



Dear families

Welcome to the end of another busy week.

It was wonderful to see so many of you turn up to our parent meeting for Reception parents this week. It was our pleasure to talk you through the phonics programme, how we teach maths and how you can support your child in collaboration with us. We hope you are enjoying using Tapestry to see what is happening in school too.

This week, our EYFS children have been enjoying exploring Autumn. To improve their fine motor skills, they have been using different tools to open a pumpkin. What's inside the pumpkin? In Art they have been leaf rubbing using crayons and painting pumpkins and conkers choosing the correct colours.



In Year 1, we are still working on counting forwards and backwards to 20. This week we have explored comparing teen numbers, seeing which is more than and which is less than. In science, we sorted materials into Venn diagrams using their properties. In history, we talked about important events that have happened in our lives and wrote about them using time phrases. Our PE lessons have included partner work and using beanbags for catching skills. We have mastered the underarm throw and catching with two hands!



Year 4 children have just launched their Archie Project. This is an exciting intergenerational dementia awareness project that links local primary schools, care homes, sheltered housing schemes, businesses, services and community members to ultimately dispel the fear and stigma often associated with dementia and create more dementia friendly communities. We work closely with the managers and residents of Mundy House, our local care home, to build wonderful relationships and to learn to understand more about dementia and to raise funds to support the research into this. The care home manager, Josi, came to visit us this week and the children had the opportunity to ask questions to understand more about the project and what dementia is.



We are running a year 6 parent information meeting on Thursday next week and we do hope that parents and children in year 6 will attend this important event to find out more about what happens in year 6 and how parents can work closely with us to help their child to achieve their best.

Have a wonderful 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 Three

6th - 10th October 2025

Monday

Cheese & Ham Omelette

Cheese Omelette

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Ham Bap

Seasonal Fruit Medley

Tuesday

Beef Chilli Taco Shell

Vegan Chilli Taco Shell

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Jam Sandwich

Ice Cream Tub

Wednesday

Roast Chicken, Yorkie Pud & Gravy

Roast Quorn Fillet, Yorkie Pud & Gravy

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Tuna Mayo Baguette

Iced Sprinkle Cake

Thursday

Chicken & Spinach Pasta

Macaroni Cheese

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Cheese Sandwich

Doughnut

Friday

Fish Fingers

Veggie Fingers

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Egg Mayo Wrap

Fruity Friday

Fairhouse Weekly Attendance Table

Elephants	95%
Pandas	91.2%
Hedgehogs	96.4%
Tigers	95.4%
Macaws	92.9%
Rhinos	94.8%
Jaguars	95.2%
Vaquitas	98%
Belugas	92%
Sea Otters	93.5%
Gorillas	99%
Saolas	94.8%
Galapagos Penguins	96.2%
Sea Turtles	92.3%

Well done to Hedgehogs (KS1) and Gorillas (KS2) who have earned the company of our attendance bears Fred and Freda in class next week.



Also to Vaquita & 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 displayed some of our core values this week:

Class	Child	Core Value
Galapagos Penguins	Abigail	Respect
Sea Turtles	Ioan & Josh	Courage
Gorillas	Ernest	Responsibility
Saolas	Hashir	Responsibility
Belugas	Lyla	Courage
Sea Otters	Sarah/Jaanvi	Kidness/Courage
Jaguars	Sophia	Kindness
Vaquitas	Bella	Responsibility
Macaws	Dominic	Responsibility
Rhinos	Isabella	Responsibility
Hedgehogs	Abigail	Courage
Tigers	Olivia	Kindness
Elephants	Teddy	Courage
Pandas	Angelos	Responsibility



Dates for your Diary



Tuesday, 7th - Friday, 10th October 2025

Travelling Book Fair

Thursday, 9th October 2025

Berlesduna Poetry Slam

Thursday, 16th October 2025

Fairhouse Uniform Bank - 3.15-4pm

Wednesday, 22nd October 2025

Flu Immunisations

Understanding ADHD In Children Workshop - 9-11.30am

Friday, 24th October 2025

Inset / Non Pupil Day

Monday, 27th - Friday, 31st October 2025

Half Term

Monday, 3rd November 2025

Inset / Non Pupil Day

Thursday, 6th November 2025

Individual School Photos

Tuesday, 11th & Wednesday, 12th November 2025

Parents Evening - 3.30-6pm

Thursday, 13th November 2025

Berlesduna Maths Challenge Event

Wednesday, 19th - Friday, 21st November 2025

Year 5 Bikeability Training

Wednesday, 5th December 2025

Understanding Children's Anxiety Workshop - 9-11.30am

Friday, 5th December 2025

Fairhouse Christmas Shopping Event - 3.30-5.30pm

Thursday, 11th December 2025

Fairhouse Choir performing at Eastgate Shopping Centre

Wednesday, 17th December 2025

School Disco - More info to follow

Monday, 22nd December 2025 - Friday, 2nd January 2026

Christmas Holidays

Monday, 5th January 2026

Back to School

Wednesday, 7th January 2026

Zones of Regulation Workshop - 9-11.30am

Wednesday, 11th February 2026

Talking So Your Children Will Listen Workshop - 9-11.30am

Wednesday, 15th April 2026

Settling Boundaries Workshop - 9-11.30am

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club **MUST** be pre-booked via ParentPay. Bookings should be made 24hrs in advance.

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 will be available such as cereal, toast & crumpets as well as 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.

MAPLE GROVE
Primary School

Halloween

Holiday Club

Join us for fun Activities including:

- Arts & Crafts
- Cooking
- Team Games and more...

27th October - 31st October
7.30am-5.30pm

£25 per day includes snacks and evening meal, children to bring their own packed lunch

Call or Email Maple Grove Primary for booking details or further info.

Tel: 01268 553547
Email: clubs@maplegroveprimary.net
High Road, Pitsea SS13 3AB

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

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.

Studybugs

Break Time Snack



Our snack 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 do try to make sure it is something from our approved snack list.

Key Stage 1 children will continue to receive a piece of fruit as part of the healthy schools initiative.



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

CANEWDON – FIXED TERM SEND LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 29th September
 CHERRY TREE – FIXED TERM TEACHER closing date 2nd October
 DOWNHAM – FIXED TERM SEND LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 2nd October
 MERRYLANDS – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 1st October
 MERRYLANDS – CLEANER closing date 30th September
 MERRYLANDS – SEND LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 12th October

For more information and to apply for any of these exciting opportunities, please follow the link to our website [Vacancies – Berlesduna Academy Trust](https://www.berlesdunaacademytrust.co.uk/vacancies)

Essex Wellbeing Service

Find out more at:
essexwellbeingservice.co.uk
 or contact us on:
 0300 303 9988



COMPASS

A partnership of domestic abuse services providing a response in Essex

Essex Domestic Abuse Helpline:

0330 333 7 444

Make a referral:

AGENCY

or

SELF REFERRAL

General enquiries: enquiries@essexcompass.org.uk



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



Junior Adventures Group

HOLIDAY HQ

KIDS FEST

HHQ DAY PASS

NOW JUST £34.20

WAS: £44.20

BOOK NOW!

Strap in for October Half Term!

Basildon Sporting Village



Fairhouse Primary School Uniform Bank



The school Eco Council will now be running a uniform bank from the school.

Come and visit us after school at 3.15pm-4.00pm
 On Thursday 16th October 2025

If you require any further information please speak to Ms Baldock or Mrs Blackwell



PulhamPathways

PERSONAL FOOTBALL & FITNESS COACHING

 **Now taking on new clients at local parks near you!**

What I Offer:

- ⚽ **Football fit sessions**
(all levels - beginner to advanced)
- 🏃 **Fitness training**
& weight loss support
- 🏆 **Improve football knowledge**
and game IQ
- 👦 **Kids' sessions**
& small group coaching available

About Me:

- 🏆 3rd Year Scholar at Southend



About Me:

- ⚽ 12+ years experience - grassroots to semi-pro level
- ✅ Level 3 Sports Coaching & Development

Sothend United
First Team Debut made last pre season
12+ years experience - grassroots to semi-pro level

Session Prices:

€20 - 30 minutes
€35 - 60 minutes
€45 - 90 minutes

Block Bookings:

5 x 60 min sessions - £150
10 x 60 min sessions - £300

CONTACT ME TODAY!

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 **COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

CLICK HERE TO BOOK



Premier League Disability Football INCLUSIVE U'S FOOTBALL CAMP

WHO? Young people aged 5-16 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.
WHEN? Tuesday 27th May & Wednesday 28th May, 10am-2pm
WHERE? Shrub End Community and Sports Centre, CO2 9BG
COST? Earlybird price is £30 for both days or £18.50 for one day.

WHAT TO EXPECT?

- Expert Coaching: sessions will be led by our experienced coaches, who are experienced in working with SEND players.
- Skills Development: enhance your skills through fun football drills including passing, shooting, dribbling and free-kicks.
- Special Guests: meet Cole Jones United player and club mascot before the final.
- Exciting Rewards: every participant will receive a £10 voucher (limited to one per person) with additional medals and trophies available to be won.



FREE GIRL'S FOOTBALL



**HAVE FUN
MAKE FRIENDS
PLAY FOOTBALL**

- LARGEST FA WILDCATS CENTRE IN THE AREA
- OPPORTUNITIES TO JOIN TEAMS
- AWARD WINNING COACHES
- WEST HAM SISTER CLUB
- TRAIN AT BARLEYLANDS, BILLERICAY



FOR DETAILS EMAIL
FCREDWINGGIRLS@GMAIL.COM
OR CALL 07977 416 044



SISTER CLUB



Players Wanted U11 For The 25/26 Season

- UEFA Qualified Coaching Setup
- New 3G Facility
- Relaxed, Family Orientated Club

Hadleigh Blues are a lower level, developing side, going into our 5th season.

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/Benfleet 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/>



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What We Offer :

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- Get Fitter & Stronger
- Nationally Recognised Grading
- Make New Friends
- Gain Confidence
- Improved Discipline
- Fully Inclusive Classes
- Nominated Sports Club Of The Year

FIRST LESSON IS

FREE



SCAN ME!

MESSAGE US ON FACEBOOK OR INSTAGRAM TO GET BOOKED IN

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