



Instead of our usual newsletter this week, we are sharing information about our wonderful "Aspirations" week we have just held at Fairhouse.

I would like to add a HUGE thank you to Mrs Argent who has spent so much time and energy in putting this week together with the support of a great staff team and parent community behind her.

Aspirations Week at Fair House: Dream Big, Aim High!

This week, Fairhouse has been buzzing with excitement as we hosted our very own Aspirations Week. The aim of the week was simple but important: to encourage our children to dream big, think about their future careers, and understand that with hard work, determination and resilience, they can achieve their goals.

We have been incredibly fortunate to welcome a fantastic range of visitors into school, all of whom generously gave up their time to share their experiences, inspire our children and open their eyes to the many possibilities that lie ahead.

Our week began with a special assembly led by our local MP, Richard Holden, who delivered an engaging and interactive session about how Parliament works. The children learned about the roles of the House of Commons, the House of Lords and the Prime Minister before taking part in their very own parliamentary debate on whether playtimes should be extended! The KS2 Hall was transformed into a miniature House of Commons, with enthusiastic speeches, passionate arguments and plenty of cries of "Order! Order!" throughout.



Our Reception children welcomed visitors including a paramedic, a speech therapist and one of our very own school cleaners. The children were fascinated by learning about the different ways people help others in their jobs. Maia (Elephants) said: "We learned about the paramedic and I want to be a doctor when I get older because I want to help people."



Year 1 were equally excited by visits from a paramedic and the owner of a swim school. The children loved exploring medical equipment, listening to heartbeats through stethoscopes and wrapping each other in bandages! Harry (Tigers) particularly enjoyed meeting the swimming instructor. He said "He was funny! If you're drowning, shout 'help' and do the star position to float. It's a good job because you can help people." He told us he would like to become an adventurer when he grows up!

Year 2 got hands-on with visits from a plasterer and a physiotherapist. The opportunity to try plastering for themselves proved to be a huge hit. Alfie (Macaws) said: "I enjoyed plastering. It was exciting to watch my friends having a go." Bennett (Macaws) was amazed to learn that the plasterer had completed an entire cottage on his own, describing it as "really interesting and impressive."



Year 3 enjoyed visits from a carpenter, an AI specialist and a speech therapist. Abel (Jaguars) particularly loved the carpentry workshop. "I liked testing the tools, wearing the safety equipment and screwing nails into the wood. Carpentry is a good job because you can design things in your own way and be creative." Abel was also delighted to see his mum visiting school as one of our guest speakers.

Year 4 welcomed a journalist from The Times, an occupational therapist, an HR manager and a mechanic. The variety of careers gave children plenty to think about. Isabelle (Sea Otters) reflected: "I've really enjoyed hearing people talk about their jobs, what they do and how they help people or keep them entertained." Jacob (Sea Otters) particularly enjoyed the mechanic's visit. "The mechanic was very funny and encouraging. I loved finding out about cars, engines and apprenticeships."





Year 5 were treated to visits from a journalist, a paediatric nurse, a personal trainer and an accountant. Elodie (Saolas) was especially inspired by the visit from the journalist. "I liked finding out that you can create videos and travel to different places as part of your job. I've always wanted to be a singer, dancer or actor, but now I'm also thinking about journalism!"

Year 6 enjoyed an equally impressive programme of visitors, including a Pilates instructor, an engineer, a Tower of London tour guide and a representative from the Health and Safety Executive. Cas (Galapagos Penguins) explained: "It's been interesting learning about different jobs and how people become successful. It will help me in the future because I know what I need to do to achieve my goals."



One of the biggest highlights of the week came on Wednesday when Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 pupils attended a very special assembly with Courtney Tulloch, the multi-medal-winning Great British gymnast. Courtney shared his inspiring journey to becoming an elite athlete, encouraging the children to persevere, work hard and always believe in themselves. His message of resilience and determination resonated with everyone in the room. Ryan (Sea Turtles) said: "I enjoyed hearing about the lifestyle you need to maintain when you're at the top of your sport and how important physical activity is."

The children were absolutely mesmerised when Courtney demonstrated some of his incredible gymnastics skills. Gasps of amazement filled the hall as he effortlessly showcased his talent—and even jumped over members of staff and pupils!

Overall, Aspirations Week has been an outstanding success. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to every visitor who gave up their time to inspire our children and help broaden their horizons.

Perhaps the most pleasing feedback came from our visitors themselves, who consistently commented on how respectful, enthusiastic and engaged the children of Fairhouse were throughout the week. We are incredibly proud of them all.

Who knows? Among the doctors, engineers, journalists, athletes, carers, business leaders and innovators of the future may well be the children sitting in our classrooms today. Aspirations Week has certainly shown them that the possibilities are endless!

Next week we have our Move-Up days in school where the children will spend two days with their new class for September. Your child will bring home a slip with them on Monday which will detail the name of their new class and the adults who will be working with them. Parents / carers should take their child to their usual class / drop off point on Monday and Tuesday mornings and collect them from the usual places at the end of the school day.

Later in the week we also have our Year 6 residential trip which is always an exciting time for our Year 6 children.

The weather is looking fabulous for the weekend and also next week so we hope you have a great weekend in the sunshine and look forward to seeing everyone 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

22nd - 26th June 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	94.2%
Pandas	96.4%
Hedgehogs	90.7%
Tigers	94.7%
Macaws	89.3%
Rhinos	95%
Jaguars	91.7%
Vaquitas	97.7%
Belugas	97.4%
Sea Otters	98.3%
Gorillas	94.8%
Saolas	99%
Galapagos Penguins	94.3%
Sea Turtles	95%

Well done to Pandas (KS1) and Saolas (KS2) who have earned the company of our attendance bears Fred and Freda in class next week. Also to Sea Otters and Saolas 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	Ava-Rose	Courage
Sea Turtles	Samira	Kindness
Gorillas	Isabelle	Responsibility
Saolas	Donald	Responsibility
Belugas	Marcie	Kindness
Sea Otters	Kleona	Kindness
Jaguars	Tommy-Lee	Kindness
Vaquitas	Lizzie	Courage
Macaws	Alfie	Courage
Rhinos	Louisa	Kindness
Hedgehogs	Alisha	Courage
Tigers	Elise	Responsibility
Elephants	Dougie	Responsibility
Pandas	Roman	Responsibility



Dates for your Diary



Monday, 22nd & Tuesday, 23rd June 2026

'Move Up' / Transition Days

New Intake 2026 Stay & Play Sessions -

Group 1 9.30-10.30am

Group 2 10.45-11.45am

Wednesday, 24th - Friday, 26th June 2026

Year 6 Residential Trip - Danbury Outdoors Centre

Wednesday, 24th June 2026

Year 4 Assembly - 2.40pm

Thursday, 25th June 2026

Year 5 World War 1 Flight Simulator Activity

Friday, 26th June 2026

First Aid Course for Parents - 9.30am-1.30pm

Wednesday, 1st July 2026

Berlesduna Swimming Gala

Year 2 Assembly - 9.15am

Thursday, 2nd July 2026

Year 3 Assembly - 9.15am

Year 5 & 6 District Athletics

Friday, 3rd July 2026

Fairhouse Summer Bounce Event - 3.30-5.30pm

Monday, 6th July 2026

Year 4 Trip - Horniman Museum

Tuesday, 7th July 2026

The Worry Circle Performance - 4pm

Wednesday, 8th July 2026

Zones of Regulation Workshop - 9-11.30am

Year 1 Assembly - 9.15am

Thursday, 9th July 2026

Year 3 & 4 District Athletics

The Worry Circle Performance - 4pm

Friday, 10th July 2026

Sports Day - More info to follow

Tuesday, 14th July 2026

Open Evening 3.30-5.30pm

Wednesday, 15th July 2026

Year 5 Assembly - 9.15am

EYFS / Reception Assembly - 2.45pm

Thursday, 16th July 2026

End of Term Disco's - More info to follow

Friday, 17th July 2026

Last Day of Term

Year 6 Leaver's Assembly - 2.15pm

Monday, 20th July 2026

Inset / Non-Pupil Day

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 pupil at the top of the leader board this week is Declan W! Well done Declan we hope you enjoy your well earned prize!

The staff member currently in the lead is Mrs Wise, well done Mrs Wise! Can any of our staff members beat her to first place next week?

Class / Team	Points
Reception / EYFS	240
Year 1	930
Year 2	600
Year 3	670
Year 4	160
Year 5	810
Year 6	200
Staff	639

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.



Fairhouse Primary School

Bespoke Gifts

Carnival Games

Refreshments

Ice Cream

Penalty Shoot out

Hair Accessories

Bespoke Cakes

Mulligans

archery

Raffle



BOUNCE EVENT

Friday 3rd July 3.30pm-5.30pm

Wristbands cost £8.00 each available via parent pay or a Thursday afternoon after school or in the front entrance a few mornings over the next couple of weeks.

You can pay for these in cash or by card.

There will also be lots of lovely stalls at the event that will require cash.

Please email pta@fairhouse-pri.essex.sch.uk to enquire about this event.

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