



Forest Way School Newsletter



Autumn 2025

A Word From Gail

I would like to extend a big welcome back to all of our families and carers. Our first Parent/Carer's Evening is Wednesday 17th September which will give you all the opportunity to come and meet your son/daughter's staff team. A reminder that the first Friends of Forest Way meet is 24th September, everyone is welcome. If you are new to Forest Way this is a great way to meet other parents.

See you soon and please get in touch if you want to discuss anything.

Gail

Mark Wilson – Head of School Primary

It has been wonderful to welcome our pupils back and see them settle so positively into their new classes. The first few weeks have been full of smiles, laughter and curiosity as the children get to know their teachers, make new friends and settle into new routines. From exploring classrooms to sharing stories and enjoying creative activities, it's been great to see them so engaged and enthusiastic.



I wanted to extend a big thank you for your patience and support with the car park – your support helps make drop-off and pick-up as safe and smooth as possible.

The children have also been loving the new playground equipment, especially the spinning cups installed over the summer holidays. Playtimes have been buzzing with excitement, laughter and plenty of energy as they explore and play. We can't wait for all the learning, adventures and memorable experiences this year will bring.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 17th September 4pm until 6pm	Parents Evening
Wednesday 24th September 1.30pm until 3pm	Friends of Forest Way Coffee Afternoon
25th and 26th September	DofE Expedition
Friday 17 October 3.20pm	Last Day before the October Half Term
Monday 27th October 8.50am	First day back after October Half Term
Thursday 30 October 5.30pm until 7.00pm	Halloween Family Social

Sarah Wallace – Head of School Secondary

I am thrilled to share that the transition from Primary to Secondary and Secondary to Post 16 has gone smoothly for all our pupils and young adults. While it can take a little time for pupils to get to know their new teachers, class teams, classrooms, and routines, I'm pleased to say that everyone has settled in well.

As we kick off the new academic year, it's great to look back at some of the successes from last year. A significant number of our pupils in both Key Stage 4 and Post 16 passed their Functional Skills Qualifications in English (writing, reading, speaking, and listening) and/or Maths. This is a fantastic achievement for each pupil and highlights their hard work.

I'm also pleased to announce that four of our Post 16 pupils began their Amazon Internship this week. They've shared that they already feel settled and are looking forward to the year ahead. These students will be based at Amazon five days a week, completing their Functional Skills work alongside a variety of work experience placements.

We are all looking forward to another year of growth, achievement, and exciting opportunities for all our students.



Contacting Us - forestway@forestway.leics.sch.uk if you need to get in touch outside of office hours

New Systems

Arbor Parent App Update

We are pleased to share that **78% of our parents/Carers** have now logged on and accessed Arbor. Thank you for engaging with this important platform. Arbor allows you to view your child's attendance, update contact details, receive messages, and stay connected with key school information like this newsletter. You will soon be able to also pay for school meals securely through the app.

If you haven't yet logged in, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible as Arbor will soon become our main platform to communicate with you. Should you encounter any difficulties, please don't hesitate to contact our main school reception for support.



Tapestry Learning Journal

We will continue to use Tapestry within the classroom, forest and across school to capture pupils' learning journeys. Tapestry gives us the opportunity to share your child's learning experiences and those exciting 'wow' moments with you.



Medical Tracker

We're excited to let you know that we are introducing a new system called Medical Tracker.



Medical Tracker is a system that will allow school to share and record accidents and injuries. Communication about any accidents or injuries, including the treatment given to each young person, will be sent to you directly via text or email, so you're kept up to date about your young person's wellbeing.

Please be assured that our medical team will continue to be available to contact directly and will keep working closely with parents to support your young person's health and wellbeing.

Meet our Pastoral Team



Sam Woodward

Assistant Head



Jo Rayns

Pastoral Manager



Carla Brindley

Parent Support Adviser

Our Pastoral team work with parents/carers to address concerns that may be affecting their child's learning and development. We can also signpost families to outside services for additional support. Please contact us via the school office if you would like to ask for our help or discuss any issues.

Attendance

We want our pupils to have the highest levels of attendance and are committed to helping our families to achieve this. A reminder that the school day begins at **8.50am** with a registration period until 9.25am. Lessons begin promptly at **9.30am**. For students who find transition difficult, arriving late can cause more anxiety if they do not have time in their class before moving on to their first lesson. The school day ends at **3.20pm** with the latest time to collect your child being **3.40pm**, as the majority of staff leave or go into training at 3.45pm. Please contact the Pastoral Team if you have any questions or need support.