



Dear families

This week, we held one of our half-termly “creative curriculum” days. This is a day where the children come off of their usual timetable to take part in lessons and learning that is often “messier” and celebrates creativity.

Year 1 have had a busy week! We have used what we know about mixing primary colours to make a range of secondary colour tones. We used light blue and dark blue with red to make light purple and dark purple! In science, we pulled on all of our knowledge of materials and their properties. We were challenged with making bunting to decorate an outdoor area of the school - the bunting needed to withstand wind, rain and also look nice. We will be testing how our six different buntings survive over the weekend!



As part of their design and technology topic, the children in year 2 learnt about ‘Remarkable Recipes’. They explored where food comes from and what equipment is required when cooking. The children also discovered the five reasons why humans cook food. Later in the afternoon, year 2 followed the instructions of a recipe to make an Eton Mess!



Year 5 spent their curriculum day exploring pneumatics. After spending time investigating the effects of compressed air through an experiment using bottles and balloons, the children were then given the task of working in groups to create two pneumatic systems of their own that would produce movement. Both classes were successful when



creating a monster that could open and close its mouth and a fully functioning crane. Well done, Year 5!

Last week, we trained 35 of our KS2 children as Anti-bullying Ambassadors. We had a trainer from Kidscape who came and led a 2 hour training session around identifying bullying and how to solve issues. Our children were fantastic and showed real maturity. We now have 35 new Anti-bullying Ambassadors in our school!

On Tuesday 14th October, Fairhouse took part in their first competitive football match of the season. Pupils from Year 5 and Year 6 travelled to St. Teresa's Catholic School. The team, which was captained by Dominic in Year 6, started the game strong, pressing well and creating some good early chances. Nevertheless, St. Teresa's were just too good this time and managed to win the game. Big shout out for Robert in Year 5 for scoring our first goal of the season, and the player of the match goes to Daisy in Year 6. She fought tirelessly from right back and put in some outstanding tackles! Well done to all those who took part and better luck next time, Fairhouse.



Finally, I wanted to let you know that we have been through a thorough process of application and interview to finally appoint our new head girl and head boy. I am delighted to let you know that our new head girl and head boy are Jessica H and Ryan B. Our deputy head girl and boy are Phoebe M and Oliver G. Congratulations to all 4 of you!

Please remember that next Friday, 24th October is an inset / non-pupil day and is followed by half term and also another inset / non-pupil day on Monday 3rd November.

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 Two

20th - 23rd October 2025

Monday

Beef Burger

Veggie Burger

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Cheese Bap

Seasonal Fruit Medley

Tuesday

Chicken Casserole

Seasonal Vegetable Casserole

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Jam Sandwich

Upside Down Apple Cake

Wednesday

Roast Turkey, Yorkie Pud & Gravy

Quorn Roast, Yorkie Pud & Gravy

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Tuna Mayo Wrap

American Pancakes with Toffee Sauce

Thursday

Fish Fingers

Veggie Fingers

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Turkey Bap

Fruity Friday

Fairhouse Weekly Attendance Table

Elephants	88.3%
Pandas	87.9%
Hedgehogs	98.9%
Tigers	88.3%
Macaws	93.2%
Rhinos	90.7%
Jaguars	97.7%
Vaquitas	87%
Belugas	97.3%
Sea Otters	93.2%
Gorillas	94.7%
Saolas	94.5%
Galapagos Penguins	94%
Sea Turtles	95.3%

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



Also to Hedgehogs 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	Sahre	Courage
Sea Turtles	Alessia	Responsibility
Gorillas	Esra	Responsibility
Saolas	Lenny	Responsibility
Belugas	Mohammad	Respect
Sea Otters	Esther	Responsibility
Jaguars	Sarah	Courage
Vaquitas	Bella	Respect
Macaws	Ethan	Kindness
Rhinos	Andreea	Responsibility
Hedgehogs	David	Responsibility
Tigers	Faheema	Responsibility
Elephants	Anastasia	Kindness
Pandas	Graysen	Responsibility



Dates for your Diary



Wednesday, 22nd October 2025

Flu Immunisations

Understanding ADHD In Children Workshop - 9-11.30am

Thursday, 23rd October 2025

Crazy Hair Day for Kids Inspire

Last day of term

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

Friday, 15th November 2025

Children In Need

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

Monday, 15th December 2025

EYFS & KS1 - Visit from Travelling Panto

KS2 - Trip to Towngate Theatre

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, 25th February 2026

Young Voices Concert at the O2 Arena

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.

Fairhouse Primary School & TESCO

The Fairhouse Eco-Council would like to ask for your support please. We have been nominated within the local area to receive the blue tokens via customer votes for our Wildlife Garden Project.

If we are successful the school will be award up to £1,500 towards this project. We really need your support to achieve this as the more votes we get the more likely we are to succeed. Every time you shop you are awarded a blue token.

If you would like to help us, please give us you're vote!! You can find our blue token boxes within the following Tesco stores:

114 Rayleigh Express SS6 7BY
 3060 Pitsea Extra SS13 3JU
 3264 Wickford Silva Island Express SS12 9NR
 3448 Wickford Southend Road Express SS11 8EE
 5377 Benfleet Road Express SS7 5TJ
 6516 Rayleigh London Road Express SS6 9BN

You are able to vote for this project from the 1st October 2025- mid January 2026

If you would like more information about this project please contact the school office.
 Thank you for your continued support.

Stronger Starts.

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

CHERRY TREE – CLASS TEACHER closing date 22nd October

ST NICHOLAS – CLASS TEACHER closing date 31st October

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

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

Essex Wellbeing Service

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



HILLTOP JUNIOR SCHOOL, WICKFORD

20TH - 31ST OCTOBER 2025

To book: <https://parallel-sports-coaching.class4kids.co.uk/>
Enquiries: bookings@parallelsportscoaching.co.uk

Monday

Football

Dancing/Acting Games

Games Galore

Tuesday

Wk 1 FUN BUS
Wk 2 GAMES BUS

Multi Sports

Crazy Golf

Wednesday

Baking *

Zorb Battles/Nerf Wars

Basketball/Table Tennis

Thursday

Gymnastics & Apparatus Day

Halloween Arts & Crafts

Games Galore

PARTY DAYS

24th October – DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVOURITE SPORTS PERSON OR SUPERHERO

31st October – HALLOWEEN THEMED DRESSING UP PARTY With Obstacle Course, Party games, Tricks and Treats!



31st October
free pizza will be available



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!



Essex Fire Museum Halloween Open Day

2025



26th and 28th Of October
10:30AM To 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 5QS



Book Now
Free Entry



Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk



ROUND TABLE

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2025

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Funfair and Refreshments available
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FAIRHOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL, SS14 1QP

3 DAYS - 28TH - 30TH OCTOBER, 10:00 - 2:00

£15 PER DAY

Action Packed Activities

- Glow in the Dark Dodgeball
- Archery
- Axe Throwing
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Arts & Crafts
- Football

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southessex@sportscool.org



Junior Adventures Group

HOLIDAY HQ

KIDS FEST

HHQ DAY PASS

NOW JUST £34.20

WAS: £44.20

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Strap in for October Half Term!
Basildon Sporting Village



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@maplegraveprimary.net
High Road, Pitsea SS13 3AB