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Fordbank Primary and Flexible Learning Resource Newsletter

Christmas Edition 2025-26

Dear Parents, Carers, and Fordbank wider families,

As we approach Christmas, I want to take a moment to reflect on the fabulous achievements and hard work of our pupils, staff, and wider school community. It has been wonderful to see our students grow in confidence, embrace new challenges, and support one another in their learning journeys.

Christmas is a time for kindness, gratitude, and togetherness. I am proud of the way our school embodies these values every day. Thank you for your continued support—it truly makes a difference.

On behalf of all the staff at Fordbank, I wish you a peaceful Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in January for another exciting term.

Best wishes

Cara Wadsworth

Head Teacher

**Renfrewshire Food Giveaway
Christmas Eve Food Parcels**



**Please Help Local Families In
Need At Christmas.**

Together we can help spread joy and alleviate hunger, reinforcing the true meaning of Christmas as a time of generosity and kindness.

This Christmas Eve will mark the fifth year we've delivered food parcels to struggling families across Renfrewshire. Each year, we support around 200 families. Recipients are nominated by schools, community groups, and direct requests – and on Christmas Eve, our volunteers hand-deliver each parcel, making the day a little brighter for families who need it most.

Please consider donating non-perishable goods to help us fill these parcels with love and care or if you'd like to donate for us to buy food please go to our Justgiving page using above QR

To volunteer or donate food please contact us via Renfrewshire Food Giveaway on Facebook call/text Paul on 07800 543728
This project is Organised by Streetcare volunteers a Registered Charity SC052348 and the John McKean Martial Arts academy, 2 MacDowall Street, Paisley PA3 2N

Renfrewshire Food Giveaway

We are collecting non-perishable goods at Fordbank to make up Christmas Eve Food Parcels. If you would like to donate, please hand any items into the school. Thank you for your support.

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Important Dates

Sparkle Day - Friday 28th Dec

St. Andrew's Day Holiday - (school closed) 1st Dec

Flu Vaccinations - 2nd Dec

Family Fun (2) - 3rd Dec, 5.30-6.30

Natter and Chatter - 3rd Dec

Bring and Buy Sale - 5th Dec

Christmas Market - Sat 6th Dec

P7 Bikeability - 7th and 15th Dec

Readathon with parents and carers - 10th Dec

Christmas lunch & Christmas jumper day - 10th Dec

FLR Open Day - 11th Dec

Care Home singing - 11th Dec

Behaviour Conversation Cards - 12th Dec

Christmas Parties 16th P3-7 (P7,P6, P5/6 - AM), (P5,P4,P3/4,P3 - PM)

Nativity - 17th Dec - 10am

P1,P1/2 AND P2 - 17th Party 1.00pm

Christmas movie afternoon - in classes - 17th Dec

Christmas Service - 18th Dec 10.00am

Last Day - School Closes at 2.30pm - 19th Dec

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We are a Nut Free School.

If your child has an allergy, a meeting must take place between the parent/carer, class teacher and member of Senior Leadership Team.

If your child develops an allergy through the school year then please let the school know as soon as possible so we can update your child's records and arrange a meeting.

As a health promoting school, we encourage children to have healthy snacks. Please avoid giving your child sugary snacks to eat at school.

All children are encouraged to drink water throughout the school day and should bring a named water bottle. Please note juice is not allowed in water bottles.



Penny Mile

Thank you to everyone's contributions so far. We need your 1p coins! The Charities Committee are collecting 1p coins to make a Penny Mile for St. Vincent's Hospice. Please ask family and friends to help us by collecting as many 1p's as possible.

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P.E Kit

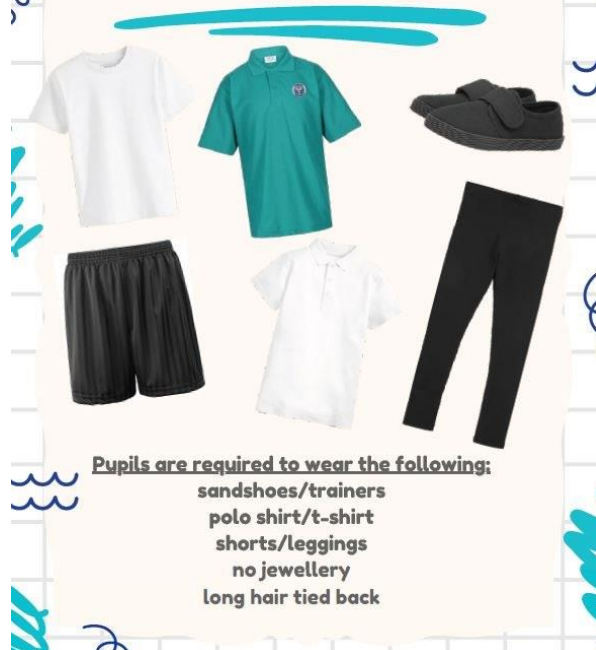
It is preferable to have a change of clothes (shorts, t-shirt and footwear) in order to access their gym session fully and safely. Due to the weather, outdoor shoes are also not always the most appropriate for the equipment that is being used. If you are struggling for P.E kit could you please get in touch with a member of the management team.

Please ensure that earrings are removed or taped up for P.E. and no acrylic nails for health and safety reasons.

PE Kit Expectations



We do ask for your help in providing a suitable kit for PE which allows for easy, safe movement.

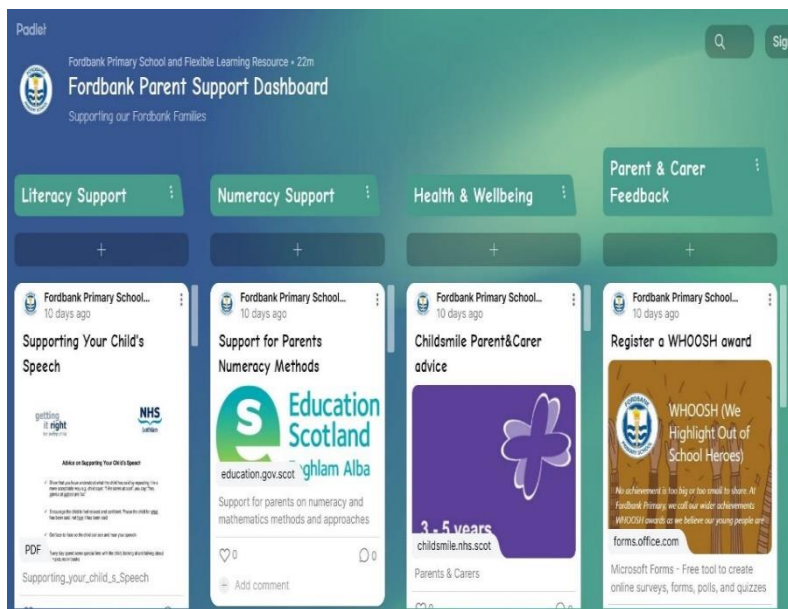


Parent Dashboard

Please find the link below to our Parental Support Dashboard. This can be used by families to access different supports. Supports on offer to families include; Literacy, Numeracy & Mathematics, Health & Wellbeing and Digital. We have also added additional links which families may find helpful.

Please click below to access the dashboard.

Fordbank Parent Padlet



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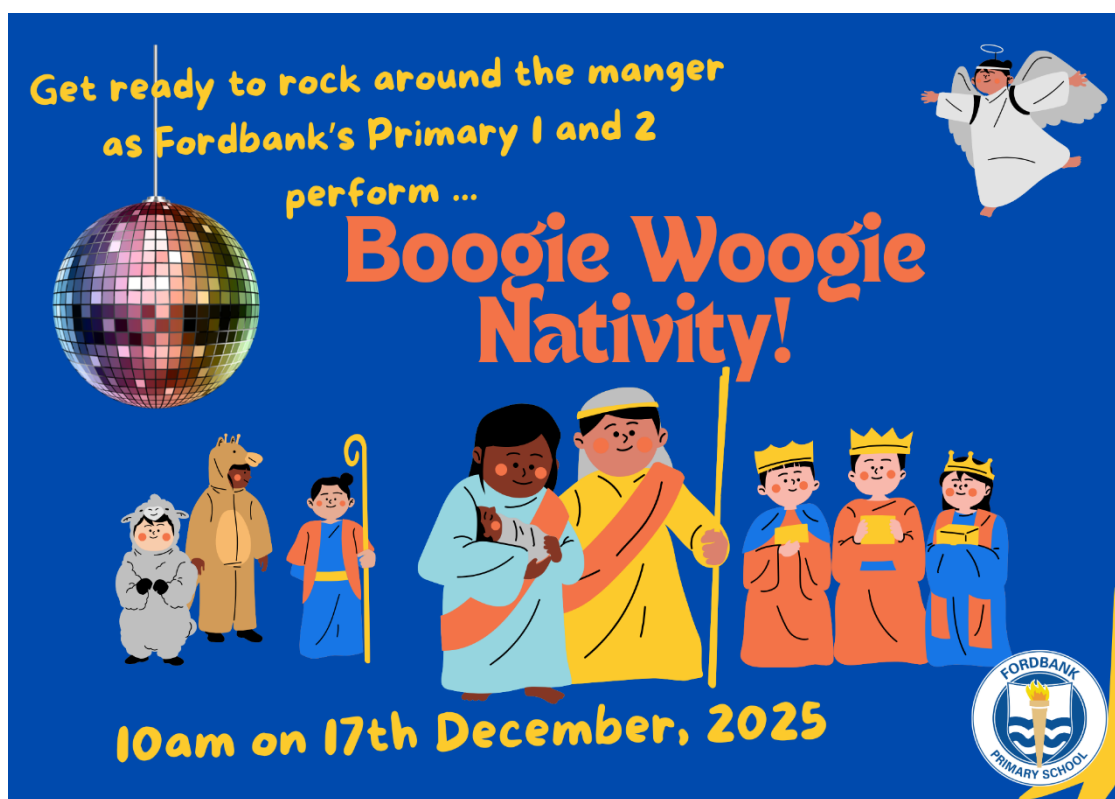
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Get ready to rock around the manger
as Fordbank's Primary 1 and 2
perform ...

Boogie Woogie Nativity!

10am on 17th December, 2025



Natter & Chatter

Fordbank Primary School

Come and have coffee/tea and a biscuit with a wee bit of entertainment from our pupils!

10.45am – 12.15pm
every Wednesday:

- 3rd Dec
- 7th Jan
- 4th Feb
- 4th Mar
- 1st Apr
- 6th May
- 3rd Jun



Natter and Chatter

Our Natter and Chatter is a chance to get together with members of our wider community in school.

Please feel free to bring any neighbours, friends or family who would appreciate a cup of tea, cake and a chat.

There will be entertainment at some of the events and in December Primary 1 are going to sing some songs.

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**Sparkle Day
Friday 28th
November**



**Wear your sparkliest outfits
or Christmas jumpers to kick
start Christmas at Fordbank.**

**A donation for the bottle
stall/tombola/kids tombola
for Christmas Fayre would be
much appreciated.**

All staff and pupils at Fordbank Primary and FLR would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We wish you all the very best for 2026!

Merry
Christmas



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