



Dear families

Well, Christmas has arrived at Fairhouse. We started the week with our festive pop up shop known as Elfridges. The children truly loved the chance to select gifts for their loved ones. Let's hope that their loved ones are as happy to receive what has been chosen for them!

In addition, we kicked off the first of our Christmas assemblies this week, starting with Reception. The children sang and shared their learning (and some jokes) keeping the audience entertained. What they lacked in musicality, they made up for in cuteness!

This week, we have been running our sponsored Elf run, in aid of St Luke's hospice, a charity that is close to the hearts of many of us. The children showed effort and resilience in keeping up their run (or walk) for their allotted time. The children really enjoyed taking part and we are impressed with some of the fantastic amounts that has already been raised and shared with us. Please do continue to send the sponsor money in so we can collate it all. Once it is all collected, we will let you know how much we have raised in total.

On Monday, our Reception pupils took a little trip out of school to post their letters to Santa. On the way, they met the post lady.



This week, year 2 have been working very hard to begin writing in sections, not single sentences.

They have learned that writing in a section is called writing in a paragraph, and they have had to concentrate harder, plan in more detail and develop their writing stamina to do this. It does help that they have been writing Christmas elf stories! Have a look at some of our amazing examples:



This week, Year 6 have begun crafting their mini sagas for the Young Writers' competition, The Adventures Of.... The children started by gathering exciting ideas and exploring the key elements of narrative structure, before moving on to plan their own imaginative stories. Each pupil has developed a unique concept for their mini saga and they are now almost ready to submit their work to the competition in hopes of having their story published in a book!

Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed their writing lessons centred around 'The Adventures of ...' as part of the Young Writers' competition, where they were challenged with writing an original mini saga using only 100 words! If successful, their work may be published and they will become an official author! So far, we have sagas about aliens, dragons, the worst school trip to ever take place, and even troublesome elves.



Finally, a huge thank you to all of you who came along to support our Christmas Fayre. We hope you had fun visiting the different stalls and grabbing some Christmas presents. All money raised goes back to the children for the additional extras like the pantomimes that we could not otherwise offer. A HUGE thank you to Miss Baldock for all her organising and to our admin and finance staff too in decoration of our magical grotto!

Next week, we will be holding Christmas assemblies for year 1, year 3, year 2 and year 6. Our fabulous choir will also be singing at the Eastgate Shopping Centre on Thursday afternoon.

Finally, on Friday, we will be having our Christmas jumper day and also our whole school Christmas dinner – always a huge highlight of Christmas time!

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 Two

8th - 12th December 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

Fish Fingers

Veggie Fingers

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Turkey Bap

Fruity Friday

Thursday

Meatballs in Tomato Sauce

Sweet Potato Falafel Balls in Tomato Sauce

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Egg Mayo Baguette

Cookie Traybake

Friday - Christmas Dinner

Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes, Pig in Blanket, Stuffing, Yorkie Pud, Mixed Veg & Gravy

Vegetable Pastry Parcel, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing, Yorkie Pud, Mixed Veg & Gravy

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Tuna Mayo Wrap

Chocolate and Vanilla Swirl Ice Cream Tub

Fairhouse Weekly Attendance Table

Elephants	91.7%
Pandas	89.6%
Hedgehogs	89.7%
Tigers	85.5%
Macaws	99.6%
Rhinos	93.9%
Jaguars	97.9%
Vaquitas	95.7%
Belugas	95.2%
Sea Otters	93.7%
Gorillas	93%
Saolas	95.9%
Galapagos Penguins	94.7%
Sea Turtles	96.7%

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



Also to Macaws 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	Levi-J	Courage
Sea Turtles	Ethan	Responsibility
Gorillas		
Saolas	Louie	Kindness
Belugas	Lyla and Elsie	Kindness
Sea Otters	Ayesha	Responsibility
Jaguars	Poppy C	Courage
Vaquitas	Avi	Courage
Macaws	Gracjan	Responsibility
Rhinos	Lee	Respect
Hedgehogs	Amirah	Courage
Tigers	Olivia	Responsibility
Elephants	Maia	Responsibility
Pandas	Raisa	Courage



Dates for your Diary



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

Reception & Year 3 Oral Health Presentation

Fairhouse Choir at Eastgate Shopping Centre - 1.30pm

Friday, 12th December 2025

Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day

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

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.

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.

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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.





SEND PARENTS' CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING!



Join the MyOTAS Team for some pre-Christmas support and hints and tips on balancing traditions with your family's individual needs.

You will also be treated to a hot drink and festive nibbles!
Space is limited, so please reserve a FREE place.



THE HIVE, HONEYPOT LANE, BASILDON, SS14 2JZ



9th December from 9.30am to 11.30am

Book a FREE place here - www.ticketsource.co.uk/myotas

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

Essex Wellbeing Service

Find out more at:
essexwellbeingsservice.co.uk

or contact us on:
0300 303 9988



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

BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – VACANCIES

CHERRY TREE – EYFS CLASS TEACHER closing date 10th December

FAIRHOUSE – SEND LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 9th December

MERRYLANDS – CLEANER closing date 10th December

WILLOWS – MEDICAL OFFICER closing date 12th December

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)

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



*Basildon & 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



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Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

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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>