

Parent information

Our School Vision is

To create happy, healthy, safe, independent young adults who are social communicators

Underpinned by

L.E.A.R.N

Life skills, Enjoyment, Achievement, Respect, New experiences

Details	
	**Headteacher update** "The best way to predict your future is to create it." - Abraham Lincoln It brings me great pleasure to welcome all our new pupils and their families to Foxfield School. We have had a fantastic start to the year with an array of experiences and events. I am pleased to have all pupils and staff on one site. The interactions between the pupils is invaluable and deeply missed while over two sites. It has been lovely to see so many parents attending the pathway coffee mornings, support groups and training sessions over the last few weeks. Thank you to all those parents who have completed the Parent Survey. Your opinion is valued and this is the main method used to gather feedback. Parental engagement on Evidence for Learning is growing. Please help to celebrate and share your child's achievements outside of school by uploading any photos of their experiences over half term, particularly if they are transferring skills in relation to their PLGs. On 15th November we were joined by a wealth of people who have impacted on the project of the 'Magical Garden' and the 'Forget-Me-Not Garden' for a grand opening. A boring field has now been transformed into an outdoor space that provides enriching learning experiences for our pupils.




Before

After



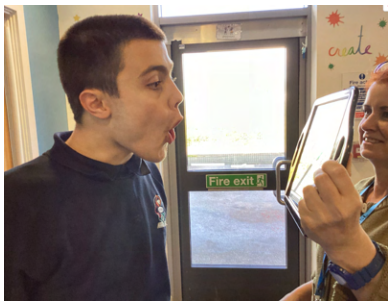






A passion of mine has always been Playschemes and Holiday Clubs for pupils with SLD. I am pleased to confirm Foxfield are working collaboratively with ‘JTA - SEN Holiday Club’. The founder is a member of staff at Foxfield and all their employees

	are currently Foxfield staff. This means that the knowledge and expertise is to Foxfield School standard and the holiday club is held in a familiar environment for our pupils. I am so happy that this is supporting so many of our Foxfield families over the October half term.
	Preformal We welcome all our pupils back and welcome our new pupils to Foxfield and to preformal. It has been a very busy start to the year. Thank you to those that managed to attend our parent coffee morning. A big thank you to Sarah Newbould for baking some fantastic cakes for the coffee morning. Some key events this year. We will be offering skiing again to those that wish to go. This was a huge success last year. Once again our festival of fun will happen and we will again invite parents to those events. As the year gets going our pupils' individual approaches have been developed and are now just getting into full swing. As always it is essential that parents get involved with all these aspects, we can't do it without you. Please liaise with your teacher for things you can do at home with your child. We look forward to the journey this year and where we might end up. Steve
	Informal It's been an exceptionally busy term and Informal have already had some fantastic 'wow' moments. We welcomed a number of new pupils into the pathway and they have all settled in brilliantly. Many pupils have already made some incredible progress, such as accessing swimming for the first time, interacting with new peers, accessing more and more of the community their classes and engaging with different peers during Friday's citizenship sessions. Pupils have also been accessing a wide range of activities to help them develop their independence, communication and self-care skills. Many classes have continued to access the Post-16 Carrbridge Centre Cafe this half term and all pupils who have managed to make it there have been brilliant. This provides a safe and meaningful learning environment where our pupils can continue to develop essential life skills such as communication, interaction, patience and resilience. Pupils have been ordering their own snacks and interacting with each other in a new and sometimes busy environment. Thank you to everyone that managed to attend our Stay and Play Coffee Morning. We really appreciate you taking the time to come into school and engage in these fun activities with the pupils and staff. Please continue to access Evidence for Learning to see all the fantastic progress your child is making and if you need support accessing the app, please let us know. Have a wonderful half term! Dan








Semi formal

What a return to school we have had! Semi Formal have been having so many fun moments this half term already. In keeping with our practical and hands-on approach to learning we have had lots of movement, fun and shared engagement within our classrooms. These sessions have all been designed by class teachers who plan with pupil interests in mind, and to support them to make the most progress towards their personalised targets. Activities such as squiggle and wiggle, story mapping, sensory stories for reading and staff promoting independence across the whole school day is what makes Semi Formal the most fun for our pupils. It has been fun and packed full of experiences with many more to come!










A huge thank you from those of you who joined us for our Coffee Morning. We hope you had as much fun as we had playing and getting to know your child's class. And a huge thanks to those parents that let pupils come in their Halloween costumes so we could practice trick or treating, and share the moment with our friends.

Next half term we will continue to focus on our small WINs, these are the highlight of the week for staff, and you all enjoy hearing (and seeing on Evidence for Learning) the progress your child has been making.
Have a great half term break.

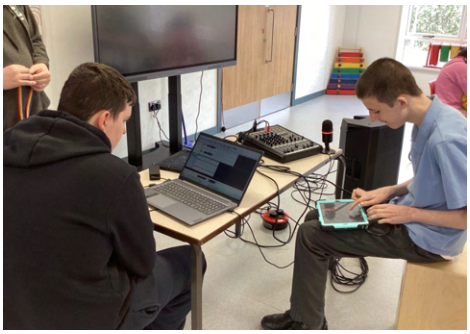
Tara

Formal

What a first half term it has been for the Formal pathway! It has been a very busy but exciting time for us with some of our classes settling into the new building, some pupils returning to Woodchurch from the CLC or joining from primary school, and some joining the pathway from Semi-Formal. Staff and pupils have spent the half term settling in together, building relationships and already making some wonderful progress across the curriculum as well as having lots of fun!

I am proud to say that each pupil in the Formal pathway has received a 'mini CV' certificate this half term as part of Careers & Citizenship, with staff delivering exciting work experience sessions for animal care, hair and beauty, music production, creative enterprise, graphic design and health & safety. These groups will run and

change every half term with your child advocating for the session they would like to be a part of as they continue to build their independence and resilience within new experiences.





Enjoy some snapshots of (L-R) Me and My Community, Careers & Citizenship, My Creativity, Phonics & Reading, ILS and Life Skills Maths. Busy bees having fun and learning at the same time!

It was great to welcome some of you to our coffee afternoon! Thank you for coming in to raise some money with us and to see the new building. I look forward to seeing what the next half term has in store for the pathway!

Molly

Post 16

How lovely it is to have us all back on one site! Welcome to Marlene and her T4 crew! It is really lovely to see the developing relationships between new and existing pupils in Post 16. From football matches, to singing, enjoying playing together and working hard, we are well in the swing of things now ❤️

On Wednesday (21st) we had our wonderful whole department breakfast at Arrowe Park Behaviour was impeccable as always! Special mention to Tilly in T1 who accessed breakfast along with her peers. She thoroughly enjoyed her breakfast, especially her two eggs!

A busy term with lots of wins and some real breakthroughs socially and emotionally for pupils. When we come back after half term Christmas plans will start!

Have a lovely half term
Emma



Family Support Updates

Wow, what a busy and wonderful half-term seeing you all ❤️

Don't forget that we support families on a one to one basis, at our get-togethers and workshops, or at meetings and events. Please watch out for us on DOJO and our Facebook page. Our door is always open for a chat.

We have been lucky to have been a part of the Forget Me Not Garden opening. It was so lovely to see some of the families that we have supported over the years. What a beautiful and important space to help our pupils, staff and families to remember our lost loved ones 💚

We celebrated the 1 Year anniversary of PACT (Parent & Carer Support). An evening support group for parents or carers of children, young people and adults with SEN. Running the second Wednesday of every month 7:30 to 9pm at Pensby Community Library. Details are sent via our socials and DOJO.

Some parents and carers are currently participating in a Parent Art Course which is run by Wirral Lifelong Learning and will lead to a qualification. If you are interested in the next group, please let us know.

Positivitree has offered another course, which focuses on the wellbeing and care for yourselves as parents and carers. The feedback has been incredibly positive and we hope to run another group soon. Don't forget Positivitree can offer you all support if you don't like coming to groups. Just search "thepositivitree.com" or call 0151 458 8033.

It has been lovely to see so many of you at the Pathways Coffee Mornings and Stay and Play sessions. We know not all of our pupils can tolerate seeing their families in school so we are happy to welcome you at our wellbeing hub at any time.

We continue to work closely with other agencies. The Learning Disability Children and Young People's Mental Health Service (LD CYPMHS) have held their Riding the Rapids Course here and also been able to use Foxfield as a base for important reviews. And next term we are supporting the Community Paediatricians to hold review clinics here which will alleviate the stress of attending St Caths and also help to reduce the waiting list. We also work closely with the Children with Disabilities Team to help families with the support they need. And look out for our new barber starting Wednesday after half-term.

We hope that the weather improves for Half-Term and we will see you all in October 🧡

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Prep for Adulthood & Careers

Pupils across school have been sampling different types of Careers at their level of learning this term. This is done through play and more formal ways of learning. Post 16 has been working on a new enterprise and will be opening an Enterprise Shop in the near future. Big shout out to Zoe and her focus shop crew for packing and delivering resources to those classes that need it ❤️

Remember to develop those all important Preparation for Adulthood skills at home and in the community during the half term, whatever you are doing.

Emma



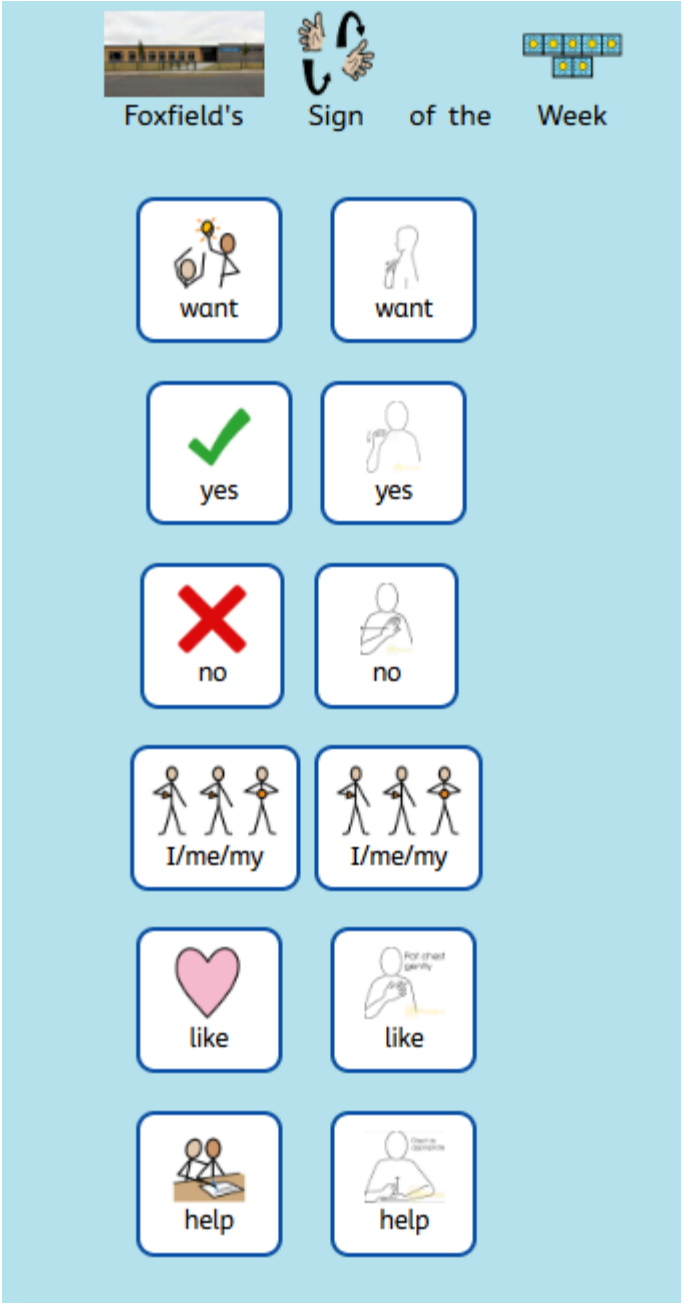
Sporting updates

Our pupils have done an incredible job in PE this half term! We welcomed back our Formal and Semi-Formal learners with a focus on gymnastics, and they have been working hard to achieve their proficiency awards. Meanwhile, our Pre-Formal and Informal learners settled back into their PE routines beautifully, enjoying movement circuits and inclusive games. Many pupils have also thoroughly enjoyed their rebound therapy sessions.

In swimming, the main focus has been building confidence and having fun in the pool! Alongside the fun, we have been working through our swim awards—lots of pupils have already moved up a grade, and plenty of certificates. A huge well done to all our amazing learners! Have a wonderful half-term break.



Communication
Signs of the week covered during this half term;



Thrive

A huge thank you to everyone who sent bulbs in for Mental Health Day. We had a ball in school and the activities that staff led or set up across school allowed us to express ourselves and learn more about how our brain works and what helps to support our mental health. A huge thank you to all of you who donated this all goes to support Young Minds, supporting young people's mental health.













Sensory Integration

Bonfire Night Family Sensory Activities

Bonfire Night (November 5th) often brings sudden loud noises and unpredictable outdoor crowds. These activities capture the warmth, movement, and visuals in a controlled home environment.

1. Family Indoor "Blanket Fort" Cozy Den

- **Family Setup:** Build a large family blanket fort using heavy duvets, sofa cushions, and fairy lights. Stock it snacks,blankets, toys and books to retreat to when outdoor fireworks begin.
- **Sensory Benefit:** Provides a safe, sound-muffled space that prevents sensory overload from loud bangs outside.



2. Sparkler Ribbons

- **Family Setup:** Replace real fireworks or sparklers with handheld ribbon wands or LED fibre-optic sticks.



3. Warm Spice Scented Dough & "Cozy Drinks" Bar

- **Family Setup:** Set up a warm drink bar with hot chocolate topped with

	marshmallows. Alongside it, build mini "bonfires" using homemade playdough scented with cinnamon or nutmeg and twigs or cut out shapes using biscuits cutters. There are tons of recipes online. 
	Reflex Integration As we returned to school and welcomed our new pupils our assessors have worked hard to observe and assess those who have joined us in September. Reflex takes part every day within each class during our regulation time and it is built into our routines that everyone has worked hard to establish. Take a look at the following activities to try at home. These activities help a range of reflexes integrate and you can have some fun at the same time.

Hand Push

Stand facing each other with hands touching. Push hands and arms back and forth. Vary the speed and strength.

Reflexes: Hand reflexes, STNR, ATNR

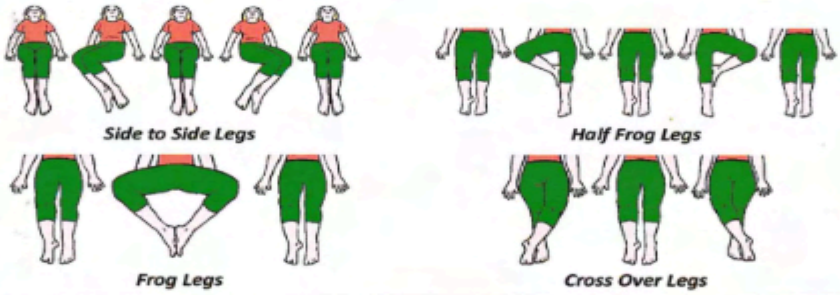


Pre-Birth Movements – Legs

Child lies on her back and completes one or more of these leg movements. These movements, whilst looking simple, can have a powerful effect on children with an active FPR.

Do the movements only once in the beginning and add movements. Less is more. You can do these movements passively. It is also important to find rhythm, exactness and coordination. Limit to doing 3 repetitions only, especially in the beginning.

Reflex: Fear Paralysis



Side to Side Legs ***Half Frog Legs***

Frog Legs ***Cross Over Legs***

Rolling Over in Pairs

Children lie on the floor, clasp hands and roll over and over.

Reflexes: ATNR, Spinal Galant





Row, Row, Row Your Boat

Children sit opposite each other and hold hands, feet touching. They move back and forth like they are rowing a boat.

Reflexes: TLR, ATNR, STNR, Moro, Landau

Forest School/Outdoor Learning

During the start of this term we have been exploring the new forest school area and focusing on developing the area . We have looked at multiplying our flowers in the forget me knot garden by planting seeds and taking cuttings. The post 16 classes have been looking at the jobs of a gardener and builder. We have been creating new paths and weeding the area using various tools . The formal pathway has mixed exploring our interests in the outdoors with learning geography . As we move into autumn we will be exploring crafts we can make using nature and learning fire safety ready for winter when we hope to have campfires to keep warm whilst outside .

Why not get outside over the Autumn Half Term break and enjoy some time in nature. You could take part in a scavenger hunt or visit Wirral Country Park to explore the Autumn Trail.







Creativity & Performing Arts

The first term in our new performing arts room!

Having a dedicated creative space this term has greatly enhanced our practical sessions and the students love coming to lessons here.





Pupils thoroughly enjoyed taking part in interactive call-and-response drumming workshops to celebrate Black History Month, fostering both rhythmic awareness and teamwork. Our extracurricular lunchtime clubs have also seen fantastic engagement including students in Post-16 who have been refining their instrumental skills in Recorder Club.

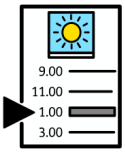
Also have a look at some of the wonderful art produced by our students exploring different landscapes and animals around the world:







Finally Benjamin has secured another grant for £1000 which will be used to purchase more instruments and performing arts equipment. We're looking forward to preparing for the Christmas performance next term now and hope to see lots of you there.

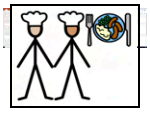


KEY DATES & INFORMATION

AUTUMN 2

8th Nov	**Diwali - Lydia G.**
11th Nov	**Remembrance Day - Lydia G.**
15th - 19th Nov	**Anti-Bullying Week - Lauren G.**
15th Nov	**Odd Socks Day - Celebrating our Differences Day - Lauren**
19th Nov	**Children in Need - Lauren G.**
23rd-29th	**UK Parliament Week - Lydia G.**

	27th Nov **Gulliver's World - Jane B.** **3rd Dec** **Elf Day - TBC** **9th Dec** **Christmas Jumper Day - TBC** **14th Dec** **The Nativity (Dress Rehearsal)** **15th Dec** **The Nativity (Performance)**
	Foxfield School would like to send our thoughts and well wishes to our pupils and staff who are unwell or going through challenging times and wish them a speedy recovery.
	Please remember that we have some medically vulnerable pupils at Foxfield so if your child is ill please ensure that they are kept off school until they are able to access education. If they have sickness and/or diarrhea they need to remain off school for 48 hours following their last bout.
	**<u>Admin Updates</u>** Reporting a child's absence - Please contact the main office before 9:15am to report your child's absence. Please include the child's full name, class, reason for absence and expected return to school. ✉ : schooloffice@foxfieldschool.co.uk 📞 : 0151 641 8810 Option1 - Report a pupil absence Option 2 - School Nurse Option 3 - Kitchen Option 4 - Business Manager Option 6 - Woodchurch site School Office



School Kitchen

Week 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hero Dish Chicken burger	**Hero Dish** Beef lasagne	**Hero Dish** Chilli con carne	**Hero Dish** Chicken korma	**Hero Dish** Battered fish or battered sausage
Sides Sweetcorn Spiced potato wedges	**Sides** Homemade garlic bread Carrots	**Sides** Steamed rice Green beans	**Sides** Rice Naan bread Roast cauliflower	**Sides** Chips Mushy peas, garden peas or baked beans. Gravy or curry sauce
Dry meal option Sausages & chips	**Dry meal option** Chicken goujons & chips	**Dry meal option** Fish goujons & chips	**Dry meal option** Sausage roll & chips	**Dry meal option** Meatballs & chips
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Something Sweet Apple crumble Jelly Crispy cake Fresh fruit	**Something Sweet** Jam & coconut sponge with custard Jelly Crispy cake Fresh fruit	**Something Sweet** Chocolate crunch Jelly Fresh pineapple Fresh fruit	**Something Sweet** Carrot cake Jelly Crispy cake Fresh fruit	**Something Sweet** Double chocolate cookie Orange jelly Crispy cake Fresh fruit

Week 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hero Dish Ham Mac & cheese	**Hero Dish** Beef burger	**Hero Dish** Roast pork	**Hero Dish** BBQ Hunters Chicken	**Hero Dish** Battered fish or battered sausage
Sides Homemade garlic bread Steamed broccoli	**Sides** Potato wedges Sweetcorn	**Sides** Roast potatoes & cauliflower cheese Cabbage & carrots Gravy & Yorkshire puddings	**Sides** Sweetcorn Steamed rice	**Sides** Chips Mushy peas, garden peas or baked beans. Gravy or curry sauce
Dry meal option Sausages & chips	**Dry meal option** Chicken goujons & chips	**Dry meal option** Fish goujons & chips	**Dry meal option** Sausage roll & chips	**Dry meal option** Meatballs & chips
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Something Sweet Flapjack Jelly Fresh fruit	**Something Sweet** Chocolate sponge Jelly Sliced melon	**Something Sweet** Sticky toffee pudding Fresh pineapple	**Something Sweet** Ginger cookies Jelly Fresh fruit	**Something Sweet** Lemon drizzle cake Orange jelly

Week 3

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hero Dish Sweet & sour chicken with egg fried rice	**Hero Dish** Pepperoni pizza	**Hero Dish** Pasta bolognaise	**Hero Dish** Sausage & Mash	**Hero Dish** Battered fish or battered sausage
Sides Soy & garlic broccoli Vegetable spring rolls	**Sides** Homemade garlic bread Spiced potato wedges	**Sides** Garlic bread Steamed carrots	**Sides** Rice Cajun spiced roasted cauliflower	**Sides** Chips Mushy peas, garden peas or baked beans. Gravy or curry sauce
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Something Sweet Apple & berry pie with custard Jelly Crispy cake Fresh fruit	**Something Sweet** Citrus cake Jelly Crispy cake Fresh fruit	**Something Sweet** Raspberry buns Jelly Crispy cake Fresh fruit	**Something Sweet** School cake Jelly Crispy cake Fresh fruit	**Something Sweet** Cranberry & white chocolate cookie Orange Jelly Crispy cake Fresh fruit

Building update

I am pleased to report that the building work that was scheduled for completion on 4th September was achieved which resulted in 4 permanent classrooms, a new library and a wonderful shared space that we are using for creativity and performing arts.





Building work continues at the front of the school to construct two specialist classrooms and is due to be completed in February 2027.

Over October half term, Mo, our local artist is returning to extend our beautiful mural in reception. Two portacabins, (4 temporary classrooms) are being removed and we plan to develop this area as a horticulture provision.



Staff News

We Welcome…
Emily Thomas - Teacher
Keeley Porter - TA3
Hannah Scott - TA3
Rebekah Young - TA3
Emma Mitchell - TA1
Zara Murphy - TA1
Clare Gorey - TA1
Miriana Cutello - TA1
Nun Hnen - TA1
Eman Gill - TA1
Daniel Saunders - Maintenance Officer
Phoebe Brown - Cleaner

We Say Goodbye to…
Sarah Hughes
Thank you for your support and dedication to Foxfield. We wish you every success in your next venture.

Congratulations to…

Sophie Woolrich & **James Hammond-Langley** on their recent graduations!

Funding/Grants

Foxfield School is part of the @coopuk Local Community Fund. Download the Co-op App, become a member and choose our cause, so we can receive a share of £3.5m. https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/105082

To set up a Coop membership please follow the link below
https://www.coop.co.uk/membership

Once you have a membership you can choose Foxfield School on the Co-op App, under the wallet section.
https://www.coop.co.uk/coop-app

We have received over £1000 in donations from the local community to continue to develop our Magical Forest and Forget-Me-Not Garden. Including a large donation from Rogan's Wirral Waste & Recycling.

As always, thank you for your support



PTA

The PTA held a car boot sale on 18th October raising £330 towards a wheelchair park that is designed for our pupils. We have a long way to go but we will get there. We are organising a Christmas event to raise more funds. Please attend to support the school. If you would like to support PTA events or join the PTA please contact the school office.





Staff and Governors would like to wish all our families a lovely half term break.