

Year 3



13.11.2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Monday we gathered together, as a whole school, to share in thought and prayer for Ariane and her family. Thank you for showing your support to Year 3.

Next Friday we will share our key learning from the last two weeks.

The Year 3 Team

Mrs Prentice, Mrs Maliphant, Mrs Mead & Mrs Roussel

Please see below for more information.

Saturday 14th November (Afternoon) – Choir event – Farnham Christmas Light Switch On

Monday 16th November – Flu vaccinations

Monday 16th November – Anti Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day Children to wear odd socks to school

Friday 27th November – INSET Day (no school for children).

Monday 30th November – Xavier School Closure Day (no school for children).

Thursday 3rd December – Year 3 Mass 11am – All welcome

Monday 7th December – Christmas Art Day – children can wear Christmas jumpers on this day but please note they may get messy.

Monday 14th December – Games – Please come in Games kit

Wednesday 16th December – Games – Please come in Games kit (an extra Games slot this week!)

After the fantastic response to **The Giving Tree** last Christmas, we are really pleased to be supporting it again this year.

What is the Giving Tree?

The Giving Tree supports children living in refuge, some of whom may receive very little, or nothing at all, at Christmas.

Families who would like to take part can take a tag from the tree in the school office, purchase the gift listed and return it (unwrapped) to school. We then deliver these gifts to the charity to be distributed.

Each tag includes the name of a child and the gift they or their parents have said they would love to receive. The names are fictional to protect the children's identities, but the gift requests are real.

How to get involved:

Tags will be available from the tree by the office from Monday 23rd November.

Take a tag and purchase the gift listed.

Return the gift unwrapped to school and leave it under the tree.

Make sure all gifts are returned by Wednesday 9th December.

We take the gifts to the local collection point, where they will be checked, wrapped and sent to children living in refuge in time for Christmas.

Thank you for your incredible support last year. We hope to make The Giving Tree another wonderful success this Christmas!

Helpful Information

- PE – Nightingales – Tuesday. Children wear their PE kit to school.
- PE – Kingfishers – Wednesday. Children wear their PE kit to school.
- Games – Both classes – Thursday. Children wear games kit to school.
- Reminder: no pencil cases in school.
- Please name everything your child brings to school to ensure it can be returned to the correct person if it gets lost.
- **A Winter coat**

Homework:

- **Reading** – 15mins per day (see information below) Children to complete an AR quiz before changing their book.
  Find the link to AR here

- **Times Tables Rock Stars** – 3 mins per day

- **Maths** – Maths.co.uk

Spelling

From next week your child will bring home a spelling logbook each week containing words they have identified as tricky.
Please spend some time practising these words, alongside the statutory words (which will be provided on the weekly newsletter), at home.

Regular revision will support your child's spelling progress and help to build confidence with spelling. These words are intended for practice and consolidation and will not be formally tested.

Children will need to keep their logbooks home in their bags so they are in school daily as they will be needed regularly in spelling lessons.

Additional activities (in Spelling Extra Practice Zone) can be accessed through the RWI Spelling Portal: https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-pupils/pupil-home

Username: polysyear3

Password: y3polys

Maths parent videos

If you would like some support with how to support your child with Maths, there are some helpful videos on our school website. These show you the methods and written calculations we use in school. Please follow the link below.

Maths with Michael | Michael Underwood | White Rose Education

Reading in Key Stage 2

Handy Hints



- Make reading part of your daily routine.
- Short sessions – **15 minutes per day.**
- Continue to read out loud to an adult as well as independently.
- Try to read a range of books including fiction and non-fiction.
- Complete the Accelerated Reader quiz at home, ideally within 24-48 hours of finishing the book.

How can parents help?

Reading improves with practice.

Encourage your child to read at home, share your own books, discuss books, ask questions about the book they have read and visit the local library.

Check that your child is completing the reading quiz – this is part of their weekly homework.

Choir – Christmas Lights Switch On 2026 Saturday 14th November

Poly's Polyphonics will be performing at the Farnham Christmas Lights Switch On 2026 at Gostrey Meadows, meeting at 2.15pm. Please look out for the SCOPAY form and complete ASAP. Further details have been shared via email.

In the meantime, please encourage your child to rehearse using Muse Class Primary:

https://www.eemusicclass.co.uk/shared/g4Yhq2yLI3W4gFIL

Find the songs ('Pat A Pan', 'Hear the Sleigh Bells' and 'One More Sleep 'til Christmas'), click on 'view song' then scroll down to 'Available Learning Resources' and access the 'interactive content' by clicking on 'lyrics'. Feel free to explore other options also (e.g.: 'Audio' - 'Accompaniment – backing track only' once lyrics have been learnt).

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

Building on the Foundations for our Future

YOUTH AND YOUNG PEOPLE NATIVITY
JUNIORS PAINTING COMPETITION 2026/2027

NATIVITY SCENE WATERCOLOUR PAINTING COMPETITION

COMPETITION IS OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 4-11 YEARS OLD

THEME GUIDE:

- NATIVITY SCENE OF OUR LORD
- WRITE BIBLE CHAPTER AND VERSE THAT BEST RELATES TO YOUR PAINTING ON THE FRONT OR ON THE BACK
- A4 OR A3 WATERCOLOUR PAINTING
- YOU MUST INCLUDE: CHILD'S NAME, AGE, YEAR GROUP, NAME OF SCHOOL AND FULL ADDRESS OF SCHOOL.



INFO

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

MONDAY 30TH NOVEMBER (PLEASE GIVE YOUR ART WORK TO MRS ELDEN IN SWIFTS)

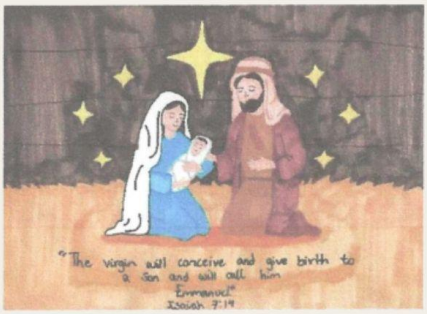
PRIZES

WINNER: £30
2ND PLACE: £20
3RD PLACE: £15
£100 TO THE WINNER'S SCHOOL

2025 KS1 WINNER



2025 KS2 WINNER



Design a carpet bed for Gostrey Meadow

Theme for 2027

To celebrate Farnham Town Council becoming a Butterfly Friendly Council, the theme is:

"Pollinators: Nature's Tiny Heroes"

Be inspired by the amazing insects and animals that help plants, flowers and trees thrive. Think of butterflies, bees, moths, hoverflies, beetles and other important pollinators, alongside the colourful flowers they depend on.

Let your imagination bloom and create a design that celebrates the beauty and importance of pollinators in our gardens, parks and green spaces.

How to Enter

- Create a square design for the carpet bed at Gostrey Meadow.
- Keep it simple - bold designs work better than very detailed ones.
- Email your entry to bloom@farnham.gov.uk or post it to the Farnham Town Council offices.
- Include your name, school, and year group.
- Deadline: Friday 15th January 2026.

What Happens Next?

- The winning design will be chosen by a panel of judges.
- It will be brought to life by a specialist planting team and Farnham Town Council's Outside Workforce in June 2027.
- The winner will be invited for a photo with the Mayor of Farnham by the display, and a press release will be shared with local media such as the Farnham Herald and Vantage Point magazine.



The 2026 winning carpet bed design featuring Winnie the Pooh alongside the original artwork