



What a busy week we have had. It was lovely to see the children enjoying the chance to have photos taken individually and with siblings this week. The children did a great job of looking tidy, smart and showing off their best smiles. This week, some of our children took part in the Berlesduna Academy Trust poetry slam which was held at Cherry Tree Primary School. The children learned poems and had the chance to perform these to a wide audience of staff and children from all the other schools in our trust. This was not a competition, but a chance to perform and enjoy the performance of others. A HUGE well done to our courageous performers from across KS1 and KS2: Moses, Bobby, Rufaida, Tessa, Samia and, Sarah.

It was also a pleasure to see so many of you come along to our book fair this week. I hope the children are enjoying their book purchases and hopefully giving their parents a few minutes peace and quiet doing so!

This week we have been running our kindness challenge as part of our well-being week, led by our new well-being ambassadors. Today we came together wearing yellow to promote kindness and raise funds for our wellbeing team to use within school. Thank you so much for supporting us with this event.



The children have been enjoying visiting our school library this week which has recently had a bit of a makeover with some lovely new soft furnishings added to give it a more cosy and welcoming and inviting feel. Thank you to Mrs Courtnell who coordinated this.

In Early Years, our week started with our weekly story, Lost and Found, where the children explored the importance of having a friend and being a good friend to others. In PSHE, we discussed the important people who help us in school and learnt about the different roles they have.

The children took part in their first yoga session and had such a wonderful time! They enjoyed

stretching, relaxing and taking some time to unwind. In Maths, we are continuing to work hard on perfecting our number formation and developing confidence when writing our numbers. We also had lots of fun practising our writing this week, with all of the children writing their names! We will continue to practise our letter formation daily. Now that we have learnt all of the single Set 1 sounds, we are ready to move on to our Special Friends and begin blending sounds to make CVC words.

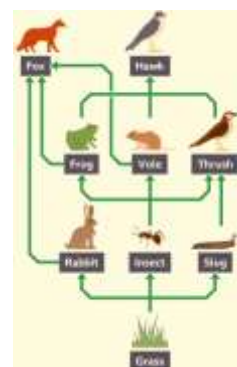


We've had another busy week in year 1. In maths, we've been working hard on counting in tens and recognising patterns in numbers. In Writing, we've been encouraging the children to become more independent when spelling, using their phonics knowledge to help them. We've also been using decade numbers in History to help us organise events on a historical timeline. In Science, we put our knowledge of materials to the test by comparing their properties and recording the similarities and differences in a Venn diagram.

We have had a great week in Year 2, one of the highlights of this week being our library trip. The children chose their own book to borrow and scan out from the library to ensure they have the chance to read high-quality texts at home. We have also been writing about our own aliens in writing, describing what they may look like, what they like to eat and their personalities which has let the children's imagination really shine in their work. In maths we have started our new unit, calculating within 20. The children have been using three addends in equations, showing their knowledge of doubles, near doubles, one more and one less! Finally, we have also been working on our health and fitness by carrying out our high knees experiment for ten days in science. Overall, a lovely week for Year 2.

Year 3 had a fantastic time travelling back to the Stone Age through an exciting Now Press Play experience! The children put on their headphones and stepped into the shoes of Stone Age people, using their imaginations and actions to bring history to life. They got into character as they explored what life was like thousands of years ago, including hunting for food, gathering resources, making tools and surviving in the wild. Throughout the experience, the children developed their understanding of how Stone Age people lived and the challenges they faced. It was wonderful to see everyone so engaged, acting out different scenarios and bringing their learning to life

Year 4 have been busy exploring food chains and food webs in science this week. They have been learning about producers, consumers and predators, and how living things depend on one another for survival. The children created their own food chains and food webs, using arrows to show how energy passes from one organism to another. They also explored what might happen if one part of a food web was removed. Fantastic scientific thinking, Year 4.



This week, Year 5 approached assessment week with fantastic determination and enthusiasm. The children worked hard to complete their grammar, reading, spelling and maths assessments, showing great resilience and pride in their learning. Alongside this, we continued exploring decimal numbers and hundredths in maths and enjoyed lessons in history, geography, science, RE, French, PE and computing. We also took part in our daily reading, number sense and spelling sessions. We are incredibly proud of the positive attitudes, perseverance and effort shown by all the children this week.

This week, year 6 have made an excellent start to our Design and Technology topic, "Food for Life". As part of the research stage of the design process, the children explored what processed food is and investigated the different ways foods can be processed, including washing, pasteurising, baking and freezing. They also examined food labels from a range of products, evaluating their nutritional value and considering how healthy different choices are. These activities have helped the children develop their understanding of informed food choices and will support them as they move on to designing, making and evaluating their own healthy meal, which will be created using predominantly unprocessed ingredients. We have been impressed by their thoughtful discussions and enthusiasm for the topic so far, and we're looking forward to seeing the designs they create for their final product.

With the weather having now changed to more autumnal temperatures please make sure your child has a jacket or coat in school with them each day, preferably a water resistant one. Please also make sure it has their name in it!

Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.



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

12th - 16th October 2026

Monday

Pork Sausage Hotdog

Veggie Sausage Hotdog

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Cheese Bap

Seasonal Fruit Medley

Tuesday

Chicken Tikka Masala

Quorn Chicken Masala

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Jam Sandwich

Marble Cake

Wednesday

Roast Turkey, Yorkie Pud & Gravy

Veggie Plait, Yorkie Pud & Gravy

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Egg Baguette

Jam Filled Doughnut

Thursday

Creamy Chicken Fajita Pasta Bake

Creamy Quorn Fajita Pasta Bake

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Ham Wrap

Bread & Butter Pudding Muffin

Friday

Fish Fingers

Veggie Fingers

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Chicken Bap

Fruity Friday

Fairhouse Weekly Attendance Table

Elephants	95.9%
Pandas	93.2%
Hedgehogs	97.4%
Tigers	89.2%
Macaws	98.5%
Rhinos	94.5%
Jaguars	97.9%
Vaquitas	96.3%
Belugas	97.6%
Sea Otters	96.9%
Gorillas	97.7%
Saolas	96.3%
Galapagos Penguins	95%
Sea Turtles	97.9%

Well done to Macaws (KS1), Jaguars and Sea Turtles (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 all displayed some of our core values this week:

Class	Child	Core Value
Galapagos Penguins	Kwabena	Responsibility
Sea Turtles	Teddy	Responsibility
Gorillas	Mirabel	Respect
Saolas	Alex	Kindness
Belugas	Elliott	Kindness
Sea Otters	Aarav	Respect
Jaguars	Harry S Lacey	Courage Kindness
Vaquitas	Maya	Courage
Macaws	Emily	Kindness
Rhinos	Ryan	Kindness
Hedgehogs	Amelia O	Kindness
Tigers	Elsie	Kindness
Elephants	Miraal	Responsibility
Pandas	Sarfa	Kindness



Dates for your Diary



Tuesday, 13th October 2026

Year 4 Archie Project Assembly

Tuesday, 20th October 2026

New Intake 2027 School Tour 2pm

Thursday, 22nd October 2026

Halloween Disco 4pm - 5.30pm

Monday, 26th - Friday, 30th October 2026

Half Term

Monday, 2nd November 2026

Inset / Non Pupil Day

Tuesday, 3rd November 2026

Back To School

Wednesday, 4th November 2026

New Intake 2027 School Tour 10.30am

Year 2 Reading Workshop 2.15pm

Thursday, 5th & Friday, 6th November 2026

Year 5 Bikeability Course 1

Tuesday, 10th November 2026

Flu Immunisations

Monday, 2nd November 2026

Inset / Non Pupil Day

Monday, 16th & Tuesday, 17th November 2026

Year 5 Bikeability Course 2

Tuesday, 17th & Wednesday, 18th November 2026

Parents Evening

Thursday, 19th November 2026

New Intake 2027 Tour 1.30pm

Monday, 23rd & Tuesday, 24th November 2026

Year 5 Bikeability Course 3

Wednesday, 25th November 2026

Year 4 Archie Project Visit to Mundy House

Friday, 4th December 2026

Fairhouse Christmas Fayre 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Wednesday, 16th December 2026

Christmas Panto - More info to follow

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

Christmas Holidays

Monday, 4th January 2027

Back To School

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

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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.

The Green Barn FARM

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OCTOBER 2026

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DAYTIME FUN INCLUDES:

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- Pick Your Own Pumpkin
- Maze
- Live Actors
- Spooky Tractor Ride
- Pumpkin Cannon
- HUGE Pumpkin House
- Face Painting

EVENING FUN INCLUDES:

- Pumpkins From £1
- Live Entertainment
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- Roaming Actors
- Photo Opportunities
- Balo Mountain
- Spooky Surprises
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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.



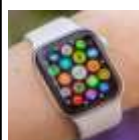
BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – VACANCIES

DOWNHAM – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 14 October
 FAIRHOUSE – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 9 October
 MERRYLANDS – FIXED TERM CLASS TEACHER closing date 11 October
 WILLOWS – CATERING ASSISTANT closing date 9 October
 WILLOWS – CLEANER closing date 16 October

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)

Essex Wellbeing Service

Find out more at:
essexwellbeingservice.co.uk
 or contact us on:
 0300 303 9988



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.

COMPASS

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Essex Domestic Abuse Helpline:
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1PM-3:45PM - £20
10AM-3:45PM - £30

WEDNESDAY 28th - EVERSLEY

10AM-12PM - £15
1PM-3:45PM - £20
10AM-3:45PM - £30

FRIDAY 30th - EVERSLEY

10AM-12PM - £15
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