



# Fellgate Primary School

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Dear Children, Parents, Carers and Governors,

This week our word of the week was **friendship**. Mr McMullen discussed friendship. How do you show friendship to your friends. Our pupils also thought about unlikely friendships in books, television programs or films. Well done to our pupils who have been rewarded by being a good friend. Our staff really struggled to name just one person in each class. Our value of the half term is **challenge**.

Our **name the building** competition is complete. We have named our buildings. Thank you to everyone for your amazing suggestions and ideas. We held a school vote and here are the results ...

The Main School	The Base	The New Build
The Souter Building	The Penshaw Building	The Hub

You may be aware from media coverage that teaching members of the National Education Union (NEU) have declared **strike action**. The strikes will take place on 1 and 28 February, 15 and 16 March 2023.

The strike is happening in result of a national dispute between the union and the government over pay and funding, and not because of any issues at our school. At this stage, the potential disruption is unknown. We are in the process of considering several options. Not all of our staff are members of this union, but depending on the staff participation in the strike action, we are considering plans for potential school closure or partial school closure.

We intend to minimise any disruption for parents and pupils, and will endeavour to avoid school closure or partial closure wherever possible. We are working closely with our trade union colleagues and employees to respond to the situation, and I will inform you of the final arrangements as soon as possible.

We recognise and respect the right of our staff to take part in industrial action and ask that all members of our community continue to treat each other with respect. I understand that this situation may be frustrating and apologise for any potential disruption caused. Thank you for your support and understanding.

### Dates for your diary: Spring Term

**Friday 27th January: Family Breakfast**  
**Week beginning Monday 30th January: E-Safety Week**  
**Monday 6th February: Children's Mental Health Week**  
**Monday 13th February: Thurston**  
**Thursday 16th February: Hawthorns and Maples visit Open Zone**  
**Friday 17th February: last day of term**  
**Monday 27th February: first day of term**  
**Thursday 2nd March: World book day**  
**Week beginning Monday 13th March: Science Week**  
**Friday 17th March: Red Nose day**  
**Week beginning Monday 27th March: Autism Acceptance Week**  
**Week beginning Monday 27th March: No clubs**  
**Thursday 30th March: Smelly Egg**  
**Friday 31st March: Last day of term**

Have a great weekend everyone and stay safe! Mrs Tones

### Get up! Get in ! Get on!

Total -94%

Rowans-93%	Hollies -94%	Maples-88%	Cherries-100%	Birches—91%	Pines-94%
Acorns-93%	Hawthorns-93%	Willows-100%	Chestnuts-87%	Blossoms-100%	Sycamores—97%
					Oaks—97%

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## Our Fellgate Stars of the Week are ...

**Rowans: William T** who has been a very kind friend to everyone in class and has been making good choices. Well done William!

**Hollies: Indyia L** for always being a good friend to everyone always. Well done Indyia!

**Maples: Frankie M** for being a very kind and caring friend. He is always willing to support and help his friends in class. Well done Frankie!

**Cherries: Theo B** for being a kind friend to everyone in class as well as his sister at home

**Birches: Joseph H** for helping his friend with a craft activity, showing him what to do and making sure he had the correct resources

**Pines: Noah S** for being a good friend and seeking friendships with others

**Acorns: Austin T** for being a fabulous friend and answering the register in a loud and clear voice all week

**Hawthorns: Elias L** for being such a supportive and encouraging friend to his work partner in class

**Willows: Beaux W** for continuing to be a kind and caring friend

**Chestnuts: George W** for being an amazing friend. George thinks about the feelings of others and checks people are ok

**Blossoms: Jack P** for always thinking of other people and for helping them out when they need it. A very thoughtful friend

**Sycamores: Divine O** for being a kind friend to everyone he meets. He is patient and understanding when helping others, which we are all very appreciative of, and makes us laugh with his great sense of humour

**Oaks: Jake J** for always being friendly, polite and positive with everyone. He's a Super Star!

### Our Vision

At Fellgate Primary School, through an ethos of respect, challenge and resilience, we aspire to create an inclusive, safe, vibrant, happy school where each member of the school community - children, parents, carers, staff and governors - feels valued and are encouraged to be the best they can be.

We celebrate individuality, striving for everyone to reach their full potential and "shine" in everything they do.

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