



Dear parents and carers

We have had a jam-packed week this week at Fairhouse (as usual!).

This week, the children at Fairhouse were treated to a visit from an author. Steve Clifford has written many children's books and we had the privilege of him spending 4 days at Fairhouse Primary School, talking to the children about being an author and inspiring them to write with imagination. The whole experience has been fantastic. Steve has been a real inspiration for our pupils and the amount of writing the children were inspired to produce following his visit was fantastic. Watch out publishers – we may have many a budding author on their way to you!

Steve gave us wonderful feedback about his visit to Fairhouse. He said that the children have behaved amazingly and he was so impressed with the level of engagement from pupils and staff. He said this was one of the best schools he has visited!

The story in EYFS this week was Flip Flap Ocean. The children really laughed at the different animals that they mixed. The children in EYFS thoroughly enjoyed the author visit. Steve read us stories and Little Gems Pre-School even joined us for this special event. We have been working hard in phonics and have completed our final phonics assessment where we have seen so much progress it's really incredible. We are extremely proud of all the children.

This week in Year 1, following our visit from Steve, we got to create a countryside from our imagination. Some of us had trees that grew upside down, invertebrates that were the wrong colour and flowers that grew in the sky! We then took part in a create your own story workshop which became very silly. In writing this week, we have been using our knowledge of animals to write a fact file and finishing writing our letters to our Cherry Tree pen pals. In maths, we have been measuring objects around the classroom using centimetres.



This week, year 3 have been working incredibly hard as they prepare for their end-of-year assembly. The children have been learning to sing and play Three Little Birds by Bob Marley, while exploring the lively beats and rhythms of reggae music. As part of their music lessons, the children have been developing a range of musical skills using the glockenspiels. They have been learning to play notes accurately, keep a steady pulse, perform simple melodies, recognise rhythmic patterns, and play together as an ensemble. They have also practised listening carefully to each other, following musical notation, and performing with confidence and expression—key skills within the Year 3 music curriculum. We are so proud of the enthusiasm, teamwork and perseverance the children have shown during our rehearsals, and we can't wait to share their wonderful performance with you!

This week, Year 4 enjoyed learning about electrical plugs. They labelled the different parts of a plug, explored how plugs are made, and discovered the purpose of each component. The children also learned about the importance of electrical safety and how to use electrical equipment responsibly. It was wonderful to see everyone engaged and asking thoughtful questions throughout the lesson. Well done, Year 4!

The children in year 5 were inspired to write following their visit from the author. Their writing was set in the future and they were able to write some very descriptive and imaginative pieces. In art, they continued exploring expressionism and used a photo of themselves to create a self-portrait.

Year 6 pupils are busy getting ready for leavers' assembly at the end of term. We are really impressed with their dedication to learning and their great behaviour at what can be a difficult transition period for them. Keep going year 6 – you are fantastic!

It has been another busy week for sporting events at Fairhouse. We had 11 children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 representing our wonderful school at the annual Berlesduna Swimming Gala where they

performed either front, back or breaststroke. Some pupils also competed in the team relay as well!

Additionally, on Thursday, 29 children across Year 5 and Year 6 competed in this year's district sports at Basildon Sporting Village. The selected pupils were put to the test in both track and field events, and they gave it their all. Next week, we have our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils competing too. Well done to everyone who took part!



It was wonderful to see so many of you at our fantastic Bounce Day event here at Fairhouse today. This is wonderful opportunity for our Fairhouse community to come together and enjoy some fun. A HUGE thank you to Miss Baldock for all her planning and preparation for this event which raises money for our children to have extras such as the pantomimes and additional play equipment. Thank you to all of you who came along to support this – we hope you had as much fun as we did!

Please remember that we are offering a slightly later start on Monday 6th July due to the football being shown at such an early time in the morning. School will start at the usual time and we do expect most of our children to attend at the usual time. However, anyone taking advantage of the later start time must be in school by 10 am. Anyone wishing to have a hot lunch at school must be in school before 9.30 to order OR we must have received your lunch order in advance via Studybugs. We are unable to provide hot lunches for anyone who arrives after 9.30 who has not pre-ordered their lunch.

Don't forget that our Performing Arts Club will be showcasing their performance on Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th July at 4pm. Tickets are £2 per adult (children are free) and are available to purchase on ParentPay. All proceeds from these shows will go towards our Young Voices Choir event and further performances by our Performing Arts Club. Even if you do not have a child taking part in the show please do come along and show your support to all of the pupils who have worked so hard to deliver this performance.

Have a fantastic weekend everyone!

ParentPay

Please ensure you keep your ParentPay account in credit to cover any dinners booked for your child.

If your account accrues arrears of two meals (**£4.80**) your child **WILL NOT** be able to book any further school dinners and you **MUST** provide them with a packed lunch until the arrears are cleared.

School Dinner Menu - Week Three

6th - 10th July 2026

Monday

Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake

Rainbow Omelette

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Ham Bap

Seasonal Fruit Medley

Tuesday

Chow Mein with Chicken Goujons

Chow Mein with Veggie Goujons

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Jam Sandwich

Strawberry Sorbet

Wednesday

Ham Baguette

Cheese Sandwich

Egg Mayo Wrap

Ice Cream Tub

Thursday

Chicken & Spinach Pasta

Savoury Quorn & Spinach Pasta

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Tuna Bap

Ice Pole

Friday

Fish Fingers

Veggie Fingers

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Cheese Wrap

Fruity Friday

Fairhouse Weekly Attendance Table

Elephants	92.5%
Pandas	95.2%
Hedgehogs	93.9%
Tigers	95.9%
Macaws	96.1%
Rhinos	98.9%
Jaguars	95%
Vaquitas	96.9%
Belugas	99%
Sea Otters	96%
Gorillas	95%
Saolas	97.4%
Galapagos Penguins	95%
Sea Turtles	94.7%

Well done to Rhinos (KS1) and Belugas (KS2) who have earned the company of our attendance bears Fred and Freda in class next week. Also to Rhinos and Belugas who have earned a spin on the attendance prize wheel for achieving over 98% attendance this week. Well done!



A special mention to the children below who have all displayed some of our core values this week:

Class	Child	Core Value
Galapagos Penguins	Bradley	Courage
Sea Turtles	Aras	Courage
Gorillas	Florence	Kindness
Saolas		
Belugas	Eduard	Responsibility
Sea Otters	Darcie	Kindness
Jaguars	Eniola	Respect
Vaquitas	Ashar	Responsibility
Macaws	Bennett	Respect
Rhinos		
Hedgehogs	Layla	Kindness
Tigers	Rayaan	Courage
Elephants	Amie	Responsibility
Pandas	Ryder	Responsibility



Dates for your Diary

Monday, 6th July 2026

Year 4 Trip - Horniman Museum

Year 2 Assembly - 10.15am

Tuesday, 7th July 2026

The Worry Circle Performance - 4pm

Wednesday, 8th July 2026

Zones of Regulation Workshop - 9-11.30am

Year 1 Assembly - 9.15am

Thursday, 9th July 2026

Year 3 & 4 District Athletics

The Worry Circle Performance - 4pm

Friday, 10th July 2026

KS2 Sports Day - 9.15-11am

Tuesday, 14th July 2026

Year 3 Assembly - 9.15am

Open Evening 3.30-5.30pm

Wednesday, 15th July 2026

Year 5 Assembly - 9am

KS1 Sports Day - 9.15 - 11am

EYFS / Reception Assembly - 2.45pm

Thursday, 16th July 2026

Year 4 Assembly - 2.30pm

End of Term Disco's - More info to follow

Friday, 17th July 2026

Last Day of Term

Year 6 Leaver's Assembly - 2.15pm

Monday, 20th July 2026

Inset / Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday, 21st July - Monday, 31st August 2026

Summer Holidays

Tuesday, 1st & Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Inset / Non-Pupil Day

Thursday, 3rd September 2026

Back to School



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club **MUST** be pre-booked via ParentPay. Bookings can be made until 7am on the day.

Breakfast club runs from **8am - 8.40am** and costs £2 per child per day. Last entry is at **8.15am**.

Parents **MUST** accompany their child to the main doors by the office where they will be met and registered by a member of staff. Various breakfast options are available such as a variety of cereal, toast, bagels, fresh juice & milk.



Beat The Street Leader board

We hope you are all enjoying taking part in the Beat The Street challenge so far!

Please remember that the aim of the challenge is to walk, cycle or scoot to each Beat Box. Please do not cheat by driving as the organisers can tell and could wipe both your and your teams points!!

We will update the leader board each week to show how each year group is getting on. Fairhouse Staff will also be taking part, can your year group beat them? There will be weekly prizes for the child at the top of the leader board as well as for the overall winners of the competition.

Cherry Tree Primary School are also taking part and we do love a bit of healthy competition, so, **GAME ON!**

The staff member currently in the lead is still Mrs Wise, well done Mrs Wise! Can any of our staff members beat her to first place next week?

Class / Team	Points
Reception / EYFS	620
Year 1	2300
Year 2	1250
Year 3	2130
Year 4	470
Year 5	2490
Year 6	2390
Staff	1440

Important information - Term time holidays

Improving school attendance is a key priority for all schools across Essex. Where families choose to take a family holiday during term time, this can detrimentally impact a pupil's progress and can prevent them from fulfilling their true academic potential. Our school attendance policy, available via our school website, clearly sets out the process that parents should follow if they wish to apply for leave during term time. Please note that applications should only be made, if you feel that there are exceptional circumstances which mean that the leave cannot be taken during the school holidays. We would ask all parents to note that, where families choose to go on holiday during term time and the absences are coded as unauthorised, Essex County Council may not issue penalty notices and may instead proceed straight to prosecution and place the case directly before the Magistrates for their consideration in court. If found guilty by the Magistrates, parents could face a fine of up to £2,500 and/or 3 months imprisonment.

Parking in the local area

Please drive with caution and be aware of children outside the school, there have been a few near misses with vehicles driving and reversing at speed.

Please also be considerate of our neighbours when dropping off and collecting your children from school. We have received a number of complaints from local residents due to parents parking on & blocking the entrances and or driveways at Fairhouse Court and Napier Close at drop off and pick up times.



Break Time Snack

Our school tuck shop has a range of healthy snacks available daily. Each item costs 50p and children are limited to one item each. If you wish to send your child in with a snack from home please make sure it is something from our approved snack list which can be found on our school website.

Key Stage 1 children receive a piece of fruit as part of the healthy schools initiative. They are not permitted to bring in their own break time snack.



School Uniform

Our school uniform consists of the following:

- Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore.
- White polo shirt
- Bottle green jumper or cardigan.
- Grey tights.
- Black, grey or white ankle socks.
- Grey shorts or green and white checked summer dress in summer months.
- Black school shoes or **ALL BLACK** trainers (including black soles - no big logos or brand names).

Leggings are **NOT** part of the school uniform and should **NOT** be worn to school.



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – VACANCIES

FAIRHOUSE – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 6th July

FELMORE – BREAKFAST CLUB ASSISTANT closing date 3rd July

For more information and to apply for any of these exciting opportunities, please follow the link to our website [Vacancies – Berlesduna Academy Trust](#)

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Who Let The Dads Out? is part of Care for the Family, a Christian initiative to strengthen family life, offering support to everyone. Care for the Family is a registered charity (England and Wales: 1088905; Scotland: SC038497).

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Do you want to give back to your community and help shape the future of children close to home?

We're looking for local people to join our school governing board

Interested?

We'd love to have an informal chat.

Contact: Julie Lapslie
Email: julielapslie@berlesduna.co.uk

No obligation, no interview pressure — just a conversation.

You don't need experience in education Just:

- An interest in children and learning
- Willingness to ask questions and share ideas
- Time to attend a few meetings each year

What does a School Governor do?

- Help set the vision and values of the school
- Support and challenge the school leadership
- Make sure pupils get the best possible education

What's involved?

- Around 3 meetings a year
- Meetings are during the day or early evening
- Full training and support provided

What's in it for you?

- Make a real impact locally
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