FAIRHOUSE primary SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - 10 (13/11/26)

Dear families,

It has been another busy week at Fairhouse this week.

We have had another fantastic week full of fun, learning and exciting activities in EYFS. To mark Remembrance Day, the children took part in some thoughtful activities, including colouring and creating their own beautiful poppies. In maths, we have been putting our number knowledge to the test by investigating missing numbers and thinking carefully about which numbers belong in the gaps. In writing, we have continued to practise our letter formation, focusing on forming our letters correctly and confidently. We are now beginning to take the next exciting step towards writing our own sentences! In PE, the children enjoyed an energetic circuit where they practised a range of important physical skills, including throwing, balancing and catching a beanbag. There was lots of enthusiasm, determination and teamwork!



This week in Year 1, we have been learning about a range of new topics. In maths, we have been using inequality symbols to compare numbers and identify which is greater or less. In science, we have started learning about our five senses and labelled different parts of the body. In geography, we enjoyed a walk around the local area, identifying and discussing different human and physical features.





The children in year 3 enjoyed a wonderful day celebrating Diwali! They had great fun taking part in Bhangra dancing and enjoyed a delicious Indian meal of poppadoms, samosas and naan bread (alongside their peers from other year groups.) In the afternoon, the children explored their creativity by making diya lamps and designing mehndi patterns. It was a lovely day filled with dancing, delicious food and creative activities!

Year 4 have made an exciting start to their DT project, 'Fresh Food, Good Food'. They have been exploring and researching what happens to food as it decays, learning how and why food spoils over time. The children have enjoyed developing their understanding of food decay and the importance of keeping food fresh.

Year 5 enjoyed a busy week of learning across the curriculum. In maths, they practised rounding decimals and comparing and ordering numbers to three decimal places. In English, they explored the features of instructions and began drafting their own. Reading lessons focused on new vocabulary, Dorothy Vaughan and Remembrance Day. In science, they investigated the sun's position in the solar system, whist in history , they explored warfare. They also learned about biomes, racism, and Taotie motifs in Art.

Year 6 pupils have been busy completing assessments this week and we are very proud of how well they have managed these. The vast majority have made great progress since their last assessment set. We have seen such great engagement in their outcomes from the children, who have been keeping track of their scores, their progress and revisiting errors made, in order to help them avoid the same pitfalls going forward. Their determination and responsibility for learning has been a pleasure to observe. Well done year 6!

On Tuesday, a group of children from Year 5 and Year 6 was selected to represent the school in a tag rugby event against Cherry Tree Primary School. Despite the bitterly cold weather, all pupils were eager to showcase their learning of the sport which had been obtained from the previous half term. On this occasion, both schools were very evenly matched. Look out for the next sporting festival with Cherry Tree Primary School - we hope to be involved in plenty more!

This week, four of our pupils represented Fairhouse Primary School at the Trust's annual maths competition, held at Whitmore Primary School. The children worked really hard to solve a number of mathematical challenges and we are delighted to announce they worn FIRST PLACE! A Huge well done to Abel, Hisham, Ibrahim and Tosan on their success!

On Wednesday, we marked Remembrance Day across our school. The children joined in with a 2-minute silence to mark their respect. We have also held special assemblies to ensure that our young generation will always remember the lives and sacrifices made for our freedom.



Over the last couple of days, our children and staff have been busy taking part in Operation Christmas Child, working together to fill shoeboxes with gifts for children around the world who may otherwise have very little this Christmas. Each class carefully chose and packed gifts, adding a special Christmas card with a message from everyone. This has been a wonderful opportunity for our children to develop empathy, kindness and generosity, encouraging them to think about others and experience the joy of giving.



Our shoeboxes will be dropped off over the weekend, ready to begin their journey! A huge thank you to all the families, staff and our friends at SMILE Dental Practice who donated and helped make this lovely project possible.

Today, Fairhouse took part in fundraising for Children In Need. It was wonderful to see so many children dressed in spotty, yellow and Pudsey themed clothing. We also served Pudsey themed biscuits for tuck at break time which were enjoyed by all! Together we have raised £337 for this worthy cause! Thank you to all who took part and donated.

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

16th - 20th November 2026

Monday

Pulled Pork Roll

Falafel & Spinach Burger

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Egg Mayo Wrap

Seasonal Fruit Medley

Tuesday

Minced Beef Cottage Pie

Vegan Mince Cottage Pie

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Jam Sandwich

Chocolate Orange Cake

Wednesday

Roast Gammon, Yorkie Pud & Gravy

Veggie Sausage Roll

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Cheese Baguette

Flapjack Bites

Thursday

Sweet Sticky Chicken

Sweet Sticky Quorn Pieces

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Chicken Bap

Warm American Waffles

Friday

Fish Fingers

Veggie Fingers

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Ham Wrap

Fruity Friday

Fairhouse Weekly Attendance Table

Hedgehogs	97.5%
Jaguars	96.6%
Macaws	96.4%
Elephants	94.2%
Galapagos Penguins	93.9%
Sea Otters	93.8%
Saolas	93.4%
Vaquitas	93.3%
Tigers	92.8%
Gorillas	91.9%
Rhinos	90.3%
Belugas	89.3%
Sea Turtles	88.3%
Pandas	85%



Well done to **Hedgehogs** (KS1) and **Jaguars** (KS2) who have earned the company of our attendance bears Fred and Freda in class next week. Unfortunately, this week, attendance was lower than it has been recently, meaning that none of our classes achieved 98% to earn them a spin on the wheel.

A special mention to the children below who have all displayed some of our core values this week:

Class	Child	Core Value
Galapagos Penguins	Gabija	Responsibility
Sea Turtles	Maisie	Responsibility
Gorillas	Jacob O	Responsibility
Saolas	Adnan	Responsibility
Belugas	Abel	Courage
Sea Otters	Ashar	Responsibility
Jaguars	Gracjan	Kindness
Vaquitas	Hisham	Responsibility
Macaws	Abigail	Kindness
Rhinos	Dolcieann	Kindness
Hedgehogs	Ruben	Responsibility
Tigers	Ivy	Kindness
Elephants	Neriah	Responsibility
Pandas	Thea	Kindness

Dates for your Diary

Monday, 16th & Tuesday, 17th November 2026
Year 5 Bikeability Course 2

Tuesday, 17th & Wednesday, 18th November 2026
Parents Evening

Wednesday, 18th November 2026
Oral Health Presentation - Reception and Year 3

Thursday, 19th November 2026
New Intake 2027 Tour 1.30pm

Monday, 23rd November 2026
Year 5 Bikeability Course 3

Tuesday, 24th November 2026
Year 5 Trip to Vue Cinema

Wednesday, 25th November 2026
Year 4 Archie Project Visit to Mundy House

Thursday, 26th November 2026
Southend United Community Games Tournament

Friday, 27th November 2026
Year 4 Bikeability Course

Tuesday, 1st December 2026
Elf'ridges

Friday, 4th December 2026
Fairhouse Christmas Fayre 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Monday, 7th December 2026
Fairhouse Choir - Carols at the Eastgate Centre 1.30pm
Year 2 Christmas Assembly 2.40pm

Tuesday, 8th December 2026
Year 3 Christmas Assembly 2.45pm

Wednesday, 9th December 2026
Year 1 Christmas Assembly 2.40pm

Thursday, 10th December 2026
Year 6 Christmas Assembly 2.45pm

Friday, 11th December 2026
Whole School Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

Monday, 14th December 2026
Year 4 Christmas Assembly 2.45pm

Tuesday, 15th December 2026
EYFS Christmas Assembly 2.40pm

Wednesday, 16th December 2026
Christmas Panto

Thursday, 17th December 2026
Year 5 Christmas Assembly 2.45pm

Monday, 21st Dec 2026 - Friday, 1st Jan 2027
Christmas Holidays

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club MUST be pre-booked via ParentPay. Bookings can be made until 7am on the day.
Breakfast club runs from 7.50am - 8.40am and costs £2.25 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 are available such as a variety of cereal, toast, bagels, fresh juice & milk.

Studybugs

Fairhouse use an 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. We also use it as our absence reporting 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.



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.

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 and or driveways at Fairhouse Court and Napier Close at drop off and pick up times.



Break Time Snack

Our school tuck 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 make sure it is something from our approved snack list which can be found on our school website.

Key Stage 1 children receive a piece of fruit as part of the healthy schools initiative. They are not permitted to bring in their own break time snack.



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.





















Smart Watches

Please note that smart watches that allow photos or video footage to be taken and / or have access to games and / or have cellular / internet connectivity are not permitted in school.

Essex Wellbeing Service

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essexwellbeingservice.co.uk

or contact us on:
0300 303 9988







Activities / Achievements

We are incredibly proud of Fayth-Louise in year 3, who has shown such kindness, dedication and compassion in the lead-up to Remembrance Sunday. Fayth-Louise has spent her evenings and weekends working hard on a thoughtful Remembrance scrapbook, as well as supporting the Royal British Legion by helping to sell poppies. Her commitment to remembering those who have served and sacrificed so much is truly heartwarming. Fayth-Louise has demonstrated a wonderful sense of respect, generosity and care for others. We are so proud of your hard work, caring nature and the kindness you have shown. You are a shining example to others!







