



Dear families

Our story in EYFS this week is "What the Ladybird Heard". In maths we have been writing our numbers to twenty and practicing our number formation. In PSHE we have been looking at healthy food and what a healthy packed lunch looks like. In music this week the children listened to different types of music and the children had to try and guess which instruments they could hear.

Year 4 had a fabulous (and very long!) day on Monday during their visit to the Horniman Museum. They had the exciting opportunity to get up close to genuine Egyptian artefacts, bringing their learning to life and leaving everyone amazed by what they discovered. Although the journey home didn't quite go to plan, the children were a real credit to the school. Despite the heat and the unexpected delay, they remained calm, patient and positive throughout. To top off the day, everyone enjoyed a well-deserved, refreshing ice lolly! A huge well done to all of Year 4 for their excellent behaviour, resilience and enthusiasm - you made us all very proud!



The children in year 5 enjoyed celebrating their Greek day on Wednesday this week. They tasted a variety of Greek foods such as tzatziki, olives, dates and pitta bread. They created Greek inspired clay coasters with detailed designs and participated in Greek Olympic sports. Many children dressed up and enjoyed learning what life was like in Ancient Greece.

This week, Year 6 have been busy preparing for their end-of-year performance. They have worked incredibly hard to learn their lines, master the songs and perfect their dance moves. It has been wonderful to watch their personalities shine 'on stage' and to see so many children show real courage by stepping outside their comfort zones to perform. We are so proud of the effort, enthusiasm and teamwork they have shown, and they are excited and ready to share their fantastic performance with their audiences next Friday!

What an incredible week it has been for our Performing Arts Club! Despite performing in very warm conditions, the children gave three fantastic performances and were simply amazing. We couldn't be prouder of every single one of them.

It was wonderful to see pupils who may never have imagined themselves standing on a stage perform with such confidence and pride. They sang their hearts out, embraced every moment, and truly shone. We are certain we have some future Oscar winners among us!



Miss Dunne would like to say a huge thank you to all the children for their enthusiasm, dedication, and commitment throughout rehearsals and performances. A special thank you also goes to the members of staff who generously volunteered their time after school to help the performances run so smoothly, especially Miss Dunne who has planned and lead this whole event. Finally, thank you to all the parents and families who came along to support the children and purchased tickets. Together, we have raised £190, which will be reinvested into the Performing Arts Club and our Young Voices choir for next year, helping us to provide even more exciting opportunities for our children. Watch this space... we can't wait to see what next year brings!

Finally, we finished this week with our Key Stage 2 sports day. The children were fabulous and enjoyed taking part in a range of fun races and activities. It was great to see such a wonderful turnout and lots of support being given. Feedback on our new sports day offer has been very positive from pupils, parents and staff. We will hold the sports day for EYFS and KS1 on Wednesday next week and then we will add up all points, sharing the winning team with the children on Friday.

Have a wonderful weekend (hopefully made even better with a win for England) and we look forward to our final week of the academic year beginning on Monday.

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

13th - 17th July 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	91.6%
Hedgehogs	97.1%
Tigers	96.2%
Macaws	94.5%
Rhinos	92.5%
Jaguars	93.7%
Vaquitas	92.1%
Belugas	96.5%
Sea Otters	95.3%
Gorillas	92.5%
Saolas	95.7%
Galapagos Penguins	90.7%
Sea Turtles	91.7%

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



Unfortunately, this week, attendance was lower than it has been recently, meaning that none of our classes achieved 98% to earn them a spin on the wheel.

A special mention to the children below who have all displayed some of our core values this week:

Class	Child	Core Value
Galapagos Penguins	Maria	Kindness
Sea Turtles	Paige	Courage
Gorillas	Rosie	Courage
Saolas	Jayden	Kindness
Belugas	Edan	Responsibility
Sea Otters		
Jaguars	Favour	Courage
Vaquitas	Tommy G	Respect
Macaws	Henry	Respect
Rhinos	Jordon	Respect
Hedgehogs	Isla	Responsibility
Tigers	Alfie	Courage
Elephants	Delia	Respect
Pandas	Ivy	Kindness



Dates for your Diary



Tuesday, 14th July 2026

Year 3 Assembly - 9.15am

Open Evening 3.30-5.30pm

Wednesday, 15th July 2026

Year 5 Assembly - 9am

KS1 Sports Day - 9.15 - 11am

Year 4 visiting Mundy House:

Sea Otters - 1.30-2pm

Belugas - 2.10-2.40pm

EYFS / Reception Assembly - 2.45pm

Thursday, 16th July 2026

Year 4 Assembly - 2.30pm

End of Term Disco's:

KS1 - 4-5.30pm - KS1 Hall

KS2 - 4-5.30pm - KS2 Hall

Year 6 Leavers Disco - 5.45-7.15pm - KS2 Hall

Friday, 17th July 2026

Last Day of Term

Year 6 Leaver's Assembly - 2.15pm

Monday, 20th July 2026

Inset / Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday, 21st July - Monday, 31st August 2026

Summer Holidays

Tuesday, 1st & Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Inset / Non-Pupil Day

Thursday, 3rd September 2026

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 **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.



Beat The Street Leader board

We hope you are all enjoying taking part in the Beat The Street challenge so far!

Please remember that the aim of the challenge is to walk, cycle or scoot to each Beat Box.

Please do not cheat by driving as the organisers can tell and could wipe both your and your teams points!!

We will update the leader board each week to show how each year group is getting on. Fairhouse Staff will also be taking part, can your year group beat them? There will be weekly prizes for the child at the top of the leader board as well as for the overall winners of the competition.

Cherry Tree Primary School are also taking part and we do love a bit of healthy competition, so,
GAME ON!

The staff member currently in the lead is **STILL Mrs Wise!** Well done Mrs Wise!

Do you think any of our other staff members will be able to catch up with her next week?

Class / Team	Points
Reception / EYFS	700
Year 1	3800
Year 2	2160
Year 3	2610
Year 4	1040
Year 5	4190
Year 6	2400
Staff	4230

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

BERLESDUNA – TRUST ATTENDANCE LEAD closing date 12 July

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Learn to ride courses and a new course
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Turn up the volume on reading this summer!

We invite children throughout Essex to discover the joy of reading through Read to the Beat! — the music-themed Summer Reading Challenge 2026. Read six books to receive a certificate and medal!

**Saturday 18 July to
Saturday 5 September 2026**

Find out more about how to take part in this free activity:

libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/summer-reading-challenge



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for children up to 8 accompanied by their father, grandad or other male relative/carer

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Starting May 2026

WHERE: St Paul's Methodist Church
Ballards Walk, Basildon, SS15 5HL

MORE INFO FROM PAUL
Call: 07952 899241

Parents are responsible for their own children.
No child care will be provided

Who Let The Dads Out? is part of Care for the Family, a Christian initiative to strengthen family life, offering support to everyone. Care for the Family is a registered charity (England and Wales: 1088905; Scotland: SC038497)

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TICKETS FOR
LOCAL SCHOOL
CHILDREN AND
ONE
ACCOMPANYING
ADULT**

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✉ **BECOME A SCHOOL GOVERNOR**

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Make a difference in your local school

- No experience needed
- Training provided



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

Interested?
We'd love to have an informal chat.

Contact: Julie Lapslie
Email: julielapslie@berlesduna.co.uk

No obligation, no interview pressure
— just a conversation.

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 3 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
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<https://www.hadleighyouthfc.com/>



1st Pitsea Rainbows Unit

Meets every Wednesday between 4.30 and 5.30 during school term times

If your daughter is interested, please contact:



Girlguiding.org.uk for more details and to register