

# FAIRHOUSE primary SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - 2 (12/09/25)



#### Dear families

Welcome to the end of our first full week. Our reception pupils have been amazing this week, learning our routines and making new friends. They are loving their new environment and it is a pleasure to see them at play, exploring, investigating, role playing and learning.

Year 2 have kicked off this week, learning about significant people as part of their topic: Movers and Shakers. This week they have explored why Neil Armstrong was important and how he changed the way people think about space.

In science, the year 6 children have been exploring the role of the circulatory system. The future doctors and surgeons learned that the main

components are the heart, blood and blood vessels. Children were intrigued to find out that there are three types of blood vessels: arteries, capillaries and veins. The blood flowing in these tube-shaped vessels carries oxygen, carbon dioxide, nutrients and waste products around the body.

Year 1 have started to look at creation stories in RE, starting with the Christian creation story. In art, they investigated which secondary colours could be made when mixing primary colours together and talked about what might happen if they added more of one colour than another. The year 1 science topic this term is Everyday Materials so this week, the children have been thinking about what is manmade and what is natural.



Every year, our year 4 pupils have the amazing opportunity to learn to play the ukulele. This week, our new year 4 children had their first Ukulele session with our music specialist Mrs Froud. The children learnt how to hold the ukulele properly and they learnt the main strings of the instrument to make a song. They all had the chance to play 'Count on Me' by Bruno Mars using their new skills.

Today, we had a film company in school, helping us to capture the essence of our fabulous school so that we can share this with others, including new

and prospective parents. This is a great opportunity to showcase what our school offers and the wonderful environment we have for our children. This recording will be shared on our school website and out Trust website too. We will let you know when it is available to view.

Just a reminder that our after school clubs for year 1 to 6 have started this week. Please remember to check the sessions that each club is running as there are some dates over the coming half term that clubs will not run due to staff training and / or school events taking place.

We also have our very useful Breakfast Club, offering childcare and breakfast from 8 am each morning. This is at a cost of just £2 per child, per day. If you are interested in this, please book your child in using via ParentPay. This club is for any child who attends our school.

We look forward to next week, when year 3 will be taking part in a home safety workshop, delivered by Essex Fire services and Year 5 will be taking part in a pedestrian safety workshop delivered by the Safer Essex Roads Partnership. This will include visiting our local streets and practicing safe crossings.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.



## <u>ParentPay</u>

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 Three

15th - 19th September 2025

<u>Monday</u>

Cheese & Ham Omelette

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Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Ham Bap

Seasonal Fruit Medley

**Tuesday** 

Beef Chilli Taco Shell

Vegan Chilli Taco Shell

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Jam Sandwich

Ice Cream Tub

Wednesday

Roast Chicken, Yorkie Pud & Gravy

Roast Quorn Fillet, Yorkie Pud & Gravy

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Tuna Mayo Baquette

Iced Sprinkle Cake

**Thursday** 

Chicken & Spinach Pasta

Macaroni Cheese

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Cheese Sandwich

Doughnut

<u>Friday</u>

Fish Fingers

Veggie Fingers

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Egg Mayo Wrap

Fruity Friday

### Fairhouse Weekly Attendance Table

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Elephants	91.7%
Pandas	94.4%
Hedgehogs	97.5%
Tigers	96.8%
Macaws	97%
Rhinos	94.6%
Jaguars	95.6%
Vaquitas	95.7%
Belugas	95.2%
Sea Otters	93.5%
Gorillas	98.5%
Saolas	97.9%
Galapagos Penguins	95.5%
Sea Turtles	97.5%

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

Also to Gorillas 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	Erin	Respect
Sea Turtles	Honesto	Responsibility
Gorillas	Temi	Courage & Kindness
Saolas	Mandisa	Kindness
Belugas	Jayden	Responsibility
Sea Otters	Preston	Responsibility
Jaguars	Abel	Responsibility
Vaquitas	Zora	Responsibility
Macaws	Rexhep	Responsibility
Rhinos	Carla	Responsibility
Hedgehogs	Lewis	Responsibility
Tigers	Emir	Courage
Elephants	Jamari	Courage
Pandas	Zakiy	Courage



## Dates for your Diary



Monday, 15th September 2025

Year 5 Pedestrian Safety Training Year 3 Home Safety Workshop

<u>Thursday, 18th September 2025</u> Year 5 Pedestrian Safety Training

Friday, 26th September 2025 Macmillan Coffee Morning - 9am-10am

<u>Tuesday, 7th - Friday, 10th October 2025</u> Travelling Book Fair

> <u>Thursday, 9th October 2025</u> 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

<u>Tuesday, 11th & Wednesday, 12th November 2025</u> Parents Evening - 3.30-6pm

> <u>Thursday, 13th November 2025</u> Berlesduna Maths Challenge Event

<u>Wednesday, 19th - Friday, 21st November 2025</u> Year 5 Bikeability Training

> <u>Friday, 5th December 2025</u> Fairhouse Christmas Shopping Event

<u>Thursday, 11th December 2025</u>
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 <u>MUST</u> 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.

## OPAL project

At Fairhouse, we take part in an Outdoor Play And Learning (OPAL) project at lunchtimes. This is particularly visible on the KS2 playground. The purpose of OPAL is to enhance the quality of outdoor play by providing 'stuff' to play with, enabling the opportunity for imaginative play. The 'stuff' can include: tyres, crates, guttering, rugs, pots and pans, prams, small world toys etc. The children and adults are trained to look out for equipment that may have been broken

during play and to constantly audit the 'stuff' that we have. Larger equipment is introduced in assembly with the children exploring how it could be used safely and what dangers it could pose. Nothing is introduced that is sharp or would shatter if broken (glass). But of course, any item (a stick, a stone, a tennis racket) can cause harm if used incorrectly.

This project is an opportunity for children to spend an hour of their day involved in a completely child-led activity, initiated by themselves. Through this, they develop a wealth of personal skills including: teamwork, problem solving, communication, creativity and many more, to ensure a happy, healthy lunchtime. Please contact the school if you would to speak to someone about this project or if you have any 'stuff' that you could kindly donate.

## <u>Important information - Term time holidays</u>

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 quilty by the Magistrates, parents could face a fine of up to £2,500 and/or 3 months imprisonment.

# Studybugs 💀

#### Studybuas

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).















# **PulhamPathways**

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### What I Offer:

- Football fit sessions (ail levels - beginner to advanced)
- Fitness training & weight loss support
- Improve football knowledge and game IQ
- Kids' sessions & smal group coaching available

### About Me:

3rd Year Scholar at Southend



12+ years experience -grassroots to semi-pro level

Level 3 Sports Coaching & Development

### Session Prices:

€20 - 30 minutes

€35 - 60 minutes

€45 - 90 minutes

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### **Block Bookings:**

5 x 60 min sessions - £150 10 x 60 min sessions -£300

#### CONTACT ME TODAY!

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# **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

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 football

https://www.hadleighyouthfc.com/





# REE GIRL'S



## 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



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#### 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





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Expected attendance means having no more than seven days off this school year!



## **Essex Wellbeing Service**

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



### COMPASS

A partnership of domestic abuse services providing a response in Essex

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# Wakarishin Ju-Jitsu

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- 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











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