



Dear families

It's that time again already! The weeks are flying past.

Year 5 continue to delve into the Shang Dynasty as part of their history topic. After becoming familiar with the nine-year archaeological dig in Yin Xu, pupils are now exploring the various artefacts found at the site as well as the alloys and materials commonly used. This week, they have been researching the use of bronze. In pairs, they identified how it is produced, decorated and used specifically for rituals in ancient China.



This week, Year 2 were learning how to write instructions. Of course, in order to write the instructions, they had to follow some first - so we made 'fairy bread.' The children really enjoyed following the steps of the recipe to cut, butter and sprinkle in order to make this delicious snack. I wonder if any made some at home now they know how? They then

ordered the steps to make a writing plan and wrote it using the correct layout and imperative verbs such as cut, spread, sprinkle and eat!



This week, Year 6 have been delving deeper into the fascinating world of the circulatory system! They learned all about the different types of blood vessels in the body — the arteries that carry blood away from the heart, the tiny capillaries where exchanges take place, and the veins that return blood back to the heart. To showcase their understanding, the children created eye-catching posters packed full of facts, diagrams, and detailed explanations about how these vessels keep our bodies working smoothly.



This week, in Year 1, as part of our history lesson we used family photos to create our own family trees. We also carried out some experiments in science to identify which materials are waterproof.



Yesterday, Mr Gatenby took six children to Cherry Tree for the annual Berlesduna Poetry Slam! Yamaan and Rosie from Year

5 read two poems together with fantastic levels of confidence and performing skills. From Year 2, Paul and Ameva read a poem together with an excellent sense of teamwork and extremely loud and clear voices. Also from Year 2, Anabel and Clara performed together with a remarkable sense of co-ordination and the entire hall enjoyed hearing their poetry. All of the children received a certificate to keep. While there were no winners for this event, it was clear that all of the children from Fairhouse were skilful, brave and very well-prepared. As well as this, we all had a fantastic time meeting other children and staff from across the trust and watching all of the children shine.



We are delighted to inform you that KS2 pupils are invited to attend the Towngate Theatre to watch Sleeping Beauty on Monday 15th December 2025. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to experience a visit to the theatre and is only possible due to a generous contribution from Friends of Fairhouse. Parent/carers are required to make a **£5** contribution per child in order for them to attend. Payment must be paid via ParentPay by **Thursday, 23rd October** to secure your child's space. Please note that additional tickets cannot be added after this date so please make sure you do not miss this deadline.

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 One

13th - 17th October 2025

Monday

Pork Sausage & Mash

Vegan Sausage & Mash

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Ham Bap

Seasonal Fruit Medley

Tuesday

BBQ Chicken New Yorker

BBQ Vegan Fillet New Yorker

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Jam Sandwich

Double Chocolate Chip Cake

Wednesday

Roast Gammon, Yorkie Pud & Gravy

Broccoli & Cauliflower Cheese Bake

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Cheese Wrap

American Style Waffles

Thursday

Beef & Mozzarella Pasta Gratin

Vegan Mince & Mozzarella Gratin

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Turkey Bap

Treacle Sponge Pudding

Friday

Fish Fingers

Veggie Fingers

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Egg Mayo Sandwich

Fruity Friday

Fairhouse Weekly Attendance Table

Elephants	96.3%
Pandas	91.6%
Hedgehogs	95.7%
Tigers	91.4%
Macaws	97.9%
Rhinos	93.9%
Jaguars	98.5%
Vaquitas	96.3%
Belugas	92.3%
Sea Otters	94.3%
Gorillas	93%
Saolas	96.6%
Galapagos Penguins	97.7%
Sea Turtles	95.7%

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 Jaguars 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	Responsibility
Sea Turtles	Freya-Leonie	Responsibility
Gorillas	Olivia	Kindness
Saolas	Meila	Kindness
Belugas	Marcie	Responsibility
Sea Otters	Ella	Kindness
Jaguars	Lenny P	Courage
Vaquitas	Oliver	Courage
Macaws	Reece	Responsibility
Rhinos	Theo	Kindness
Hedgehogs	Alfida	Responsibility
Tigers	Parvana	Kindness
Elephants	Ivan	Responsibility
Pandas	Amelia	Respect



Dates for your Diary



Thursday, 16th October 2025

Fairhouse Uniform Bank - 3.15-4pm

Friday, 17th October 2025

Wear Red Day for Show Racism The Red Card

Wednesday, 22nd October 2025

Flu Immunisations

Understanding ADHD In Children Workshop - 9-11.30am

Thursday, 23rd October 2025

Crazy Hair Day

Friday, 24th October 2025

Inset / Non Pupil Day

Monday, 27th - Friday, 31st October 2025

Half Term

Monday, 3rd November 2025

Inset / Non Pupil Day

Thursday, 6th November 2025

Individual School Photos

Tuesday, 11th & Wednesday, 12th November 2025

Parents Evening - 3.30-6pm

Thursday, 13th November 2025

Berlesduna Maths Challenge Event

Friday, 15th November 2025

Children In Need

Wednesday, 19th - Friday, 21st November 2025

Year 5 Bikeability Training

Wednesday, 5th December 2025

Understanding Children's Anxiety Workshop - 9-11.30am

Friday, 5th December 2025

Fairhouse Christmas Shopping Event - 3.30-5.30pm

Thursday, 11th December 2025

Fairhouse Choir performing at Eastgate Shopping Centre

Monday, 15th December 2025

EYFS & KS1 - Visit from Travelling Panto

KS2 - Trip to Towngate Theatre

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

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

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 you're 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

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.

Studybugs

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.





BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – VACANCIES

CHERRY TREE – FIXED TERM TEACHER closing date 22nd October

CHERRY TREE – SEMH ASSISTANT closing date 15th October

FAIRHOUSE – FIXED TERM SEND SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 12th October

MERRYLANDS – SEND LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 12th October

MERRYLANDS – LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT/SEND SUPPORT closing date 17th October

WILLOWS – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 9th October

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

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!



Activities / Achievements



Brody completed and passed his grading to achieve his yellow stripe and yellow belt. Well done Brody!

Fairhouse Primary School Uniform Bank



The school Eco Council will now be running a uniform bank from the school.

Come and visit us after school at 3.15pm-4.00pm
On Thursday 16th October 2025



If you require any further information please speak to Ms Baldock or Mrs Blackwell





ROUND TABLE

Over **£12,000** worth of fireworks

With special guests **BBQ ESSEX**

2025

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Basildon Sporting Village

SUNDAY 2nd NOVEMBER
OVER £12,000 WORTH OF FIREWORKS!

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Gates open 4.00pm - Fireworks 8.30pm
Funfair and Refreshments available
Fully licensed bar available on site

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OCTOBER

HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS

FAIRHOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL, SS14 1QP

3 DAYS - 28TH - 30TH OCTOBER, 10:00 - 2:00

£15 PER DAY

Action Packed Activities

- Glow in the Dark Dodgeball
- Archery
- Axe Throwing
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Arts & Crafts
- Football

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southessex@sportscool.org



Junior Adventures Group

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Strap in for October Half Term!
Basildon Sporting Village



MAPLE GROVE
Primary School

Halloween
Holiday Club

Join us for fun Activities including:

- Arts & Crafts
- Cooking
- Team Games and more...

27th October - 31st October
7.30am-5.30pm

£25 per day includes snacks and evening meal, children to bring their own packed lunch

Call or Email Maple Grove Primary for booking details or further info.

Tel: 01268 553547
Email: clubs@maplegraveprimary.net
High Road, Pitsea SS13 3AB