



Parent Bulletin

2nd May 2025 Week A

All years – Read to Learn: As a school we are constantly thinking about how we can improve our teaching to ensure your children get the best possible chances in life. One area we have focused on this year is teaching our students explicitly how to read in each subject discipline. Reading in Maths, for example, looks quite different from reading in English. Each week we will publish an account from a Head of Department to explain their subject specific approach to reading. Mrs Wells

We are starting this week with Maths and an account from our Head of Maths, Mrs Lines:

In Maths we have been focussing on how to approach 'wordy' questions. We are encouraging students to read the question carefully, identify the scenario and key information, and then think about what the question is asking them to do. Students are then being shown how to set their solution out in a logical manner, using sufficient words to explain their thought processes clearly, rather than just putting calculations and answers, and finally to make sure that they fully answer the question, including any units.



All years – Pitch In! We are making good progress with our all-weather pitch project. We are now seeking as many stakeholder views as possible to refine our plans and ensure we are listening to the community. Please take just 4 minutes to give us your views: [Pitch In Stakeholder Survey](#). Thank you!

All years – Bowmoor Sailing Club Members would like to invite pupils and families from Farmor's School to come and try sailing on Saturday 7th June 2025. Come down from 10am (all day drop in) and have a look around the club and try sailing. All you need is some old clothes and we will provide the rest. We look forward to seeing you.

All years: Our mobile phone policy states that students don't have to have a phone with them at school, but if they chose to bring one with them then it should be turned off and in their bag for the school day. If you need to contact your child urgently during the school day then please contact Student Services rather than message your child.

Years 7, 8 & 9: Finance run a school shop for students to purchase replacement pens, rubbers etc. Please check parentpay to ensure you have a small positive balance so that they can issue any replacement stationery straight away.

Years 7, 8 & 9 – Play Your Way to Wimbledon: This is your child's chance to compete on the world-famous grass courts at Wimbledon. You start by competing locally at an event taking place at a local club, park or school, with the winners progressing through to the County and/or Area Finals, and then onto the National Finals at Wimbledon. This competition is for recreational players who may be new to competing or play matches and tournaments at a local level. We are running our Competition on Monday 19th May (Boys) & Tuesday 20th (Girls). Competitions will take place after school and finish at 5.30 pm. To enter our school competition please ask your child to complete the form on Satchel One. All abilities are welcome to sign up, irrespective of experience but you will be randomly assigned into groups to play in the tournament.

Tournament Rules – FAST2 Tennis FAST2 Tennis provides a simple, exciting way of speeding up a conventional tennis match. The fundamentals of tennis remain the same, but there are three rules that ensure matches are fast, competitive, exciting and can be completed in a reasonable period of time. First to two games wins. It doesn't matter how you get there, just make sure you do before your opponent does! Tie-break at 1 games all At 2 games all a tie-break is played to 7 points, 2 clear at 6-6. No ad scoring. If the score reaches deuce, it's a sudden death point. The receiver chooses which side to take the serve on.

Year 9 – Immunisations: The GHC immunisation team will be attending school on **Tuesday 17th June 2025** to deliver the Year 9 DTP/MenACWY vaccination to all consented students. Following is a parent/guardian letter which includes information and the link to the consent form with a URN (this URN is unique to our school) to be completed electronically. If you do not consent please record so on the online form: [here](#).

Year 10 – Trip to Hinkley Point C – 26th June 2025:

I am excited to announce an incredible opportunity for 20 Year 10 students to visit Hinkley Point C. This trip will allow you to explore cutting-edge nuclear technology and see first-hand how science and engineering are addressing global challenges like climate change and sustainable energy production. This trip is highly recommended for students who intend to take Physics at A-Level, as it provides a unique insight into the practical applications of physics and engineering in the energy sector. The cost of this trip is £17 and is being organised by Mr Colonna. Places are limited, if more than 20 students apply, names will be randomly selected to ensure fairness. If you would like your child to be considered for a place, please complete the following form by the 8th of April: [here](#).

Year 10 – DofE: Over the first weekend of the Easter holidays, 35 members of Y10 completed their Silver Practice expedition, which took place around Broadway and Winchcombe. They covered roughly 55 kilometres over 3 days and demonstrated their skills in navigation and camp craft. Everyone was absolutely exhausted by the end and we saw some nice blisters but all left with enormous smiles. The assessors were (as always) incredibly complimentary about our students. Thanks again to the two pupils who changed groups at the last minute to accommodate one instance of illness; they have been awarded an "outstanding contribution" award as a result. Well done to you all!

Year 11 – Prom: The prom is on Parentpay. Please purchase a ticket by Friday 23rd May if you wish to attend. The yearbook is also on Parentpay. It is £14.75 and the deadline for ordering is Wednesday 7th May.

Year 11 – Leavers Hoodies: You have received an email with details for how to order Leavers' hoodies from [Prints and Threads](#). The deadline for these is midnight TONIGHT.



Year 11 – Exam Arrangements: We had an assembly this week to talk through everything the students need to know about the upcoming exams. There is a letter to parents on the school website. The students have been emailed a copy of the presentation from the assembly. Encourage them to direct any questions to tutors initially.

Safeguarding:

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

Vacancies:

We are recruiting for a variety of roles, including both support and teaching positions. These can be tailored to suit your circumstances, and we would love to hear from you if you are interested in any of the positions. Please email: recruitment@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk if you have any questions. For more information and application visit – [here](#).

Letters to parents: [here](#)

- Year 7- 11 Careers Newsletter – [here](#).
- Weekly Library Newsletter – [here](#).
- Year 7 Warwick Castle Trip – [here](#).
- Year 9 – Immunisations letter – [here](#).

