



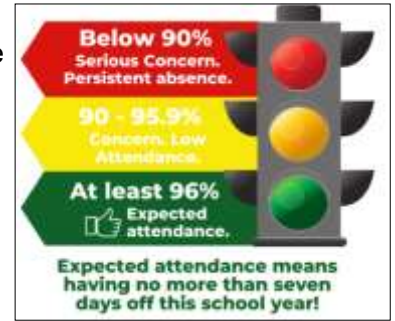
FAIRHOUSE primary SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - 31 (22/05/26)



Well, summer had finally arrived and just in time for half term. It looks like there's great weather all week so hopefully you can all get out and about without fear of rain!

It is crazy that we have arrived at the end of another half term with just one more half term of this academic year to go. Thank you for keeping up with the good attendance. As you know, attendance is key to success. We aim for attendance to be above 95% and we currently have 63.6% of our pupils who have good attendance. If we push for good attendance into next term, with no days off, we can raise this significantly. As always, if you would like to talk to us about your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



On Saturday 16th May, A small group of Year 3 and Year 4 boys took part in the annual five-a-side football tournament at Lee Chapel Primary School. They represented the school proudly, demonstrating all four core values. Despite their gallant efforts and wonderful team goals, we did not qualify through the group stages. Nevertheless, a massive well done to the group!



On Tuesday 19th May, a team of girls and boys from Year 5/6 were selected to represent Fairhouse at Roots Hall Stadium, home of Southend United FC. Both teams took part in a tournament where they were able to play a range of different schools from the local area of the stadium pitch. All the pupils have a fantastic time, and they did Fairhouse Primary School proud! A massive thank you to all the adults of the selected children for attending and helping the say run so smoothly.



In EYFS this week have been reading "Through the Magic Mirror" by Anthony Brown. Linked to their topic of Shadows and Reflections they have been on a reflection hunt, looking at their reflections through shiny surfaces and curved surfaces. They also had a picture of half of their face on a sheet and had a go at drawing the other half themselves. In P.E this week the children have been practicing catching and throwing by bouncing the ball to their partners. We are so



happy to report the safe arrival of our magical giant insect hotel which sits happily outside Panda and Elephant class for all the children to enjoy. We also loved meeting Phoenix the dog this week, learning how to look after him and enjoying taking him for walkies!



The children in Year 2 had a wonderful time at Hever Castle on Wednesday, as part of their 'Magnificent

Monarchs' history topic. They managed to avoid any rain showers while exploring the beautiful Italian and rose gardens. Some children were also able to successfully navigate the maze. Inside the castle, the children saw many ancient artefacts from Anne Boleyn's home, such as swords, armour, portraits and huge tapestries. The children all agreed that it was a great day, full of history about the Tudors and the significance of King Henry VIII.

Year 3 have been focusing on pattern and creating mosaics in art this term. We studied the work of artist Gary Drostle and took inspiration from his colourful designs to create our own mosaic pieces. The children explored how mosaics have been used throughout history and how they are still used today in buildings, artwork and public spaces. They



learnt about the process of creating real-life mosaics and understood that grout is needed to hold the tiles securely in place. Throughout this project, the children developed their understanding of the visual elements of art, including colour, line, shape, form, pattern and tone, and practised using and combining these elements creatively within their artwork.

This week, Year 4 have been exploring the exciting world of AI. As part of their learning, the children designed, planned and created their own adverts for an imaginary theme park in Egypt. They used a range of persuasive techniques in their writing to make their adverts engaging and convincing. The finished pieces were incredibly realistic, creative and impressive — well done, Year 4!

This week the children in year 5 have been writing detailed adventure stories based on the legend of Hercules. In history, they have been making comparisons between past Greek civilisations. In art, they completed their fantastic Greek vase collages.

And finally, we would like to wish good luck to Mr Haley who will be taking part in the Edinburgh Marathon on Sunday where he will run 26.2miles just for fun! Good luck Mr Haley, you have trained so hard for this and we know you will do great!

We hope you all have a fantastic half term and enjoy every bit of our summer weather (whilst it lasts!)

We will see you all back at school on Monday 1st June.

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 One

1st - 5th June 2026

Monday

Sausage Roll

Veggie Sausage Roll

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Tuna Bap

Seasonal Fruit Medley

Tuesday

Mexican Beef Chilli

Veggie Mexican Chilli

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Jam Sandwich

Ice Cream Tub

Wednesday

Roast Chicken, Yorkie Pud & Gravy

Quorn Roast, Yorkie Pud & Gravy

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Cheese Wrap

Pineapple Upside Down Cake

Thursday

Cheese & Ham Quiche

Cheese & Onion Quiche

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Chicken Baguette

Pancakes & Sauce

Friday

Fish Fingers

Veggie Fingers

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Egg Mayo Wrap

Fruity Friday

Fairhouse Weekly Attendance Table

Elephants	91.7%
Pandas	90.8%
Hedgehogs	95.9%
Tigers	92%
Macaws	92.9%
Rhinos	95.5%
Jaguars	96%
Vaquitas	95.4%
Belugas	98.1%
Sea Otters	93%
Gorillas	97.7%
Saolas	96.1%
Galapagos Penguins	93%
Sea Turtles	91.3%

Well done to Hedgehogs (KS1) and Belugas (KS2) who have earned the company of our attendance bears Fred and Freda in class after half term.



Also to 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	Brogan	Kindness
Sea Turtles	Ayan	Courage
Gorillas	Yamaan	Responsibility
Saolas	Emine	Kindness
Belugas	Reggie	Kindness
Sea Otters	Carter	Kindness
Jaguars	Tommy-Lee	Responsibility
Vaquitas	Bella	Respect
Macaws	Kacey	Kindness
Rhinos	Noah	Responsibility
Hedgehogs	Jacob	Courage
Tigers	Freddie	Kindness
Elephants	Scarlett	Kindness
Pandas	Damian	Respect



Dates for your Diary



Monday, 25th - Friday 29th May 2026

Half Term

Wednesday, 3rd June 2026

Year 1 Trip - Call of The Wild Zoo

Friday, 12th June 2026

Year 5 & 6 Girls STEM Workshop

Monday, 15th - Friday, 19th June 2026

Aspirations Week - Guest speakers still needed!!

Tuesday, 16th June 2026

Year 3 Trip - Colchester Castle

Thursday, 18th June 2026

Berlesduna Football & Netball Tournament

Monday, 22nd & Tuesday, 23rd June 2026

'Move Up' / Transition Days

New Intake 2026 Stay & Play Sessions

Wednesday, 24th June 2026

Year 4 Assembly - 2.40pm

Wednesday, 24th - Friday, 26th June 2026

Year 6 Residential Trip - Danbury Outdoors Centre

Friday, 26th June 2026

First Aid Course for Parents - 9.30am-1.30pm

Year 5 World War 1 Flight Simulator Activity

Wednesday, 1st July 2026

Berlesduna Swimming Gala

Thursday, 2nd July 2026

Year 3 Assembly - 9.15am

Year 5 & 6 District Athletics

Friday, 3rd July 2026

Fairhouse Summer Bounce Event - 3.30-5.30pm

Monday, 6th July 2026

Year 4 Trip - Horniman Museum

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

Sports Day - More info to follow

Tuesday, 14th July 2026

Open Evening 3.30 - 5.30pm

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



We are incredibly proud of Callum for his fantastic achievements with Bowers & Pitsea



Under 9s this season. Through hard work, determination and a positive attitude, he was awarded both 'Most Improved Player' and 'Parents' Player'. Callum has shown great commitment to his team, developing his skills and confidence throughout the year, and these awards are a wonderful recognition of his effort and sportsmanship.

Well done, Callum we are all so proud of you!

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.





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- No experience needed
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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

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 5 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
- Develop skills and confidence
- Meet like-minded people
- Something meaningful to put on your CV

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