



Dear families

Welcome to the end of our first week back for the new academic year. It is wonderful to see our children back in school and looking so smart too! The children have shown great excitement and enthusiasm in their return. Staff have worked incredibly hard over the summer to make the classrooms and our school environment engaging and inviting for our children.

It was wonderful to meet our new reception pupils who have started with us this week. They have demonstrated great courage at taking the step in coming to school with lots of new faces around them. They particularly enjoyed staying at school for lunch today. We very much welcome our new children and our new parents to our Fairhouse Community.

This week we also welcomed some new staff: Miss Peetoom in year 6, Miss Tighe in year 1 and new learning support assistants Miss Whittington, Miss Hamilton, Mrs Stanley-Hine and Mrs Sewell. They are all still smiling at the end of the week!

As we start the new year, I just want to give a small reminder about uniform and jewellery. Our uniform is grey bottoms - not black. We do not allow leggings as part of uniform either. Jewellery should not be worn, with the exception of a watch (NOT smart watches) and a pair of stud earrings. We do not allow any hoop or dangly earrings for safety purposes. Footwear can be black shoe or trainers but we do request that these are completely black in colour.

If you haven't done so already, please make sure you have downloaded our Studybugs app. This is our main method of communication in school. We send newsletters and messages through our Studybugs app and you can use this app to report any absence or information about your child.

Attendance at school is crucial. Our aim is for every child to have attendance of at least 96%. Research proves the correlation between attendance and attainment. The children who have good attendance at school, achieve much better. Therefore, it is vital that we make every effort for our children to attend school. Children can still attend school with a cold, cough, sore throat, tiredness, broken limb etc. We are happy to support in the administration of medication if it is needed during the school day. This can include paracetamol (Calpol/Neurofen) if they are a bit under the weather or have a headache/sore throat. I promise that if we feel your child is not well enough to be in school, we will call and let you know.

In addition, please ensure that ALL appointments are made outside of school time. I do appreciate that sometimes doctor's appointments are tough to get and you need to take what you are given. However, you should make every effort possible to make appointments for opticians and dentists outside of school learning times to minimise the disruption to learning. If your child does have an appointment during the school day, please do your best to register them in school first and then take them out and return them as soon as possible. Registers are taken between 8.40 and 8.50 am AND again at 1.00 pm. If your child is here at these times, they will get their attendance mark. So if your child is off unwell in the morning but seems to be better later, please bring them in for the afternoon or as soon as possible.

All holidays MUST be taken during school closure periods. We only authorise leave of absences for exceptional circumstances. The local authority will issue penalty notices in the forms of fines and prosecution for poor attendance and for holidays taken in term time. More information about this can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence/legal-action-to-enforce-school-attendance>

Please make sure that your children have their PE kits in school at all times (white t-shirt, dark shorts or leggings and trainers/plimsolls) so they are able to take part in our PE lessons (these happen twice a week).

We look forward to having our first full week of school next week, including having our reception children in full time every day.

Have a wonderful weekend.



## Dates for your Diary

Tuesday, 9th September 2025

Woodlands School Parent Presentation  
9am - At Fairhouse

Wednesday, 10th September 2025

Basildon Lower Academy Meet the Headteacher Event

Friday, 26th September 2025

Macmillan Coffee Morning - 9am-10am

Tuesday, 7th - Friday, 10th October 2025

Travelling Book Fair

Thursday, 9th October 2025

Berlesduna Poetry Slam

Wednesday, 22nd October 2025

Flu Immunisations

Friday, 24th October 2025

Inset / Non Pupil Day

Monday, 27th - Friday, 31st October 2025

Half Term

Monday, 3rd November 2025

Inset / Non Pupil Day

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

Friday, 5th December 2025

Fairhouse Christmas Shopping Event

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



## 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.


## **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
-  **Southend 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!**

georgepulham@icloud.com

07426 835100



## 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.

## 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**

#### 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.



#### 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.





## 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.



# 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  
[FREDWINGGIRLS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FREDWINGGIRLS@GMAIL.COM)  
OR CALL 07977 416 044

SISTER CLUB



**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 Wellbeing Service

Find out more at:  
[essexwellbeingsservice.co.uk](http://essexwellbeingsservice.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](mailto:enquiries@essexcompass.org.uk)



BASILDON **KICK BOXING** ACADEMY



# DUTCH K1 KICKBOXING

Join one of the fastest growing martial arts clubs in the area

**What We Offer :**

- Opportunities To Compete
- 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 LAINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE, ASTON ROAD, SS15 6NK



**First Lesson FREE** **4 years old to seniors welcomed**

# Wakarishin Ju-Jitsu

We run both junior & adult classes throughout Essex 7 days a week

What you would gain from learning Traditional Ju-Jitsu?

- Learn self defence skills & raise interaction levels
- Boost your confidence & self esteem
- Improve self-discipline & the value of teamwork
- Improve your health & overall fitness
- Develop core values such as respect & courtesy
- Meet new friends



WEBSITE FACEBOOK IN MARTIAL ARTS DMS REGISTERED

FIND OUR LOCATIONS & TIMES: [WWW.WAKARISHIN-JUJITSU.COM](http://WWW.WAKARISHIN-JUJITSU.COM)



## BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – VACANCIES

FAIRHOUSE – DEPUTY HEADTEACHER closing date 15<sup>th</sup> September

MERRYLANDS – SEND LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 18<sup>th</sup> September

WILLOWS – CARETAKER closing date 14<sup>th</sup> September

WILLOWS – NURSERY MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 17<sup>th</sup> September

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



**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  
OS17 Earlybird price is £30 for both days or £18.50 for one day.

**WHAT TO EXPECT?**

- Expert Coaching sessions will be led by our 14 qualified coaches, who are experienced in working with SEND players.
- Skills Development: enhance your skills through fun football drills, including passing, dribbling, shooting and free kicks.
- Special guests: even Celtic's third player and club mascot will be in the bag!
- Exciting Rewards: every participant will receive a Colson's United t-shirt and pin, with additional medals and trophies available to win.

Is your child between 4 and 14 years of age?  
Do they like games, fun and making friends?  
Why not sign them up to come along to our

# YOUTH CLUB

**FREE!**



**FREE!**

when: Friday's 5.30 - 7.00pm  
where: mother's kitchen cafe, sat3 ipn

**REGISTER HERE!**

**BOOK IN HERE!**

**SCAN HERE**

**a meal and drinks are provided!**

**Mothers Kitchen Community Group-Pitsea**  
[mkcgbbookings@gmail.com](mailto:mkcgbbookings@gmail.com)



## 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 07824 508 640

**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/>