

### Message from Mr Learmont

Happy Friday! I hope you have all had a good week and are looking forward to a restful weekend! Having said that, I expect some parents will be running between events at the Saddleworth Olympics! We are hearing great results from Team LGFG and of course our own pupils. Keep up the good work and having fun! I have also heard that we are presenting wonderful sports'person'ship... Well done!

Please can I politely remind families of our Harvest Food Bank drive again? We are excited to receive your donations next week for our Harvest Festival on Friday at St Anne's Church. (I sent a list out last week of the items they would hope to receive). You are warmly invited to our service next week where we will hear a few words from Year 3 pupils about their 'Experience Harvest' session at church next week.

Rocksteady music lessons have begun and the children spoken to have told me that it was great! I popped in to one group learning to play and sing 'Ghostbusters!' - very cool! Drums, bass, guitar, keys and vocals! I think interest in this will grow - be warned! Haha!

Thank you for supporting your child and school this week and have a great weekend!



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### SEPTEMBER

- 21 Year 3 Experience Harvest
- 25 Harvest Service
- 29 Year 3 Running Hill Pits

#### OCTOBER

- 5 Scholastic Book Fair - Mon to Thurs  
Flu immunisations
- 12 Y4 & 5 Bonfire & Firework Safety  
Talk - GMFRS
- 13 Year 1 Portland Basin
- 15 Year 2 local walk
- 18 Reception Bible Service at church
- 22 Year 4 Sculpture Workshop
- 23 Break up today

#### NOVEMBER

- 2 Return to school  
African Drumming Workshop

Please also refer to our website calendar for all future events

### Reminders

#### Secondary School Applications now open

The deadline to apply for secondary school is **31st October 2026**.

Parents can apply online by clicking here

[https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201168/apply\\_for\\_a\\_secondary\\_school\\_place](https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201168/apply_for_a_secondary_school_place)

#### Attendance: 98%

Reception: 100%  
Year 1: 100%  
Year 2: 100%  
Year 3: 97%  
Year 4: 97%  
Year 5: 99%  
Year 6: 96%  
Lates: 5 😞

This half term's  
worship focus is:  
**All things are  
possible with God**

British Value:  
**Democracy**

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'All things are possible with God' Mark 10:27



## Primary School Applications 2027-28

**Closing Date: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2027 at 5.00pm**

Please follow the link below to apply via Oldham Council:

[https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201167/apply\\_for\\_a\\_primary\\_school\\_place](https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201167/apply_for_a_primary_school_place)

## FREE SCHOOL MEAL CHECKER

Could your child be entitled to free school meals and/or pupil premium?

**Please do not presume they are not!**

From the start of the 2026-27 academic year, Free School Meal eligibility is expanding. There will now be two categories of benefits-based FSM:

**Targeted FSM** - for households receiving Universal Credit with annual earnings of £7,400 or less. This is unchanged from the existing threshold and continues to attract pupil premium and other disadvantage funding.

**Expanded FSM** - a new category for households receiving Universal Credit with earnings above £7,400. These pupils receive free meals but do not attract pupil premium or other disadvantage funding.

**Please kindly follow or copy the link below to check and/or update your child's entitlement:**

<https://fsm.lgfl.net/app>

**Parent FAQs:** <https://fsm.lgfl.net/info-parent.html>

**PLEASE NOTE:** You may lose your FSM entitlement if you do not re-verify either with the LA or via a school portal. (You can even do both for added security). School can check on your behalf if we have your National Insurance Number and Date of Birth.

Please feel free to email the office.

# Attendance



At Forward As One it is our ambition to have every child in school every day and therefore a robust and effective attendance strategy is implemented in every school.

Attendance is everybody's responsibility and Forward As One's school senior leaderships teams strive to build a culture where all staff are clear on their roles and responsibilities and therefore can be held to account. To enable all staff to fulfil their role, clear systems and procedures are implemented and are understood by all and applied consistently.

Forward As One's approach focuses on preventative measures and swift intervention. This allows leaders to plan for contextual challenges, alongside educating parents on the impact of absence from school both academically and socially.

The key principle underpinning the approach of early intervention is to develop partnerships with parents to understand the barriers and work with families to remove them.



Maximise your potential – attend school everyday

Pupils' achievement in line with attendance percentages / Pupils across FA1 at this level of attendance have historically achieved

|                                                    |
|----------------------------------------------------|
| Significantly above national average progress      |
| Above national average progress                    |
| National average progress                          |
| Below national average progress                    |
| Significantly below national average progress      |
| Very significantly below national average progress |