



Dear families

Welcome to the last week of December. We are entering the crazy period that is the Christmas season and we are kicking off on Monday with our one-stop, pop-up shop that we call "Elfridges". This event provides children with a chance to do some Christmas shopping for their loved ones with independence and surprise. Children can purchase up to 2 gifts each from a range of gifts priced from £1 to £3 each. If you would like your child to take part, please provide your child with no more than £6 to spend. Please put this in an envelope with their name on and send it into school with them on Monday morning. The gifts come ready wrapped, ready for the children to put under the tree. It really is a lovely experience for our children and I have to give HUGE thanks to Miss Baldock for arranging this and spending hours upon hours of her own time wrapping these gifts.

In school, we are busy practicing our Christmas songs for our Christmas assemblies. Each class will hold 2 assemblies on the same day, and we invite you and your family to come along to enjoy them. Please do look out for the dates for your child's year group in our Dates for your Diary section.

This week, our year 5 children completed their Bikeability training. Over last week and this week, we have had 30 children take part across year 5. The instructors were so complimentary of our children, their commitment and their great manners. They said they were very impressed and thoroughly enjoyed working with them, enabling them to gain their level 1 and level 2. Well done to all the children who took part and thanks to the adults that supported them.



On Wednesday this week, we had the privilege of welcoming 18 teachers from across the south of Essex to our school to watch how we teach maths. They were all very inspired and really impressed with what they saw and how the subject is taught. A HUGE credit to Mrs Burton to be so brave as to have so many other teachers in her class, watching her teach. Again, the visitors were very complimentary about how well our children focussed and the provision we have for them.

Next week, as part of their PE lessons, our pupils will be taking part in a Festive Run in aid of St Luke's Hospice. Every child should now have brought a sponsorship form home. Please do donate as much as you can afford by sponsoring your child to run. Sponsorship money will be collected after the event has taken place, look out for a Studybugs message next week for more information on when / where / how to submit your child's sponsorship money.

Next Friday, we have our Christmas Fayre. This will start at 3.30 pm. We have a range of wonderful stalls and games for you to look around and take part in. We have our usual, very popular raffles with great prizes to be won. We also have our popular tombola's (teddy tombola, general tombola and the bottle tombola). We will have stalls selling food, crafts, gifts and a whole lot more. We are very pleased to say that we will be joined by our school choir who will perform some wonderful Christmas songs for us. AND..... we are pleased to announce that we have the privilege of being joined by Father Christmas himself in our lovely grotto. So please do come along for an afternoon of fun and Christmas community spirit.

Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you 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 One

1st - 5th December 2025

Monday

Pork Sausage & Mash

Vegan Sausage & Mash

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Ham Bap

Seasonal Fruit Medley

Tuesday

BBQ Chicken New Yorker

BBQ Vegan Fillet New Yorker

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Jam Sandwich

Double Chocolate Chip Cake

Wednesday

Roast Gammon, Yorkie Pud & Gravy

Broccoli & Cauliflower Cheese Bake

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Cheese Wrap

American Style Waffles

Thursday

Beef & Mozzarella Pasta Gratin

Vegan Mince & Mozzarella Gratin

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Turkey Bap

Treacle Sponge Pudding

Friday

Fish Fingers

Veggie Fingers

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Egg Mayo Sandwich

Fruity Friday

Fairhouse Weekly Attendance Table

Elephants	86.5%
Pandas	87.1%
Hedgehogs	96.2%
Tigers	88.3%
Macaws	94.1%
Rhinos	98.6%
Jaguars	92.7%
Vaquitas	94.6%
Belugas	91.8%
Sea Otters	97.7%
Gorillas	93.7%
Saolas	92.4%
Galapagos Penguins	95.7%
Sea Turtles	96.7%

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 Rhinos 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	Kenan	Kindness
Sea Turtles	Ellesha	Responsibility
Gorillas	Ella	Kindness
Saolas	Jacob	Responsibility
Belugas	Sienna	Responsibility
Sea Otters	Violet	Responsibility
Jaguars	Penny	Kindness
Vaquitas	Callum	Responsibility
Macaws	Wenro	Responsibility
Rhinos	Harry S	Kindness
Hedgehogs	Kwame	Responsibility
Tigers	Hela	Kindness
Elephants	Haris	Responsibility
Pandas	Roman	Courage



Dates for your Diary



Monday, 1st December 2025

Elfridges Christmas Pop Up Shop

Wednesday, 3rd December 2025

Understanding Children's Anxiety Workshop - 9-11.30am

Thursday, 4th December 2025

Reception / EYFS Christmas Assembly - 9.10am & 2.45pm

Friday, 5th December 2025

Fairhouse Christmas Shopping Event - 3.30-5.30pm

Monday, 8th December 2025

Year 1 Christmas Assembly - 9.10am & 2.45pm

Tuesday, 9th December 2025

Year 3 Christmas Assembly - 9.10am & 2.45pm

Wednesday, 10th December 2025

Year 2 Christmas Assembly - 9.10am & 2.45pm

Thursday, 11th December 2025

Year 6 Christmas Assembly - 9.10am & 2.45pm

Fairhouse Choir at Eastgate Shopping Centre - 1.30pm

Friday, 12th December 2025

Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day

Monday, 15th December 2025

EYFS & KS1 - Visit from Travelling Panto

KS2 - Trip to Towngate Theatre

Tuesday, 16th December 2025

Year 5 Christmas Assembly - 9.10am & 2.45pm

Wednesday, 17th December 2025

Year 4 Christmas Assembly - 9.10am & 2.45pm

School Disco - More info to follow

Friday, 19th December 2025

KS2 Christmas Carol Service at St Andrews Church

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

Monday, 16th - Friday, 20th February 2026

Half Term

Wednesday, 25th February 2026

Young Voices Concert at the O2 Arena

Wednesday, 15th April 2026

Setting Boundaries Workshop - 9-11.30am

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 CHRISTMAS FAYRE

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2025

3.30PM-5.30PM

STALLS . GAMES .

REFRESHMENTS

FACE PAINTING

**MEET FATHER CHRISTMAS
& MUCH MORE!**



**FREE
ENTRY**

Long Riding, Basildon SS14 1QP

For stall bookings please contact pta@fairhouse-pri.essex.sch.uk

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.



ACL**FREE!**

Understanding Children's Anxiety

The course covers common signs, underlying causes, and practical techniques to help children manage anxious thoughts and feelings.

Date: 03/12/2025

Time: 09:00 - 11:30

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'Find a course...' box



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0330 333 7 444

Make a referral:

AGENCY

or

SELF REFERRAL

General enquiries: enquiries@essexcompass.org.uk

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!



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 your 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.

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Essex Wellbeing Service

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



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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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
COST? Earlybird price is £30 for both days or £18.50 for one day.

WHAT TO EXPECT?

- **Expert Coaching:** sessions will be led by our FA-qualified coaches, who are experienced in working with SEND players.
- **Skills Development:** enhance your skills through fun football drills, including passing, dribbling, shooting and much more.
- **Special Guests:** meet Chelsea's first team players and club mascot Kicker the Eagle!
- **Exciting Rewards:** every participant will receive a Chelsea's Under-18s jersey, with additional medals and trophies available to be won.

BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – VACANCIES

CHERRY TREE – EYFS CLASS TEACHER closing date 10th December
 FAIRHOUSE – SEND LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 9th December
 MERRYLANDS – CLEANER closing date 10th December
 WHITMORE – CLASS TEACHER (FIXED TERM) closing date 1st December
 WHITMORE – FAMILY SUPPORT OFFICER closing date 2nd December
 WILLOWS – MEDICAL OFFICER closing date 12th December

For more information and to apply for any of these exciting opportunities, please follow the link to our website [Vacancies – Berlesduna Academy Trust](https://www.berlesdunaacademytrust.co.uk/vacancies)

Tuesday 16th

Linford Drive,
Kirby Road,
Timberlog Lane,
Long Riding,
Clayburn Circle,
Brownlow Bend,
Dengayne,
Long Riding,
Hockley Road,
Chittock Gate,
Mopsies Road,
Warren Drive

Santa is coming!!!

6:30PM



*Bacildon & Pitsea
Carnival*

WE WILL BE HAVING A STREET
COLLECTION IF YOU WISH TO
PUT A FEW PENNIES IN THE
ELVES POTS.



*WEATHER PERMITTING, TIMES MAY CHANGE OR RESULT IN CANCELLATION

Essex Fire Museum Open Days

2025



Sunday 14th Of December
10:30AM To 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 5QS



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HILLTOP JUNIOR SCHOOL WICKFORD CHRISTMAS CLUB

MON 22ND DEC
Football

Table Tennis

Dance/Acting Games

TUES 23RD DEC
Christmas Party

Christmas Crafts

GAMING BUS

MON 29TH DEC
NERF Wars

Zorb Battles

Gymnastics

TUES 30TH DEC
Apparatus Football

Party Games

FUN BUS



TO BOOK: <https://parallel-sports-coaching.class4kids.co.uk>