



Dear families

Welcome to the end of another great week at Fairhouse. The rain did not stop the fun we had today. Today we all came together to celebrate and support Children in Need and to promote one of our most important core values: kindness. This week we have been promoting this value and celebrating acts of kindness. We kept a tally chart to record acts of kindness seen in each class. Our celebration assembly this week was focussed around pupils who go above and beyond to demonstrate kindness. The children also spent time building friendships with another class this afternoon, sharing in kindness activities. It has been a pleasure to see the children share and recognise kindness in themselves and others.

It was lovely to see so many of you come along to our parents' evenings this week. I hope you found the time useful. We received a HUGE response from our surveys – thank you for taking the time to give us the feedback. I will be working on collating all this information over the next few weeks and will report back the summary data once this is all done. At first glance, it looks very positive and the comments have been wonderful to read.

It was also lovely to see our year 1 parents come along to our phonics and reading workshop yesterday. We hope you found the session useful in understanding how we use phonics to help teach reading and that you understood more about the phonics screening check all pupils take at the end of year 1.

On Thursday this week, our school held the annual Berlesduna Academy Trust's maths competition. Four of our most confident mathematicians from year 3 and 4 were selected to represent Fairhouse Primary School. They worked hard as a team, using a range mathematical skills to answer seven rounds of questions. The scores were incredibly close. We came a very respectable 5th place out of 11 schools. What a great morning we had! Well done Sharav, Samia, Ozaze and Abel. And a huge thank you to Ms Tansey for organising this event.

This week, year 4 had their first visit to Mundy House as part of their Archie Project. All pupils thoroughly enjoyed their time with the residents and cannot wait to go back in the new year.



In Year 1 this week, we started our funny faces unit in art. We had to create a collage of different facial features and see how funny we could make the face. Children chose cartoon mouths, different coloured eyes, silly hats and more for their faces! Both classes decorated poppies and created a wreath for Remembrance Day.



Also this week, our children joined in with a minute's silence for Remembrance. The children demonstrated maturity and understanding. Key stage 2 and year 2 children also joined in with an assembly held by an external visitor who explained the background of Remembrance and the importance of marking this event.

Today we say thank you and goodbye to Miss Prior who leaves us to take up a different position within our Trust. We wish her every success in her new role.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

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 Two

17th - 21st November 2025

Monday

Beef Burger

Veggie Burger

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Cheese Bap

Seasonal Fruit Medley

Tuesday

Chicken Casserole

Seasonal Vegetable Casserole

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Jam Sandwich

Upside Down Apple Cake

Wednesday

Roast Turkey, Yorkie Pud & Gravy

Quorn Roast, Yorkie Pud & Gravy

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Tuna Mayo Wrap

American Pancakes with Toffee Sauce

Thursday

Meatballs in Tomato Sauce

Sweet Potato Falafel Balls in Tomato Sauce

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Egg Mayo Baguette

Cookie Traybake

Friday

Fish Fingers

Veggie Fingers

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Turkey Bap

Fruity Friday

Fairhouse Weekly Attendance Table

Elephants	92.5%
Pandas	98.8%
Hedgehogs	99.6%
Tigers	92.1%
Macaws	98.9%
Rhinos	95%
Jaguars	94.8%
Vaquitas	98.6%
Belugas	93.8%
Sea Otters	96.7%
Gorillas	93.7%
Saolas	95.9%
Galapagos Penguins	90.7%
Sea Turtles	97%

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



Also to Pandas, Hedgehogs, Macaws. And Vaquitas who have all 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	Freya	Kindness
Sea Turtles	Subhan	Kindness
Gorillas	Alex	Kindness
Saolas	Donald	Kindness
Belugas	Sharav	Kindness
Sea Otters	Jacob	Kindness
Jaguars	Charisa	Kindness
Vaquitas	Logan	Kindness
Macaws	Annabel	Kindness
Rhinos		
Hedgehogs	Anayce	Kindness
Tigers		
Elephants	Primrose	Kindness
Pandas	Monroe	Kindness



Dates for your Diary



Monday, 17th November 2025

Reception 2026 New Intake Tours - 2pm & 5pm

Wednesday, 19th - Wednesday, 26th November 2025

Year 5 Bikeability Training

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

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

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 & 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.

**Stronger
Starts.**

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.



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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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aclessex.com and type
'FAIRHOUSE' in the
'Find a course...' box



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0345 603 7635

**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

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!



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essexwellbeingsservice.co.uk
or contact us on:
0300 303 9988



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



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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 Premier League 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.



Activities / Achievements



Well done to Teo and Elsie who both took part in the Basildon Remembrance Day Parade on Sunday. Well done guys!

Shout Outs

Miss Baldock would like to give favour a shout out for swimming this week and also for her efforts with her reading.

Favour showed great courage by getting in the pool for the first time during our swimming lessons. She has also jumped two levels in reading which is amazing news. Well done Favour!

Miss Baldock would also like to give Fayth-Louise a shout out for showing great kindness in the community over the last few weeks giving up her Saturdays to support the Royal British Legion with the Poppy Appeal. She has interacted with members of the public and was very polite. Fayth-Louise also showed great kindness to Miss Baldock by bringing her a Poppy badge that she had been unable to find herself. Thank you Fayth-Louise.

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Free warm winter clothes for families event on Saturday 15 November – Please share within your settings 🍷

Where: Northlands Park Family Hub, Basildon, SS13 1QX
When: Saturday 15 November – 11,00am to 1,00pm

Come along to a free event to give clothing a new life for families in Essex and reduce our carbon footprint!

For more information or support please contact the Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service; 0300 247 0013 📞



PARALLEL SPORTS COACHING

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>



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – VACANCIES

FELMORE – PART TIME CLASS TEACHER closing date 24th November
MERRYLANDS – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 16th November
WHITMORE – CLASS TEACHER (FIXED TERM) closing date 1st December
WHITMORE – HLTA (FIXED TERM) closing date 18th November
WHITMORE – SEND LEARNING SUPPORT/MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 24th November
WHITMORE – EYFS/KS1 LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 15th December
WILLOWS – EYFS CLASS TEACHER (FIXED TERM) closing date 14th November

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