

24th October 2025

Dear Families,

As we reach the end of a busy and brilliant first half term, we wanted to share some of the *things we've loved* at Farlingaye — the moments, big and small, that have made us proud of our students, staff and community.

- A fantastic Open Evening, with brilliant student helpers everywhere. Whether it was our inspiring speakers, welcoming guides or car park assistants you were such great ambassadors for the school.
- Being nominated for a national award for our wonderful production of *Big Fish* last year — a real recognition of everyone's hard work.
- The kindness shown on the Sponsored Walk — from a Year 11 student quietly giving his coat to a marshal, to students helping an elderly lady who fell outside The Bull Hotel, and Sixth Formers high-fiving the nursery children at St Mary's as they passed by.
- Year 9 students embracing the Humanutopia event with maturity, empathy and thoughtfulness.
- Standing room only at the Year 7 Drama Club — a wonderful sign of creativity and enthusiasm.
- The incredible Year 10 Heroes scheme helping our new Year 7s to settle in so well.
- Sixth Formers leading the way with an amazing buddy mentoring programme and taking part in a quiz after school to raise money for Cancer Research.
- Our new extended form time in Sixth Form giving students a wider breadth of experience and opportunity.
- Our new staff making a brilliant start — including those beginning their teaching careers (Mrs Snow, Miss Knox, Miss Webb and Miss Burden), and others such as Miss Murray, our new Behaviour Manager, and thanks to Mr Atkin for coming in and being brilliant on Reception.
- The buzz and positivity around school every day — from classrooms full of curiosity to corridors full of smiles.

Phew, what a list!

Thank you for all the support you've given this half term. It's been a wonderful start to the year, full of energy, kindness and pride — even with an unexpected closure on Wednesday to round things off!

Thank you for your patience and understanding, and we hope everyone enjoys a well-earned break.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Smith
Headteacher