



What lovely weather to end a busy week. We have been busy organising our leadership roles in school and have been working hard to appoint new leaders and ambassadors to their pupil roles. This has been well-received by our pupils and we are looking forward to seeing how they can help us shape new ideas in our school.

We have had some fabulous attendance this week – thank you to you all for persevering with this, especially when your child may not be feeling great. Attendance is so important for education both academically and socially. We are still working hard to reduce our “late arrivals” but are pleased to see some progress with this recently. Well done to all of you who have been in school, on time every single day. Let’s hope this run of good attendance every day can keep going.

What another wonderful week we have had in EYFS! The children have been busy learning, exploring and having lots of fun throughout the week. In Phonics, we have been learning the sounds c, k, u, b & f. The children have been practising recognising and saying each sound and developing their confidence as they begin to apply their phonics knowledge. In Maths, we have been practising number formation, focusing on forming our numbers correctly and developing our pencil control. Our Art activities have been inspired by nature. The children enjoyed leaf rubbing, exploring the different shapes and patterns found on a variety of leaves. They then used different leaves to create their own beautiful collages. As part of our topic, ‘Me and My Community’, the children created their very own doctors’ surgery. They enjoyed taking on different roles and using clipboards to record their patients’ blood results, developing their imaginative play and understanding of people who help us in our community. Our lunchtimes have been much more settled this week, which has been wonderful to see. The children have been incredibly brave and have shown a fantastic willingness to try new flavours and foods from our delicious menu. We are so proud of their growing confidence!

This week in Year 2 we have started on our new unit of writing acrostic poems. The children have absolutely loved writing these and extending their vocabulary with ambitious words like ‘Rage-filled’ and ‘Magnificently!’ We have also been focusing on partitioning, comparing and ordering two-digit numbers using our base 10 blocks, where the children have had hands-on activities to help build concrete understanding of tens and ones. In Geography, we had a fieldwork lesson through our road traffic survey which the children very much enjoyed! We investigated which vehicles drive past our school and then analysed this data as a class. Overall, it has been a fantastic week in Year 2!



Another busy week in year 3. In English, the children have created their own AI-generated Ice Age animals and used them as inspiration for writing a non-chronological report. We have been focusing on how adjectives can be used to describe different features of our imaginary animals. The children have been developing their expanded noun phrases, using phrases such as a long, sparkly tail, two enormous, curved tusks and thick, fluffy fur to make their descriptions more detailed and interesting. They have enjoyed choosing imaginative adjectives to bring their unusual Ice Age creatures to life!



This week, Year 4 have been busy planning exciting diary entries inspired by the discovery of a mysterious dragon’s cave! They have been developing their writing skills by using ambitious vocabulary and adverbials to bring their adventures to life and create vivid descriptions for their readers.

It has been a busy and exciting week of learning in Year 5! In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of decimals, using column addition and subtraction and rounding decimals to the nearest whole number. In English, we have edited and published our autumn poems, explored Alma and developed our use of cohesive devices and conjunctions. We have enjoyed reading Leon and the Place Between and Wild Boy, while building our vocabulary and comprehension skills. In Geography, we explored contour lines, and in science we investigated gravity. We also enjoyed creating landscapes in Art, learning about freedom in RE and taking part in our Year 5/6 STEM event at Basildon Sporting Village.

This week has been another exciting one for Year 6! A particular highlight was our visit to the STEM event at Basildon Sporting Village, where the children took part in a range of hands-on activities and learned about a variety of careers. They enjoyed trying their hand at bricklaying, exploring the mechanics behind a pilot’s seat, learning first aid bandaging techniques, and discovering more about the important role of a midwife. Back in school, we continued our history learning by exploring the fascinating story of the Benin Bronzes and their significance to the Kingdom of Benin. In science, we learned about the function of blood and its different components before creating our own model blood samples. Using syrup, milk and oil to represent red blood cells, white blood cells, platelets and plasma, the children were able to see how blood is made up of different layers and understand the important role each part plays in keeping our bodies healthy. The children have shown excellent enthusiasm, curiosity and behaviour throughout the week, and we are very proud of all they have achieved.

We wish you all a fabulous weekend and look forward to a great week of attendance next week.

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

28th September - 2nd 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	96.5%
Pandas	90%
Hedgehogs	93.3%
Tigers	94.8%
Macaws	95.4%
Rhinos	96.9%
Jaguars	96.9%
Vaquitas	97.9%
Belugas	97.9%
Sea Otters	99.3%
Gorillas	92.3%
Saolas	96.8%
Galapagos Penguins	98.5%
Sea Turtles	95.9%

Well done to Rhinos (KS1) and Sea Otters (KS2) who have earned the company of our attendance bears Fred and Freda in class next week. Also to Sea Otters and Galapagos Penguins 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	Ayaan	Kindness
Sea Turtles	Declan, Joshua, Louie & Patrick	Kindness
Gorillas	Evie	Responsibility
Saolas	Riley & Samia	Responsibility
Belugas	Charissa	Responsibility
Sea Otters	Finley	Kindness
Jaguars	Paul	Courage
Vaquitas	Lee	Responsibility
Macaws	Kwame	Courage
Rhinos	Isabella K	Responsibility
Hedgehogs	Dulcie	Responsibility
Tigers	Hallie	Responsibility
Elephants	Naeem	Responsibility
Pandas	Mara	Responsibility



Dates for your Diary



Monday, 28th September 2026

ACL 'Managing Big Emotions' Workshop 9.30am - 12pm

Tuesday, 6th - Thursday, 8th October 2026

Scholastic Book Fair

Tuesday, 6th October 2026

Year 1 Phonics Workshop 2.15pm

Wednesday, 7th October 2026

Individual School Photos

Tuesday, 13th October 2026

Year 4 Archie Project Assembly

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 & Tuesday, 24th November 2026

Year 5 Bikeability Course 3

Wednesday, 25th November 2026

Year 4 Archie Project Visit to Mundy House

Friday, 4th December 2026

Fairhouse Christmas Fayre 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Wednesday, 16th December 2026

Christmas Panto - 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 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

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.

The Green Barn FARM

Pumpkin Festival

OCTOBER 2026

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PUMPKINS AFTER DARK

FAMILY FUN IN THE DAYTIME! OR MAGICAL EVENINGS AFTER DARK!

DAYTIME FUN INCLUDES:

- Pumpkins From £1
- Pick Your Own Pumpkin
- Maze
- Live Actors
- Spooky Tractor Ride
- Pumpkin Cannon
- HUGE Pumpkin House
- Face Painting

EVENING FUN INCLUDES:

- Pumpkins From £1
- Live Entertainment
- Live Music
- Roaming Actors
- Photo Opportunities
- Bale Mountain
- Spooky Surprises
- & Much More!

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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.



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – VACANCIES

MERRYLANDS – FIXED TERM CLASS TEACHER closing date 27 September

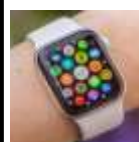
WHITMORE – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 28 September

WHITMORE – PART TIME CLASS TEACHER closing date 5 October

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

Essex Wellbeing Service

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



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.

COMPASS

A partnership of domestic abuse services providing a response in Essex

Essex Domestic Abuse Helpline:

0330 333 7 444

SCHOOL SEASON TICKETS



FREE ENTRY
TICKETS FOR
LOCAL SCHOOL
CHILDREN AND
ONE
ACCOMPANYING
ADULT

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



Fairhouse
Primary School

Year 1 Parents

quiz



Phonics Screening Check Session

shark



teg



Find out what happens in the Phonics Screening Check, how we prepare children in school and the simple things you can do at home to help them feel confident and ready.

Hosted by Miss Jordan



Tuesday 6th October 2026
at 2:15pm



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

Together we can build confidence in reading.



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



Wednesday 4th November 2026
at 2:15pm

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.



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





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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

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Friday 4th December 2026
3.30pm - 5.30pm

Fairhouse Primary School

A day of festive fun for all the family!

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SCHOOL CHOIR

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pta@fairhouse-pri.essex.sch.uk

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