



Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear families of FANS!

Welcome to those who are returning or just joining us, thank you for choosing us. The children have been settling in well, making new friendships and connections with new adults or building on attachments already made – it's lovely to see them thrive. Please remember that if you have any questions or concerns, please speak with your child's key person, teacher or room leader in the first instance – thank you.

New and changes to staff

We welcomed a few of new members of to our team this year. Steph has joined the Beech team as a teacher, job sharing with Dave and Emma has moved from Acorns into Willow room to be the full-time teacher. We have also welcomed Taylor to our office team.

For more information about our wonderful team, please see our website page: [Our Team – Filton Avenue Nursery School and Children's Centre](#)

Phones

Nursery is a '**NO PHONE ZONE!**'

Please **leave phones in your bags/pockets** until you are out of the gate or corridor.

Thank you.



Illness and absence

At nursery we try to promote good attendance that will build habits for children's future school, we are also aware that children get ill! We encourage you to bring your child to Nursery unless they are unwell, we use the attached guidance to determine if children should be in or not.



Parking



Please do not park in our car park at any time.* Our car park is for Nursery Staff Only.

It is essential that we leave the car park clear for emergency services and/or deliveries and reduce traffic in areas where families are walking to Nursery.

There is ample parking on the roads nearby but please be mindful of our neighbours' drives and the yellow zig-zags (it is unlawful to park on them).

Thank you for your cooperation with this.



*Disabled Parking Bay – Blue Badge Holders Only

- Our disabled parking bay is reserved for children and adults who hold a valid Blue Badge.
- Please follow the signage and register your vehicle with Reception when you arrive.
- To help keep this space available for those who need it, we kindly ask that it is not used by drivers who are dropping someone off or waiting in their vehicle.
- A maximum stay of **15 minutes** applies when using this bay.
- Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Friends of Filton Avenue Nursery School (FFANS)

Did you know that we have a PTFA (Parent, Teacher, Friends Association) called Friends of Filton Avenue Nursery School or **FFANS** for short?

FFANS work hard to raise money for our school through fundraising events over the year which provides us with additional funds so that we can use to enhance your children's experiences, here.

However, we have no current members. If you are interested in committing to FFANS, you can do so in a number of ways including:

- Planning events
- Volunteering for events





- Marketing
- Secretary/treasurer
- And many more!

Your level of commitment can be small or large and committing to one event doesn't mean you have to commit to them all, but we can **only run events if we have members!** Please contact Taylor the school office for further information and joining details.

School Meals

Some of you may be aware that the government expanded their Free School Meals offer to include those on universal credits and nursery children who attend all day. If you haven't already, please check if your child is eligible here: [Free School Meals Checker - Check Eligibility Online | LGfL FSM](#)

We are currently only able to offer packed lunch style meals and continue to explore our menu and welcome feedback from families, we are working on a long-term plan but will only be able to offer meals for eligible children at present.

Thank you for your continued support and patience while we work this out!

Help with Childcare Fees

Did you know that you can get help with childcare fees? Check if you're eligible and for more information see below:

- <https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/>
- [How to get help with the cost of childcare: government-funded support in England](#)
- [Get free childcare if you're working: Apply for free childcare – GOV.UK](#)

* This childcare offer of up to **30 funded hours** per week is a fantastic support for many families. However, some children **aren't eligible** due to their family's **immigration status**, which means they miss out on this vital early years education & support.

At our setting, we value **inclusion, equity and respect**. If you're unsure about your eligibility or are affected by this, please speak to us in confidence. We're here to help and advocate for fairness for all families.

Dates for your diary

- ✓ End of term is Friday 23rd October



- ✓ Monday 2nd November is an INSET day and we welcome families back on Tuesday 3rd November

Thank you,
Kate and everyone at FANS