FAIRHOUSE primary SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - 7 (16/10/26)

As another busy week comes to a close, we'd like to thank all the parents and carers who joined us for our recent workshops. From supporting early reading and phonics in Reception to helping Year 3 and 4 pupils prepare for the Multiplication Tables Check, these sessions are a fantastic way for us to work together to support your children's learning. Thank you to Mrs White and Miss Tansey for running these sessions.

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils also took part in the My Future My Basildon project, themed "Over the Moon!" . Through a live session with Sean, an engineer who designs infrared cameras for spacecraft, pupils learned about careers in engineering and space technology and were inspired to think about their own future aspirations.



Phoenix Pays a Visit!

Today, Mrs Tullett's friendly Cockerpoo, Phoenix, made another special visit to school and quickly became the most paw-pular member of our community! The children were delighted to see him and demonstrated our core values of kindness and respect, interacting calmly and thoughtfully throughout the day.

What a Wonderful Week in EYFS!

We've had a fantastic, fun-filled week in EYFS, bursting with autumn adventures, creativity and exciting learning opportunities!

Our story this week has inspired lots of wonderful autumn-themed activities! The children became little autumn explorers, searching high and low for hidden autumnal pictures. They had to look carefully, use their observation skills and hunt for the hidden treasures. There was so much excitement as they discovered each item!

Our little artists have been busy exploring the beautiful world of watercolours. They experimented with mixing different colours to create their very own autumn squirrels. Each squirrel was unique, and the finished masterpieces were absolutely beautiful! We were so impressed with their creativity and imagination.

In phonics, the children have been developing their skills by identifying the initial sounds in CVC words (consonant-vowel-consonant words). They have also begun learning their exciting new special friends, including 'sh' and 'ch'. We are so proud of how enthusiastically they are embracing their early reading and writing journey!

Our mathematicians have been busy counting a variety of different resources up to 10 and matching their quantities to the correct numerals. They have been practising their counting skills and number recognition, building confidence with every activity. What brilliant mathematical thinking!

In music, we have been listening to Stevie Wonder's joyful 'Happy Birthday to You'. The children have been putting on their listening ears and tuning in to the different instruments they can hear. It has been wonderful to see them exploring sounds, developing their listening skills and enjoying the magic of music!

Well done to all our wonderful EYFS children for their hard work, enthusiasm and curiosity this week. We are so proud of all the exploring, creating and learning they have done. Keep shining, little stars!

Year 1

This week in Year 1, we have been busy exploring and investigating! We used compasses to practise following directions and we tested the properties of different materials. We are now investigating which material would be best for making outdoor bunting. We have also designed our very own play dens and will be starting to build them next week. In writing, we have been practising writing sentences, and in maths, we have been exploring how numbers are made up of tens and ones, looking closely at patterns in numbers.

Year 2

It has been a very exciting week for Year 2 with lots of hands-on and practical learning! In English, we prepared and made fairy bread in our classes following a set of instructions, which the children then produced their own set of instructions using bossy imperative verbs and clear precise instructions. In science, we engaged in an experiment as scientists to explore and discover how germs spread using glitter! We noticed that every child had eventually got glitter (germs) on their hands and the importance of keeping ourselves hygienic and healthy. In Art we have been practicing mark making using clay, experimenting with different hues and shades of colours. We also had our lovely curriculum day this week making Eton mess! The children worked through activities focused around researching about ingredients, equipment and where food comes from, and then planning their own recipe for the afternoon. We then designed the Eton Mess, and then finally got to prepare and eat our very own delicious dessert! Overall it has been a wonderful and very exciting week for Year 2, well done for your fantastic engagement!

Year 3

This week, Year 3 have been busy planning and beginning to write their own versions of Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura. The children have really enjoyed using their wonderful imaginations to create exciting ideas for their stories. They have also been putting their fantastic history knowledge to good use, including details about life in the Stone Age to make their writing more interesting and realistic. We can't wait to see their stories come to life!

Year 4



This week, Year 4 were delighted to welcome Josi from Mundy House to introduce the exciting Archie Project. During the visit, the children learnt about dementia and had the opportunity to ask thoughtful questions to deepen their understanding. It was a fantastic introduction to the project, and the children are now really looking forward to getting started!

Year 5

This week, Year 5 enjoyed a varied week of learning, developing their maths skills through work on decimals, measurement and problem-solving. In English, we explored a range of texts, built our vocabulary and used our learning to write biographies about inspirational people. Our highlight was Creative Curriculum Day, where we worked as designers and engineers in DT, investigating pneumatics and creating our own moving mechanisms. Daily reading and number sense activities helped strengthen key skills, and everyone showed enthusiasm, creativity and resilience throughout the week.

Year 6

This week, Year 6 have continued to make excellent links across the curriculum. In DT, we began researching whole foods and organic whole foods, discussing the advantages and disadvantages of different food choices and considering where our food comes from. In History, we explored the triangular slave trade route across the Atlantic, developing our understanding of the Maafa. During our reading lessons, we have been learning about influential civil rights activists, including Nelson Mandela, Rosa Parks and Claudette Colvin, and discussing the courage they showed in standing up against injustice. We have also explored powerful songs and poetry linked to segregation and the fight for equality, including A Change Is Gonna Come by Sam Cooke and Caged Bird by Maya Angelou. The children have shown great maturity when discussing these important topics and have engaged thoughtfully in class discussions.

Thank you to all who took part in and donated to our Hello Yellow day last week, together, we raised a fabulous £259 to put towards wellbeing equipment for our school helping us to provide resources and activities that support our children's emotional health and wellbeing.

On Thursday next week we will be holding our first ever Halloween Disco! The children are all invited to attend in Halloween fancy dress and we will have some prizes for the best homemade costumes. The disco starts at 4pm and finishes at 5.30pm. Entry is £5 per child (payable on the door on the day) and includes a bowl of chips and a drink each. We will also have sweets available to buy in both KS1 and KS2 from £1. We hope all the children will join us for some child friendly spook-tacular fun!

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

19th - 23rd October 2026

Monday

Pulled Pork Roll

Falafel & Spinach Burger

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Egg Mayo Wrap

Seasonal Fruit Medley

Tuesday

Minced Beef Cottage Pie

Vegan Mince Cottage Pie

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Jam Sandwich

Chocolate Orange Cake

Wednesday

Roast Gammon, Yorkie Pud & Gravy

Veggie Sausage Roll

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Cheese Baguette

Flapjack Bites

Thursday

Sweet Sticky Chicken

Sweet Sticky Quorn Pieces

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Chicken Bap

Warm American Waffles

Friday

Fish Fingers

Veggie Fingers

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Ham Wrap

Fruity Friday

Fairhouse Weekly Attendance Table

Elephants	93%
Pandas	90%
Hedgehogs	98.7%
Tigers	93.6%
Macaws	98.6%
Rhinos	93.1%
Jaguars	95.2%
Vaquitas	95.7%
Belugas	96.7%
Sea Otters	95.9%
Gorillas	96.5%
Saolas	92.5%
Galapagos Penguins	97.7%
Sea Turtles	99.3%



Well done to Hedgehogs (KS1) and Sea Turtles (KS2) who have earned the company of our attendance bears Fred and Freda in class next week. Also to Hedgehogs, Macaws and Sea Turtles 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	Olivia	Courage
Sea Turtles	Emine	Kindness
Gorillas	Theo	Courage
Saolas	Ayesha	Kindness
Belugas	Brody	Kindness
Sea Otters	Zora	Responsibility
Jaguars	Fayth-Louise	Responsibility
Vaquitas	Emma	Courage
Macaws	Blake	Responsibility
Rhinos	Carter	Kindness
Hedgehogs	Angellos	Responsibility
Tigers	Savin	Responsibility
Elephants	Bryan	Kindness
Pandas	Rae	Kindness

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday, 20th October 2026
New Intake 2027 School Tour 2pm

Thursday, 22nd October 2026
Halloween Disco 4pm - 5.30pm

Monday, 26th - Friday, 30th October 2026
Half Term

Monday, 2nd November 2026
Inset / Non Pupil Day

Tuesday, 3rd November 2026
Back To School

Wednesday, 4th November 2026
New Intake 2027 School Tour 10.30am
Year 2 Reading Workshop 2.15pm

Thursday, 5th & Friday, 6th November 2026
Year 5 Bikeability Course 1

Tuesday, 10th November 2026
Flu Immunisations

Monday, 2nd November 2026
Inset / Non Pupil Day

Monday, 16th & Tuesday, 17th November 2026
Year 5 Bikeability Course 2

Tuesday, 17th & Wednesday, 18th November 2026
Parents Evening

Thursday, 19th November 2026
New Intake 2027 Tour 1.30pm

Monday, 23rd November 2026
Year 5 Bikeability Course 3

Tuesday, 24th November 2026
Year 5 Trip to Vue Cinema

Wednesday, 25th November 2026
Year 4 Archie Project Visit to Mundy House

Friday, 27th November 2026
Year 4 Bikeability Course

Friday, 4th December 2026
Fairhouse Christmas Fayre 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Monday, 7th December 2026
Fairhouse Choir - Carols at the Eastgate Centre 1.30pm

Wednesday, 16th December 2026
Christmas Panto - More info to follow

Monday, 21st Dec 2026 - Friday, 1st Jan 2027
Christmas Holidays

Monday, 4th January 2027
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 7.50am - 8.40am and costs £2.25 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.

Studybugs

Fairhouse use an 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. We also use it as our absence reporting 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.



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.





















Smart Watches

Please note that smart watches that allow photos or video footage to be taken and / or have access to games and / or have cellular / internet connectivity are not permitted in school.

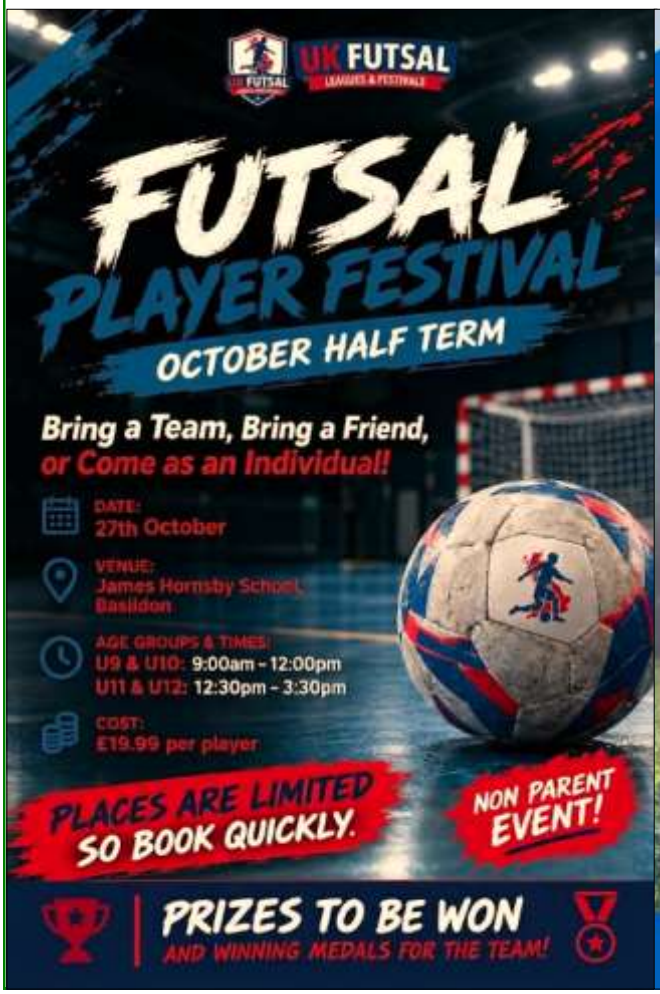
Essex Wellbeing Service

Find out more at:
essexwellbeingservice.co.uk

or contact us on:
0300 303 9988

Essex County Council







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Saturday 24th October

Dagenham & Redbridge FC v Chesham United FC

Kick Off 3pm at Victoria Road - Dagenham RM10 7XL

ALL TICKETS - ONLY £1

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Fairhouse Primary School

Year 2 Parents
You are warmly invited to...

A Special Workshop on



The Importance of Hearing Your Child Read at Home

Hosted by Mrs Burton

Join us for an informative and supportive session about how hearing your child read at home can make a real difference to their confidence, progress and love of reading.

Wednesday 4th November 2026 at 2:15pm

There will also be an opportunity for parents to come in to the classroom and hear their children read.

Together we can support a lifelong love of reading

YOU'RE INVITED TO

HALLOWEEN party

24 OCT

6PM - 7.30PM
BASILDON SPORTING VILLAGE
£15 PER TICKET

PRIZES TO BE WON!
BEST DRESSED & MORE!

TO BOOK CALL THE OFFICE ON
01268 722479 / 01268 557771
OR VISIT
SOUTHESSEXGYMNASTICSCLUB.COM

HOLIDAY FUN SESSIONS OCTOBER

MONDAY 26th - BASILDON

10AM-12PM - £15
1PM-3:45PM - £20
10AM-3:45PM - £30

WEDNESDAY 28th - EVERSLEY

10AM-12PM - £15
1PM-3:45PM - £20
10AM-3:45PM - £30

FRIDAY 30th - EVERSLEY

10AM-12PM - £15
1PM-3:45PM - £20
10AM-3:45PM - £30

OPEN TO AGES 4+ WHO ARE IN FULL-TIME SCHOOL!

To book your child's space, please scan the QR code

Or call
01268 722479
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Essex Fire Museum
Halloween Open Day
2026



25th and 27th of October
10:30AM To 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 5QS

Book Now
Free Entry

Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

COMMUNITY FUND

SEND Parent Support Groups

MyOTAS

Wickford Coffee Morning Miracle House, Silva Island Way Wickford	Mondays - 7th Sept, 5th Oct, 2d Nov and 7th Dec 9.30am to 11.30am
Drop In (no need to book) The Hive, United Reform Church, Honeypot Lane, Basildon	Tuesdays - 15th Sept, 13th Oct, 17th Nov and 1st Dec 9.30am to 11.30am
Billericay Evening Support Group The Chantry Centre, Billericay	Thursdays - 10th Sept, 8th Oct, 12th Nov and 10th Dec 8pm to 9.30pm
Wickford/Basildon Evening Support Group St Gabriel's Church Community Centre, Rectory Road, Pitsea	Thursdays - 24th Sept, 22nd Oct, 26th Nov and 17th Dec 7.30pm to 9.30pm
EHCP Workshop Online	Tuesday 29th September 7.30pm to 9.30pm
Essex Local Offer SEND Roadshow Richmond Hall, South Benfleet	Wednesday 21st October 9.30am to 12.30pm
Parent/Carer Gentle Relaxation Group Shotgate Hall, Wickford	Every Tuesday evening **7.30pm to 8.30pm**

Supporting Autism, ADHD, Anxiety, Dyspraxia, Dyslexia
No diagnosis required - Non-judgemental support
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www.myotas.org - bookable activities
Email: info@myotas.org

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