



Pupil Leadership Takes Centre Stage!

Developing pupil leadership and giving children meaningful opportunities to make a difference is a key priority for us this year. We have been delighted by the enthusiasm shown as pupils applied for a range of leadership roles across the school. Each group will be supported by a key adult and will meet once per term to discuss priorities, help lead assemblies and organise events throughout the year.

Congratulations to Hashir (Head Boy), Temi (Head Girl), and to the deputies: Donald, Hudson H, Elodie and Hamida. The standard of applications was incredibly high and all candidates should be proud of themselves. The successful pupils impressed Mrs Hamilton and Mrs Argent during the interview process and will be excellent role models, demonstrating our core values every day. We are excited to announce the rest of our leadership teams next week, when pupils will also receive their badges. Good luck to everyone still waiting to hear the results!

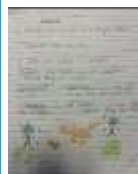
This week, pupils in EYFS have been learning all about the important people in our community and exploring the different jobs they do to help and support us. We've enjoyed talking about the people we may meet in our everyday lives and why their roles are so important.

- Art: We have been creating beautiful autumnal trees, experimenting with colour mixing and discovering what happens when we combine different colours.
- Maths: We have been developing our counting skills by counting objects accurately up to five, as well as practising our number formation.
- Writing: We have been practising forming the letters i, n, p, g and o, focusing on developing our pencil control and correct letter formation.
- PSHE: We discussed what makes each of us unique. We explored how we can all be similar in some ways, while also being wonderfully different in others — just like our favourite toys!

It has been a fantastic week of learning, exploring and discovering together. Well done, everyone!

Year 1 have had another fantastic week of learning! We continued painting, experimenting with mixing primary colours to create secondary colours. The children enjoyed seeing how new colours could be made from red, blue and yellow. In geography, we took part in a Now Press Play activity to explore maps and develop our understanding of how maps can help us find and describe places. We have also been busy writing stories and are becoming increasingly independent writers. We have been practising remembering to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We are so proud of the progress the children are making and the growing confidence they are showing in their writing!

In Year 2 this week, we have been learning more about significant people in history, such as Emmeline Pankhurst and Mary Anning. We have also been practicing our multiples of 10, becoming increasingly confident at adding and subtracting different multiples of 10. We have also experimented with colour in Art, focusing on analysing different famous pieces of artwork to recognise the primary and secondary colours in each piece.



Year 4 have been busy exploring the fascinating world of ecosystems! They have learned how living things interact with each other and with their environment. The children have also investigated biotic features, such as plants and animals, and abiotic features, such as water, sunlight, soil and temperature. They have enjoyed discovering how all these different parts work together to create a healthy ecosystem.

This week, Year 5 took part in a Road Safety Workshop, ensuring they were aware of the many hazards around them when out and about on the streets and how to keep themselves safe as pedestrians. They developed their reading skills through vocabulary work, comprehension and novels such as *Flora & Ulysses*, *Raymie Nightingale* and *Louisiana's Way Home*. In writing, the children planned, wrote and edited autumnal poems. In maths, they explored decimal numbers, including tenths and calculation strategies. They also learned about oracle bones in history, grid references and maps in geography.

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 One

21st - 25th September 2026

Monday

Pork Sausage Hotdog

Veggie Sausage Hotdog

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Cheese Bap

Seasonal Fruit Medley

Tuesday

Chicken Tikka Masala

Quorn Chicken Masala

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Jam Sandwich

Marble Cake

Wednesday

Roast Turkey, Yorkie Pud & Gravy

Veggie Plait, Yorkie Pud & Gravy

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Egg Baguette

Jam Filled Doughnut

Thursday

Creamy Chicken Fajita Pasta Bake

Creamy Quorn Fajita Pasta Bake

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Ham Wrap

Bread & Butter Pudding Muffin

Friday

Fish Fingers

Veggie Fingers

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Chicken Bap

Fruity Friday

Fairhouse Weekly Attendance Table

Elephants	95.8%
Pandas	93%
Hedgehogs	88.7%
Tigers	96%
Macaws	94.1%
Rhinos	97.6%
Jaguars	97.9%
Vaquitas	93.5%
Belugas	96.2%
Sea Otters	96.9%
Gorillas	97.7%
Saolas	98.1%
Galapagos Penguins	99.2%
Sea Turtles	96.6%

Well done to Rhinos (KS1) and Galapagos Penguins (KS2) who have earned the company of our attendance bears Fred and Freda in class next week. Also to Saolas 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	Hashir	Responsibility
Sea Turtles	Isabelle	Courage
Gorillas	Ollie	Courage
Saolas	Ella	Kindness
Belugas	Elroi	Kindness
Sea Otters	Billy	Kindness
Jaguars	Fayth-Louise	Courage
Vaquitas	Carla	Kindness
Macaws	Tessa	Kindness
Rhinos	Desire	Kindness
Hedgehogs	Azalea	Kindness
Tigers	Evan	Kindness
Elephants	Amber	Responsibility
Pandas	Noah	Responsibility



Dates for your Diary



Wednesday, 23rd September 2026

Year 5 & 6 STEM Event - 12pm - 3pm

Monday, 28th September 2026

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

Tuesday, 6th - Thursday, 8th October 2026

Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday, 7th October 2026

Individual School Photos

Thursday, 22nd October 2026

New Intake 2027 Tour 5pm - 6pm

Monday, 26th - Friday, 30th October 2026

Half Term

Monday, 2nd November 2026

Inset / Non Pupil Day

Tuesday, 3rd November 2026

Back To School

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 5pm - 6pm

Monday, 23rd & Tuesday, 24th November 2026

Year 5 Bikeability Course 3

Friday, 4th December 2026

Fairhouse Christmas Fayre 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Wednesday, 16th December 2026

Christmas Panto - More info to follow

Thursday, 17th December 2026

Christmas Disco 4pm - 5.30pm

Monday, 21st Dec 2026 - Friday, 1st Jan 2027

Christmas Holidays

Monday, 4th January 2027

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 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.



SEND Support Drop-in Basildon Library

Tuesday 22 September, 11am to 1pm

- A free service for parents and carers wanting information, support or assistance with issues surrounding parenting and advocating for children with special needs and disabilities
- Representatives attending from SNAP, SPACE, Essex Family Forum and other local SEND specific services. This drop-in is supported by Brave
- No booking or diagnosis required. Children are welcome



libraries.essex.gov.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.

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

DOWNHAM – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 24 September

MERRYLANDS – FIXED TERM CLASS TEACHER closing date 27 September

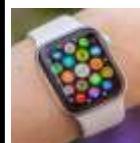
WHITMORE – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 28 September

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](https://www.berlesdunaacademytrust.co.uk/vacancies)

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.



Activities / Achievements



Well Done to Shahith who took part in the Basildon Half Marathon on Sunday! What an achievement! Congratulations Shahith!



The Green Barn FARM

Pumpkin Festival

OCTOBER 2026

PICK YOUR PERFECT PUMPKIN PUMPKINS AFTER DARK

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

DAYTIME FUN INCLUDES:	EVENING FUN INCLUDES:
- Pumpkins From £1 - Pick Your Own Pumpkin - Maize Maze - Live Actors - Spooky Tractor Ride - Pumpkin Cannon - HUGE Pumpkin House - Face Painting	- Pumpkins From £1 - Live Entertainment - Live Music - Roaming Actors - Photo Opportunities - Bale Mountain - Spooky Surprises & Much More!

UNDER 25 GO FREE!

OPEN UNTIL 9PM!

BOOK ONLINE!  greenbarnfarmshop.com

DOG FRIENDLY  **FOOD & DRINK ON SITE**  **FREE PARKING** 

THE GREEN BARN FARM
NORTH BENFLEET HALL FISHERY, BENFLEET SS20 9AR
JUST OFF THE A140, BENFLEET

f **@thegreenbarnfarm**

SCHOOL SEASON TICKETS



**FREE ENTRY
TICKETS FOR
LOCAL SCHOOL
CHILDREN AND
ONE
ACCOMPANYING
ADULT**

**SCAN THE QR
CODE TO APPLY**



A FOOTBALL CLUB FOR THE COMMUNITY

COMPASS

A partnership of domestic abuse services providing a response in Essex

Essex Domestic Abuse Helpline:

0330 333 7 444



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/>



SEND Parent Support Groups



Wickford Coffee Morning Miracle House, Silva Island Way Wickford	Mondays - 7th Sept, 5th Oct, 2d Nov and 7th Dec 9.30am to 11.30am
Drop In (no need to book) The Hive, United Reform Church, Honeypot Lane, Basildon	Tuesdays - 15th Sept, 13th Oct, 17th Nov and 1st Dec 9.30am to 11.30am
Billericay Evening Support Group The Chantry Centre, Billericay	Thursdays - 10th Sept, 8th Oct, 12th Nov and 10th Dec 8pm to 9.30pm
Wickford/Basildon Evening Support Group St Gabriel's Church Community Centre, Rectory Road, Pitsea	Thursdays - 24th Sept, 22nd Oct, 26th Nov and 17th Dec 7.30pm to 9.30pm
EHCP Workshop Online	Tuesday 29th September 7.30pm to 9.30pm
Essex Local Offer SEND Roadshow Richmond Hall, South Benfleet	Wednesday 21st October 9.30am to 12.30pm
Parent/Carer Gentle Relaxation Group Shotgate Hall, Wickford	Every Tuesday evening 7.30pm to 8.30pm

Supporting Autism, ADHD, Anxiety, Dyspraxia, Dyslexia

No diagnosis required - Non-judgemental support

BOOKING ESSENTIAL - via our website

www.myotas.org - bookable activities

Email: info@myotas.org



Registered Charity No. 1184723



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