



**FALCONHURST
SCHOOL**

WHAT A WONDERFUL START TO THE YEAR

“We are so proud of the way our children have returned to school. They have settled incredibly well. Classrooms feel calm and purposeful, children are ready to learn, and there is a real sense of excitement about the year ahead.

There is already so much to celebrate: strong learning in English and Maths, new friendships, growing confidence, leadership opportunities, clubs and wider experiences. Most of all, we are celebrating the effort, effort and resilience our children are showing every day.

Thank you for trusting us to be a small part of your child's journey. You know your child better than anyone and you are the most important adult in their life. We are proud to work alongside you as they grow.

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A STRONG START TO LEARNING



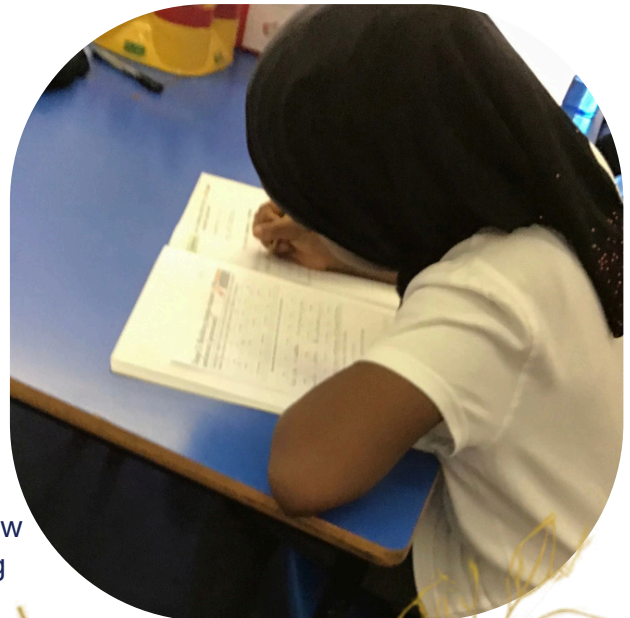
English: Across Years 1–6 children are developing fluent, joined handwriting and learning how sentences are built. They are exploring what makes a sentence a subject and a verb. These skills help children become confident writers who can express ideas clearly across the curriculum.



Maths: Children are completing their first topic, Place Value. They are learning the value of each digit and how to compare and order numbers. The focus is on understanding WHY a digit has a particular value, not simply remembering rules. New maths resources and manipulatives are helping children explore ideas practically and visually.



EYFS: Your youngest children are settling beautifully. They are learning routines and learning behaviours: sitting and listening, sharing, taking turns, joining activities and building positive relationships. Their confidence is growing as they get to know their classrooms, teachers and friends.





MORE CHANCES TO DISCOVER, JOIN IN, THRIVE AND ENJOY

School is so much more than what happens in the classroom. It's about the moments children remember, the people they meet and the experiences that shape who they become. These opportunities help develop confidence, character, aspirations, curiosity and wider life skills.

Already this year, pupils have enjoyed taking part in National Poetry day as well as being inspired by a visiting theatre company and their production of 'The Secret Garden.'



CLUBS

Children are already enjoying clubs, leadership roles and wider experiences. Autumn 2 opportunities may include Christmas Crafts, Year 5/6 Football League and Dance Club.

Sign-up information will be shared on Class Dojo before half term. Staff offer clubs voluntarily, and popular clubs can sometimes have more demand than places. Please be assured that if children are unable to attend a club, we will hold a waiting list.



PLAY LEADERS

Year 6 Play Leaders are supporting lunchtimes through organised play zones and activities, helping to create safe, inclusive and active play and positive friendships.

They are also developing confidence, responsibility and communication.



FLY HIGH

After half term we will launch the new Fly High Personal Development Pathway.



-  **Fly High Enrichment Challenges —**
Reception—Year 6
-  **Bronze Feather Award • Year 2**
-  **Silver Wings Award • Year 4**
-  **Gold Full Flight Award • Year 6**

Challenges link to Civic Engagement; Arts & Culture; Nature / Outdoors / Adventure; Sport & Physical Activity; Wider Life & Future Skills.

More information will be shared after half term.





HOME + SCHOOL

YOU ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ADULT IN YOUR CHILD'S LIFE.

School is proud to be a small part of each child's growth. Home and school working together matters, and the strongest support comes when we work as a team around the child.

READ

— read together regularly; books, comics, signs and recipes count; talk about new words and stories.

PLAY

— play number games; count things; use cards and dice; talk about money and time.

ATTEND

— encourage your child to come to school every day. Learning and spending time with friends gives them the best start in life.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUTUMN TERM

October

Wednesday 14 th	Parents Evening	3.30pm to 6.30pm
Wednesday 21 st	Parents Evening	3.30pm to 6pm
Friday 23 rd	Children finish for half term	3.10pm
Wednesday 21 st	Flu Vaccinations in school	In school time

November

Monday 2 nd	Children return for Autumn 2 term	8.40am
Tuesday 10 th	School Photographs	In school time

December

Wednesday 9 th	EYFS Christmas Celebration	2.30pm to 3pm
Tuesday 15 th	KS1 Christmas Concert	2pm to 2.45pm
Wednesday 16 th	KS1 Christmas Concert	9am to 9.45am
Thursday 17 th	Whole School Christmas singalong (weather permitting) Children finish for Christmas	2pm



YOUR INCREDIBLE CHILDREN

This term, we have had a number of visitors to Falconhurst. One of them shared something with us that felt too important not to pass on.

Before coming to Eaglestone and to our school, they admitted that they had been worried about the local area and what the children might be like.

By the time they left, they were very keen to apologise for that assumption.

“ They told us that being amongst the children in school had been ‘**an absolute privilege**’. They said our children were delightful and that, regardless of what may happen in the wider local area, the children in our school are incredible. ”

I completely agreed.

We see children helping one another, trying again when learning is difficult, growing in confidence and making us proud. It was powerful to hear someone from outside our school see that so clearly too.



“ OUR CHILDREN DESERVE TO BE KNOWN FOR WHO THEY ARE. EVERY DAY WE SEE KINDNESS, CURIOSITY AND DETERMINATION. ”

YOUR VIEWS

We received 29 replies to our recent survey, with children from Nursery to Year 6 represented. Based on the views shared, there is lots to celebrate:

- Nearly all of you who replied would recommend Falconhurst. You said your children are happy at school and they feel safe.
- Most agreed that pupils behave well, that keep you well informed and we deal with your concerns properly. Most of you also agreed that we put children's best interests first and that children get the help they need to learn well.
- For children with SEND, nearly all felt their children get the support they need. Most families also felt that if there had been concerns around bullying, school had dealt with it quickly and well.

Although nearly all families who responded say that their children feel safe inside school; not all would agree that this is true for outside of school. A family speaking up does not mean others are not worried too. School and the surrounding area **must feel safe for everyone**. We all have a part to play.

Thank you also to families who praised our caring staff and support for children; who reminded us of the importance of providing notice of events wherever possible and for the recognition of our fair handling of disagreements. Thank you for helping us see what is working well and what needs more attention.

Please do remember that you do not need to wait for a survey to be shared if you have any questions, concerns or something nice that you would like to share. Leaders are available to listen and talk in the mornings, so that we can help wherever and as quickly as possible.



The Falconhurst Team