



Dear families

Welcome to the end of our first week back. It has been good to see that our attendance has been good this week. Well done on making every effort to ensure your child is in school on time every day. This makes a huge difference to their progress academically, socially and emotionally. We do still have a number of children arriving late – some repeatedly. This means their start to the day is not as settled and office staff are interrupted from their duties too. For children in EYFS, year 1 and year 2, this impacts on their phonics lessons, affecting their progress. Please make every effort to ensure your child is in school on time. Gates open at 8.40 am and we do ask parents to aim for this as the time they arrive at school as learning begins from that time every day. Gates close at 8.50 am and classroom doors close then too as this is when formal lessons start. Please do remember that we run a breakfast club from 8.00 am for just £2 per pupil per day if this makes it easier for a morning routine. We also have free bagels available from 8.40 for any child who wants one – so if you are late due to not having yet had breakfast, we can sort that for you on arrival.

The children in EYFS have all returned from the Easter Break raring to go and focused. The attendance has been pretty good this week with many receiving 100% attendance stickers. They have been reading "There's a Tiger in the Garden" and also some maths books called 'How Many' and 'Can You Show Me?' in class. Yesterday, the children all took part in PE where they were focusing on their gross motor skills. In Maths they have been learning all about odd and even numbers and all about the number 6. In PSHE they have explored what healthy eating looks like and completed a sorting activity in groups. In Art this week they have been painting sunflowers and mixing colours to achieve the correct shade of yellow.



In year 4 this week, the children have been exploring the fascinating world of electricity. They confidently discussed what electricity is, identified different types, and shared a range of everyday examples. It's been great to see their understanding grow as they engaged with this important scientific topic.

This week the children in year 5 began their new topic 'Groundbreaking Greeks'. In their history lesson they had an immersive experience participating in Now Press Play where they explored life in ancient Greece. The story focused around architecture, food, art, slavery and the Ancient Olympics. In Writing they have been creating biographies for their own Greek Gods.

Today we re-started our "Friendship Friday". This is one day each week where all our children get the opportunity to play together. This gives our older children a chance to mentor and support our younger children and for our younger children to mix with and be supported by our older children. They all had a great time today, some met up with siblings, some just loved exploring the "big field". The children were all brilliant and lots of new friendships were formed.

Have a great weekend.

## 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 Two

20th - 24th April 2026

Monday

Chicken Burger

Veggie Burger

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Egg Mayo Wrap

Seasonal Fruit Medley

Tuesday

Tuna & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake

Rustic Tomato Pasta with Cheesy Top

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Jam Sandwich

Raspberry Fruit Ice Smoothie

Wednesday

Roast Gammon, Yorkie Pud & Gravy

Cheese & Onion Pastry Turnover

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Tuna Mayo Wrap

Banana & Chocolate Chip Cake

Thursday

Enchilada Bake

Vegan Enchilada Bake

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Chicken Bap

Choc Ice

Friday

Fish Fingers

Veggie Fingers

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Cheese Baguette

Fruity Friday

## Fairhouse Weekly Attendance Table

Elephants	94.3%
Pandas	97.6%
Hedgehogs	97.7%
Tigers	92%
Macaws	90%
Rhinos	99%
Jaguars	96.2%
Vaquitas	94.5%
Belugas	97.7%
Sea Otters	96.1%
Gorillas	98.7%
Saolas	97.4%
Galapagos Penguins	92.3%
Sea Turtles	93.1%

Well done to Rhinos (KS1) and Gorillas (KS2) who have earned the company of our attendance bears Fred and Freda in class next week. Also to Rhinos and Gorillas 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	Oliver	Responsibility
Sea Turtles	Kal-El	Responsibility
Gorillas	Rosie	Respect
Saolas	Jake	Courage
Belugas	Evelyne	Courage
Sea Otters	Alex	Respect
Jaguars	Brody	Responsibility
Vaquitas	Billy	Courage
Macaws	Joshua	Courage
Rhinos	Hisham	Courage
Hedgehogs	Amirah	Responsibility
Tigers	Dolcieann	Kindness
Elephants	Haris	Courage
Pandas	Harishiny	Courage



## Dates for your Diary



Monday, 27th April 2026

Year 6 Residential Trip Parent Meeting - 4.30 - 5.30pm

Thursday, 30th April 2026

Berlesduna Orienteering Event  
New Intake 2026 Welcome Meeting 5 - 6pm

Monday, 4th May 2026

Early May Bank Holiday - School Closed

Tuesday, 5th May 2026

Class Photos

Wednesday, 6th May 2026

EYFS Trip - Barleylands Farm Park

Monday, 11th - Friday, 15th May 2026

Year 6 SATS Week

Thursday, 14th May 2026

Free Play Session at 360 Play - More info to follow

Wednesday, 20th May 2026

Year 2 Trip - Hever Castle

Monday, 25th - Friday 29th May 2026

Half Term

Wednesday, 3rd June 2026

'Routines Rule' Parent Workshop - 9am - 11.30am

Year 1 Trip - Call of The Wild Zoo

Tuesday, 16th June 2026

Year 3 Trip - Colchester Castle

Thursday, 18th June 2026

Berlesduna Football & Netball Tournament

Wednesday, 24th - Friday, 26th June 2026

Year 6 Residential Trip - Danbury Outdoors Centre

Wednesday, 1st July 2026

Berlesduna Swimming Gala

Thursday, 2nd July 2026

Year 5 & 6 District Athletics

Monday, 6th July 2026

Year 4 Trip - Horniman Museum

Wednesday, 8th July 2026

Zones of Regulation Workshop - 9-11.30am

Thursday, 9th July 2026

Year 3 & 4 District Athletics

Friday, 10th July 2026

Fairhouse Summer Bounce Event 3.30 - 5.30pm

Tuesday, 14th July 2026

Open Evening 3.30 - 5.30pm

Thursday, 16th July 2026

End of Term Disco's - More info to follow

## 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.

## 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 / driveways at Fairhouse Court and Napier Close at drop off and pick up times.



## Activities / Achievements



During the Easter break, Abel participated in a local event as part of the nationwide "2026 Great British Spring Clean." He enjoyed the experience so much that he plans to continue volunteering on a regular basis.

Well done Abel!



## 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.

**Studybugs** 

### Studybugs

Fairhouse are using a more efficient and secure system for messaging parents, called Studybugs. The website & app has an easy to use messaging service which allows us to set up a chat feature with parents to notify you of anything you may need to know about and answer any queries you may have. It is also our absence line service allowing parents to easily notify school of their child's absence.

Please download the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website.

If you need any assistance in setting this up on your phone, please call into the school office and we will be happy to help.



### 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

MERRYLANDS – LEAD TEACHER for AUTISM SPECTRUM CONDITIONS closing date 19<sup>th</sup> April  
 MERRYLANDS – CATERING ASSISTANT closing date 17<sup>th</sup> April  
 WHITMORE – ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER closing date 27<sup>th</sup> April  
 WHITMORE – FAMILY SUPPORT OFFICER closing date 29<sup>th</sup> April

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

**Below 90%**  
 Serious Concern.  
 Persistent absence.

**90 - 95.9%**  
 Concern. Low  
 Attendance.

**At least 96%**  
 Expected  
 attendance.

**Expected attendance means  
 having no more than seven  
 days off this school year!**

## COMPASS

A partnership of domestic abuse services providing a response in Essex

Essex Domestic Abuse Helpline:  
**0330 333 7 444**

## Essex Wellbeing Service

Find out more at:  
[essexwellbeingservice.co.uk](http://essexwellbeingservice.co.uk)  
 or contact us on:  
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**SCAN ME!**

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CLASSES ARE HELD AT LAINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE, ASTON ROAD, SS15 6NX



### 1<sup>st</sup> Pitsea Rainbows Unit

Meets every Wednesday between 4.30 and 5.30 during school term times

If your daughter is interested, please contact:



Girlguiding.org.uk for more details and to register

# Women Together

## Join our Walk in the Woods Walk & Talk Walking Club!

Every Sat  
10:15am – 12pm  
Re-starting from  
18<sup>th</sup> April

Thorndon Country Park  
North Visitor Centre Entrance,  
The Avenue,  
Brentwood, CM13 3RZ

All women welcome.  
Email [WomenTogether.bas@gmail.com](mailto:WomenTogether.bas@gmail.com)  
if you'd like to attend

## Essex Fire Museum Open Days 2026



Sunday 26th Of April  
10:30AM To 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays  
RM17 5QS



Book Now >



[Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk](mailto:Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk)



### SEND Parent Support Groups



<b>Coffee Morning</b> The Hive, United Reform Church, Honeypot Lane, Basildon	Tuesdays 14th April 5th May and 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 30th June 9.30am to 11.30am
<b>Billericay Evening Support Group</b> The Chantry Centre, Chantry Way, behind the High Street, Billericay	Thursdays 16 <sup>th</sup> April 14th May, 18 <sup>th</sup> June and 16 <sup>th</sup> July 8pm to 9.30pm
<b>Wickford Coffee Morning</b> Miracle House, Silva Island Way Wickford	Mondays 20 <sup>th</sup> April, 11 <sup>th</sup> May and 8 <sup>th</sup> June, 6 <sup>th</sup> July 9.30am to 11.30am
<b>Wickford/Bas Evening Support Group</b> St Peter's Church Hall, nr Sainsburys Wickford/Basildon	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April, 21 <sup>st</sup> May and 25 <sup>th</sup> June, 23 <sup>rd</sup> July and 27 <sup>th</sup> August 7.30pm to 9.30pm
<b>1 to 1 Appointments</b> Mother's Kitchen Cafe Felmores End, Pitsea	Tuesdays at 9.30am or 10.50am on 28 <sup>th</sup> April or 16 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Parent/Carer Gentle Relaxation Group</b> Shotgate Hall, Wickford	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month 7.30pm to 8.30pm

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## AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

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Children aged 4+



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- Rings

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or enquire online at [www.southsexgymnasticsclub.com](http://www.southsexgymnasticsclub.com)



## Players Wanted U11 For The 25/26 Season

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We are a friendly, welcoming team that require attacking / forward thinking players for the transition to 9-a-side.

Training Thur 6-7pm & Sat 9-10am

If interested, then please contact Grant on 07524 505 640



### We are Hadleigh Youth Football Club

Our aim is to bring a fun, friendly, learning environment for local children in the Hadleigh/Bentfleet area.

Long term player development is our objective, through enjoyable, technical based sessions.

Our commitment is to the players so they can have the best opportunity to develop into good young people and exciting footballers.

<https://www.hadleighyouthfc.com/>