



FIR BANK PRIMARY

'Where everyone matters'

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Welcome Back **Autumn Term 2026**

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back. I hope you have had a good summer and are looking forward to the year ahead. It is always wonderful to welcome back our existing families and also to say hello to our new children and their parents/carers. We hope you love Fir Bank as much as we do.

Reading Books

All children in Blue, Yellow, Red, Orange, White and Purple Class will receive a reading book and library book this week. Reading is an essential part of a child's learning journey and it is also an opportunity when we can slow down and spend precious time with our children during an otherwise hectic day.

Rainbow and Green Class children will receive a reading for pleasure book in the coming weeks.

School uniform

Book Bags, P/E Bags, Water Bottles & Ties for Year 6 children will be available to purchase from school, through your Parent Pay account. Please ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name. Pierced earrings must be removed.

School Bags

Children only need to bring their PE kit in a pump bag at the start of the new term which can be left on their peg. Reading book bags can be purchased from the school office for reading books and home learning. We have very limited cloakroom space in school and large oversized school bags (rucksacks) cause a health and safety risk, therefore, cannot be accommodated in school and will be sent home.

For more information about Fir Bank's uniform policy please visit the school website

<https://www.firbankprimary.co.uk/>

Enrichment activities

We are committed to providing children with a rich, exciting and memorable education that extends far beyond the classroom. We believe that first-hand experiences, educational visits and enrichment activities play a vital role in bringing learning to life, helping children develop confidence, resilience and a lifelong love of learning.

To help us continue providing these valuable opportunities, we are asking families to make a voluntary annual contribution of £35 per child towards our enrichment fund.

Over the past two years, this funding has helped us provide a wide range of experiences, including visits to Eureka!, Smithills Farm, Knowsley Safari Park, the Science and Industry





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Museum, and Castleshaw Adventure Centre and many more. Children have also enjoyed a whole-school live animal show, exciting science shows, visits from professional theatre groups, and our much-loved annual whole-school pantomime.

These experiences create lasting memories, broaden children's horizons and provide hands-on learning opportunities that simply cannot be replicated in the classroom alone. They help children make meaningful connections with their learning, develop important life skills and, most importantly, create memories that they will carry with them long after they leave Fir Bank. Your donation will directly support your child and their classmates to enjoy these special experiences during their time with us.

We are incredibly grateful to Friends of Fir Bank, who work tirelessly throughout the year to raise money and make a significant contribution to this fund. However, to maintain and further enhance the range of opportunities we can offer, we also rely on the generous support of our families. Without this donation, these events cannot take place.

The donation of £35 can be paid in full or by instalments through ParentPay.

Parental consent is also needed to take the children out of school, please complete the form: [Parental Consent For Trips, Visits and Swimming \(Yr3 only\) 2026/2027 – Fill in form](#)

Music provided by Oldham Music Centre

Once again, this year we will be continuing to offer woodwind and guitar lessons in school. Orange Class children will learn to play the clarinet, and we have over 30 children taking part in private guitar and woodwind lessons. Instruments are the property of the Music Centre in Oldham, therefore, if your child is not continuing with music tuition this year please return them to the Music Centre as soon as possible.

Medical Information

If there has been a change in your child's medical needs, please contact the school office as soon as possible so we can update their records. It is essential that children who have been diagnosed with asthma have their inhaler in school (please check the expiry date). These can be brought to the school office and kept in school for this academic year. Please label your child's asthma spray with their full name and class colour.

Parent Information

Our office team use the My Ed app as our main source of communication.

If any of your contact details have changed recently, please contact the school office as soon as possible to ensure you are kept up to date with all their communication.





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Teacher Communication

From time to time, teachers will use Class Dojo/Purple Mash to inform parent/carers about activities that are taking place in school or in the classroom. If you wish to contact a teacher direct, please do so through the school office on info@firbank.oldham.sch.uk and not via Class Dojo.

School meals

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are provided with a free school meal. If you wish to purchase a school meal for your child, these are charged at £3 per day and payable on Parent Pay. Please contact the school office to confirm which days you would like your child to have a school meal.

If you are bringing a packed lunch, please note that we are a nut free school. All grapes and olives must also be cut lengthways, as these present a choking hazard.

Website Information

The class pages and curriculum page on the school website contains useful information about what your child will be learning this term and the arrangements for PE, homework and reading books.

Celebration Assembly

A reminder that parent/carers are invited to attend celebration Assembly at 9.00am on Fridays. Our first Celebration Assembly will take place on Friday 11th September for children in years 1-6. Nursery and Reception children will attend Celebration Assembly later in the term. We hope to see you then.

Finally, I would also like to make parents/carers aware that I have recently broken my leg and as a result will be spending very limited time in school over the coming weeks. I am following medical advice and hope to be back to my normal routine as soon as possible. In the meantime, if you have any questions, concerns or need assistance, please contact the school office, who will be happy to direct you to the most appropriate member of staff or arrange for information to be passed on to me where necessary.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Kind regards,
Rachael McLaughlin
(Headteacher)

