked by one of our parents to share details of a survey being completed as part of their PhD with The University of Wolverhampton, linked to phone/tablet use and impacts on wellbeing. If you can help, the link is at the bottom of this message – thank you.

Call for research participants: The Emotional Impact of Children’s Phubbing on Parents: A Gender-Based Comparative Study

Lead Researcher: Charlotte Woodward

MSc Programme: Psychology of Mental Health and Wellbeing

Study Information: This study examines how children’s phone/tablet use during family interactions (known as “phubbing”) affects parents’ emotional wellbeing. Findings from this study could inform future guidance or interventions designed to help parents manage digital distractions within families, improving communication and wellbeing.

What will participants need to do? Complete an anonymous QuestionPro survey that takes approximately 10–12 minutes.

Who can complete the study?

Participants must:

- be parents or caregivers aged 30–55
- have at least one child aged 6–18 (and the child has regular access to a phone/tablet)

Ethics approval: Approved

Follow this link to participate: [here](#).

**Year 7 Parents' Evening –** A reminder that this is on Thursday 5th February. Although appointments are in person, in school, we use an online booking system Edulink to enable make appointments to see up to 8 of your child's teachers. Please keep an eye out for an email from Edulink on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Jan giving details of how to create an account with them. The system will go live at 9am on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> for you to make your bookings.

**Year 7 – Tanya Landman Author Event:** If your child is eligible for free school meals or pupil premium, you should have received a letter with a link so that your child can pre-order their free book.

**Year 8 – HPV Vaccinations, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February:** The vaccination team at visiting the school on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Please see this HPV Vaccination Consent Form: [here](#).

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The link will close Thursday 5th February

## Safeguarding:

Online Safety Newsletter for November 2025 – [here](#).

Parental Controls Booklet 2025 – [here](#).

## Letters to parents: [here](#)

- Online Safety Newsletter – [here](#).
- Library newsletter 23.1.26 – [here](#).
- Free School Meal Voucher Scheme – [here](#).
- Bikeability Course – [here](#).
- Year 8 Bletchley Park Trip – [here](#).
- Year 10 Silverstone Interactive Museum Trip – [here](#).
- Year 11 Beyond 16 Flyer – [here](#).

