



Dear families

Welcome to the end of another very busy week at Fairhouse.

Today, we had our Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner. The children had a great time, tucking into their festive food, enjoying Christmas music and pulling crackers. We also held a lucky plate competition today with one child from each year group winning a selection box. A HUGE thank you to our wonderful catering team for putting this on for everyone and to all our staff who helped out with making our Christmas dinner a huge success.

This week, we have continued our festive Christmas assemblies. The children all did an amazing job of entertaining their audiences with their wonderful singing, poetry sharing and information giving. A big thank you to all of you who came along to support. On Tuesday next week, we have year 5's assembly and we finish with year 4 on Wednesday.

On Thursday, our school choir visited the Eastgate Shopping Centre to sing some Christmas carols and raise funds for St Luke's Hospice. The children all did a fantastic job showcasing their singing voices. They even gave the audience a sneak peak of the Wicked medley that they will be performing at the O2 in February! Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to watch and cheer them on.

We will be holding our Christmas disco after school on Wednesday 17th December. The EYFS and key stage 1 Christmas party will be 4.00pm - 5.30pm. Please drop children round to their classrooms / normal collection points and collect from the same place at the end of the disco. The key stage 2 disco will be 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm. Please drop children to the side entrance of KS2. Children will be collected from the side playground for key stage 2. Please make sure children are collected promptly. Both events cost £5 per child and will be cash on the door on the night. All children will be given a bowl of chips, a drink and a glow stick. For key stage 2 children, they will have the option to purchase sweets and extra glow sticks during the disco. Please note, we will not allow children to attend the disco if they have not been at school that day.

We are very much looking forward to Monday's pantomime. We have a visiting pantomime for all children in EYFS, year 1 and year 2. The cost of this has been paid for by our school event fundraising money. All children in key stage 2 have the chance to visit the Towngate Theatre at a cost which has been heavily subsidised also using our school event fundraising money. Please remember that key stage 2 children will not be back to school for collection until 4.15 pm.

In other news.....This week, Year 6 have been diving into the world of abstract art. Pupils explored the work of key abstract trailblazers, studying how each artist used colour, shape and technique to express ideas and emotions. After researching different styles and creative approaches, the children experimented with these methods to inspire their own abstract pieces. Linking their art to our history topic Maafa, they produced thoughtful, expressive works that reflect their understanding of this important unit.

In Year 1, during Maths, we have been working on partitioning numbers between 0 and 10 into two parts and three parts. In Geography, we completed a Now Press Play activity to help us secure our knowledge on the four countries in the United Kingdom. We had to help King Charles to escape the evil Dr Disguise! We also have been learning about the seven continents and the equator - you may have heard us singing a song about this. During our Creative Curriculum Day, we focussed on Art. We used cutting, sticking and joining skills to create a collage self-portrait. We even learned how to do a running stitch.



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 Three

15th - 19th December 2025

### Monday

Cheese & Ham Omelette

Cheese Omelette

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 Baguette

Iced Sprinkle Cake

### Thursday

Chicken & Spinach Pasta

Macaroni Cheese

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Cheese Sandwich

Doughnut

### Friday

Fish Fingers

Veggie Fingers

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Egg Mayo Wrap

Fruity Friday

## Fairhouse Weekly Attendance Table

Elephants	93.5%
Pandas	92%
Hedgehogs	96.9%
Tigers	91.7%
Macaws	96.4%
Rhinos	97.9%
Jaguars	96.8%
Vaquitas	92.9%
Belugas	98.3%
Sea Otters	99.3%
Gorillas	95%
Saolas	92.8%
Galapagos Penguins	94.7%
Sea Turtles	93.7%

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 Belugas and Sea Otters 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	Rayan	Kindness
Sea Turtles	Andrew	Courage
Gorillas	Sydney	Kindness
Saolas	Dea	Responsibility
Belugas	Ciana	Kindness
Sea Otters	Ella	Courage
Jaguars	Ella	Kindness
Vaquitas	Ashar	Responsibility
Macaws	Kai-Bin	Responsibility
Rhinos	Rebeca	Responsibility
Hedgehogs	Yassin	Responsibility
Tigers	Lexie	Responsibility
Elephants	Dougie	Responsibility
Pandas	Ava	Responsibility



## Dates for your Diary



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's:**

EYFS & KS1: 4 - 5.30pm

KS2: 4 - 6pm

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.



## Activities / Achievements



KS2 Choir performing at the Eastgate Shopping Centre



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



# WINTER SPORTS CAMPS

FAIRHOUSE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL  
LONG RIDING, BASILDON, SS14 1QP  
22ND, 23RD, 24TH & 26TH DECEMBER, 10AM - 2PM




**4 Action Packed Days**

Activities include:

- Archery
- Glow in the Dark Dodgeball
- Laser Tag
- Football
- Ultimate Frisbee

**FREE!** HAF PLACES

**£15 Per Day** PARENT PAID




HAF Places for Children who qualify for free school meals, includes lunch

[southessex@sportscool.org](mailto:southessex@sportscool.org) 07707861027

Essex County Council Libraries

# Winter Reading Challenge

10 January to 22 February

**Join at your local library!**




[libraries.essex.gov.uk](http://libraries.essex.gov.uk)

[essexlibraries](https://www.facebook.com/essexlibraries)

Essex County Council  
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ESSEX YEAR OF OPPORTUNITY

## 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](mailto:enquiries@essexcompass.org.uk)

## Essex Wellbeing Service

Find out more at:  
[essexwellbeingsservice.co.uk](http://essexwellbeingsservice.co.uk)

or contact us on:  
**0300 303 9988**

Essex County Council



**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!**

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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Premier League Disability Football

# INCLUSIVE U'S FOOTBALL CAMP

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 match play.
- **Special Guests:** meet Chelsea's Under-19 players and club mascot Kicker the Eagle!
- **Exciting Rewards:** every participant will receive a Chelsea's Under-19 jersey, with additional medals and trophies available to be won.

WHO? Young people aged 5-16 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities  
WHERE? 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.



## BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – VACANCIES

CANEWDON – CLEANER closing date 6<sup>th</sup> January

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FELMORE – SEND LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT/MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 4<sup>th</sup> January

MERRYLANDS – CLEANER closing date 6<sup>th</sup> January

WILLOWS – MEDICAL OFFICER closing date 12<sup>th</sup> December

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

**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

*Braintree & 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



**Book Now**



[Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk](mailto:Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk)

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## HILLTOP JUNIOR SCHOOL WICKFORD CHRISTMAS CLUB

**MON 22ND DEC**  
Football

Table Tennis

Dance/Acting Games

**MON 29TH DEC**

NERF Wars

Zorb Battles

Gymnastics

**TUES 23RD DEC**  
Christmas Party

Christmas Crafts

GAMING BUS

**TUES 30TH DEC**

Apparatus

Football

Party Games

FUN BUS



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