



Dear families

It has been a VERY busy week this week at Fairhouse. Firstly, I want to say a HUGE well done to all our year 6 superstars who have done a brilliant job of completing their SATS. They have shown great courage, resilience, determination and pride in demonstrating their knowledge and skills so well. We are super-proud of them and how they have managed these tests. The rest of our school community have been respectful of the situation and the needs of the pupils and have shown great support. We have enjoyed celebrating the end of SATS week with our year 6 pupils this afternoon with a pizza and ice pole treat.

The children took part in our "creative curriculum" day on Thursday. This is a day where we come off timetable to complete learning tasks and activities that are often messier or longer lessons than usually and involve creative arts or investigations. The children love these days as they often involve "mess" or something different to the norm.



For creative curriculum day, the children in Year 2 practised their sewing skills as part of their Design and Technology project, Cut, Stitch and Join. Using a simple running stitch on Aida fabric, the children created their own pillows. They carefully stuffed and sealed their pillows and will later embellish them with buttons, ribbons and lace.

This week the children in year 5 have continued learning about factors and prime numbers within their maths lessons. They had a wonderful creative curriculum day where they had the opportunity to create some fantastic artwork. They looked at a range of mixed media artwork and have been creating a collage using different scrap papers. They also had a go at origami paper crafting. The children all loved engaging in our Eurovision day on Friday.

In year 4 this week, the pupils have been sculpting their own statuettes and figurines inspired by the ancient Sumerian civilisation. They first created an armature wire frame to build the structure of their figures, before using their sculpting skills to carefully shape and add detail to their creations. The pupils showed fantastic creativity and perseverance throughout the process, and they all did an amazing job!



Year 6 have worked incredibly hard this week during their SATs. After completing their tests, the children explored abstraction and distortion in art, practised their French language skills, and learned about the cultures of Holland and Bulgaria as part of the school's Eurovision Day celebrations. Well done, Year 6!

To bring the week to a festive end, today all Fairhouse pupils had the exciting opportunity to take part in our very own 'Eurovision Day'. Pupils were able to 'travel' around the world and learn about the culture and traditions of different countries, including Austria, Bulgaria, Spain and even New Zealand. Throughout the day, the children took part in a range of engaging activities, from learning to yodel to line dancing, and were each given their very own passport to use on their journey. Please ask your child about their day and see what they can tell you about the country they visited...we are sure they will have lots to share! It really has been a wonderful day and great fun has been had by all!

Have a wonderful weekend everyone and we'll see you all on Monday!

Eurovision Day 2026



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

18th - 22nd May 2026

Monday

Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake

Rainbow Omelette

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Ham Bap

Seasonal Fruit Medley

Tuesday

Chow Mein with Chicken Goujons

Chow Mein with Veggie Goujons

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Jam Sandwich

Chocolate & Raspberry Cake

Wednesday

Roast Turkey, Yorkie Pud & Gravy

Herby Quorn Fillet, Yorkie Pud & Gravy

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Egg Mayo Baguette

Ice Cream Tub

Thursday

Chicken & Spinach Pasta

Savoury Quorn & Spinach Pasta

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Tuna Bap

Treacle Sponge Pudding

Friday

Fish Fingers

Veggie Fingers

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Cheese Wrap

Fruity Friday

Fairhouse Weekly Attendance Table

Elephants	87%
Pandas	94%
Hedgehogs	94.5%
Tigers	97.2%
Macaws	93.6%
Rhinos	95.9%
Jaguars	98.3%
Vaquitas	99.6%
Belugas	98.1%
Sea Otters	96.7%
Gorillas	97.7%
Saolas	96.8%
Galapagos Penguins	98%
Sea Turtles	97.2%

Well done to Tigers (KS1) and Vaquitas (KS2) who have earned the company of our attendance bears Fred and Freda in class next week. Also to Jaguars, Vaquitas, Belugas and Galapagos Penguins 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 all displayed some of our core values this week:

Class	Child	Core Value
Galapagos Penguins	Everyone!	For displaying all of our core values
Sea Turtles	Everyone!	For displaying all of our core values
Gorillas	Annie	Responsibility
Saolas	Declan W	Kindness
Belugas	Rayhaan	Kindness
Sea Otters	Preston	Responsibility
Jaguars	Medina	Responsibility
Vaquitas	Finley	Courage
Macaws	Timothy	Kindness
Rhinos	Deniz	Responsibility
Hedgehogs	Olivia	Courage
Tigers	Yasmina	Responsibility
Elephants	Ivan	Responsibility
Pandas	Harshiny	Respect



Dates for your Diary



Tuesday, 19th May 2026

SUFC Community Games - Invite Only Event

Wednesday, 20th May 2026

Year 2 Trip - Hever Castle
Year 6 World War 2 Workshop

Monday, 25th - Friday 29th May 2026

Half Term

Wednesday, 3rd June 2026

Year 1 Trip - Call of The Wild Zoo

Friday, 12th June 2026

Year 5 & 6 Girls STEM Workshop

Monday, 15th - Friday, 19th June 2026

Aspirations Week - Guest speakers still needed

Tuesday, 16th June 2026

Year 3 Trip - Colchester Castle

Thursday, 18th June 2026

Berlesduna Football & Netball Tournament

Monday, 22nd & Tuesday, 23rd June 2026

'Move Up' / Transition Days
New Intake 2026 Stay & Play Sessions

Wednesday, 24th June 2026

Year 4 Assembly - 2.40pm

Wednesday, 24th - Friday, 26th June 2026

Year 6 Residential Trip - Danbury Outdoors Centre

Friday, 26th June 2026

Year 5 World War 1 Flight Simulator Activity

Wednesday, 1st July 2026

Berlesduna Swimming Gala

Thursday, 2nd July 2026

Year 3 Assembly - 9am
Year 5 & 6 District Athletics

Friday, 3rd July 2026

Fairhouse Summer Bounce Event - 3.30-5.30pm

Monday, 6th July 2026

Year 4 Trip - Horniman Museum

Tuesday, 7th July 2026

The Worry Circle Performance - 4pm

Wednesday, 8th July 2026

Zones of Regulation Workshop - 9-11.30am

Thursday, 9th July 2026

Year 3 & 4 District Athletics
The Worry Circle Performance - 4pm

Tuesday, 14th July 2026

Open Evening 3.30 - 5.30pm

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club MUST be pre-booked via ParentPay. Bookings can be made until 7am on the day.

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 are available such as a variety of cereal, toast, bagels, 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.



BECOME A SCHOOL GOVERNOR

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Make a difference in your local school

- No experience needed
- Training provided



Do you want to give back to your community and help shape the future of children close to home?

We're looking for local people to join our school governing board

Interested?
We'd love to have an informal chat.

Contact: Julie Lapslie
Email: julielapslie@berlesduna.co.uk

No obligation, no interview pressure — just a conversation.

You don't need experience in education Just:

- An interest in children and learning
- Willingness to ask questions and share ideas
- Time to attend a few meetings each year

What does a School Governor do?

- Help set the vision and values of the school
- Support and challenge the school leadership
- Make sure pupils get the best possible education

What's involved?

- Around 3 meetings a year
- Meetings are during the day or early evening
- Full training and support provided

What's in it for you?

- Make a real impact locally
- Develop skills and confidence
- Meet like-minded people
- Something meaningful to put on your CV

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 

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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 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.



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – VACANCIES

BERLESDUNA – GOVERNOR/TRUSTEE closing date 22nd May

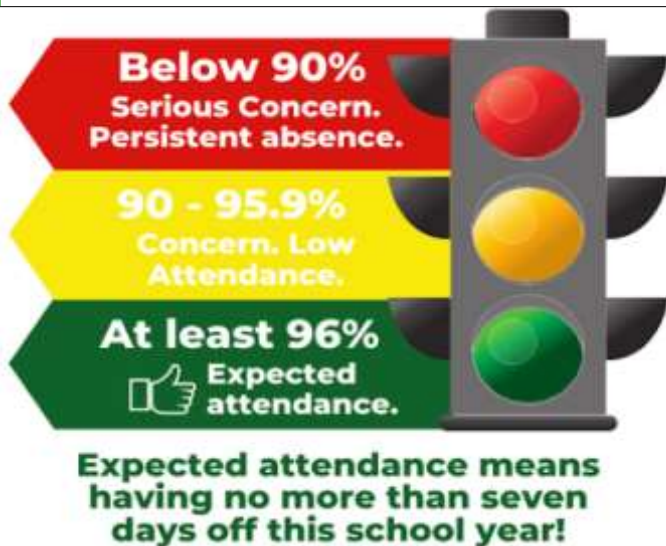
CRAYS HILL – CLASS TEACHER closing date 15th May

FELMORE – CLASS TEACHER closing date 18th May

WHITMORE – LEARNING SUPPORT/MIDDAY ASSISTANT (UPPER KS2) closing date 31st May

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MAY

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10AM-12PM - £15
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