



Fir Vale Academy

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FIR VALE FORTNIGHTLY

Principal's Message

In the first few weeks, it has been wonderful to see how dedicated everyone is to making our school a better place. I truly appreciate all the support regarding our uniform and mobile phone policies.

We have introduced a new bell system and a strategy called Step Out, which is already showing promise in ensuring smooth transitions and that everyone starts their lessons on a positive note. There is much more to do on this.

We are also working swiftly on implementing changes around behaviour, site structures and support for young people with Special Educational Needs. Through this newsletter, I will keep you updated every two weeks.

During this half-term break, we have some exciting developments taking place: new building signage is being installed, and soon our new 3G football pitch will be ready as well as some decorating inside the school. We have much more to come over this year and it is a very exciting time for both our school and the community.



Mr Bullock
Principal



Determination



Togetherness



Achievement



Opportunity



Kindness



Respect



Arbor

We're now in full swing with Arbor, our school's information system that keeps you connected to your child's attendance, achievements, behaviour, and all our updates. **It's really important that you download the Arbor app so you can stay fully in the loop.**

Please take a moment to download it and log in so you have everything you need at your fingertips!

[iOS App Store](#) / [Play Store App Store](#)

Key Dates

Half Term Holiday (Closed)

Monday 27th October to
Friday 31st October 2025

Next Steps Event

Monday 3rd November 2025
(All day)

Academy Training Day (Closed)

Friday 28th November 2025

Y11 Parents' Evening

Thursday 11th December 2025
(3:45pm – 6:00pm)

Monday 15th December 2025

Winter Showcase

Half Term Break – Safety Reminders



As we head into the half-term break, we want to ensure that all our students stay safe and enjoy their time away from school.

With the darker evenings and firework season approaching, please take a few moments to talk to your children about staying safe.

Let's work together to make this half term enjoyable and safe for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community safe.



Drama Ambassadors celebrate creativity and leadership!

The Fir Vale Academy Drama Ambassadors are a passionate and growing team of students who demonstrate exceptional enthusiasm and commitment to Drama. During the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe theatre trip, they helped our Y7s in broadening their peers, understanding of performance, stagecraft and theatre etiquette.



Year 5 & Year 6 Open Evening

It was so nice to meet students and parents at our Y5/ Y6 Open Evening in September.

The Junior Leadership (JLT) and our Y11 Prefects showcased the Academy by conducting tours to showcase all the exciting learning activities taking place. Attending a talk from our Principal, Mr Bullock and food tasting in the dining room. Thanks to everyone who attended.



Coffee Morning

What a fantastic coffee morning where parents had the opportunity to speak with Dr Lou Millington (GP) and the immunization nursing team. Topics included wellbeing support, parenting concerns, SEND support, and an open discussion around menopause. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped create such a supportive space! Keep an eye out for details of the next coffee morning coming soon.



Ambition and Quality!

Fir Vale Academy has been awarded the Music Mark of Recognition for Ambition and Quality in Music Education for this academic year!

A huge achievement for the faculty and great recognition for Fir Vale.

We were nominated by the Sheffield Music Service.