



Happy Friday, Fairhouse Families!

On Wednesday, we had Vancols in to take our class photos: we always look forward to receiving these! They also took some individual shots of our Year 6 children for their leavers yearbook.

On Wednesday, one of our year 1 classes, Hedghogs, visited the local library. They explored how the libraries work and read some books whilst they were there. They behaved wonderfully and represented Fairhouse well!



A huge well done to Angelo, who has made the top 3 of the YFC tractor competition. Angelo will be representing Fairhouse on Sunday 18th May at the Essex Young Farmer show in Chelmsford. We would like to wish Angelo the best of luck

Today, the year 3 children visited Colchester Castle as part of their topic about the Romans. The weather was great and they loved exploring the castle and dungeons. As always, the children represented their school very well. We will share some pictures of their trip in next week's newsletter.

SATS Week - Monday 12th - Thursday 15th May:

Our year 6 children will be sitting their SATs exams next week. They have worked so hard all year for these, taking responsibility for their own education through after-school tuition sessions and additional homework and we are really proud of them all! Good luck Year 6!

Below is the timetable for the SATS. We plan to start all papers as early as possible with an aim to start at about **9.10 am** each morning. It is therefore really important that your child is in school on time each morning.

Date	Subject/Test	Duration *
Monday 12 th May 2025	English: Grammar, Vocabulary and Punctuation	45 minutes
Monday 12 th May 2025	English: Spelling	20 minutes
Tuesday 13 th May 2025	English: Reading	1 hour
Wednesday 14 th May 2025	Mathematics: Paper 1 Arithmetic	30 minutes
Wednesday 14 th May 2025	Mathematics: Paper 2 Reasoning	40 minutes
Thursday 15 th May 2025	Mathematics: Paper 3 Reasoning	40 minutes

* Please note that some children will be eligible for 25% additional time to complete their tests.

In order to support your child, we are providing a FREE breakfast club for all year 6 children during SATS week. This will begin at **8.00 am**. Children can choose from a range of cereals, toast, pancakes, crumpets, fruit and juice. Last entry to year 6 SATS breakfast club will be **8.20 am**. The year 6 SATS breakfast club enables your child to have a relaxed start to the day. They will be with their peers, will have adults supporting them and it is a really nice way to ease them into their day. It also helps to ensure they are in school, on time with a good tummy full of food.

Finally, on Thursday this week we celebrated the 80th VE day in school with a street party theme lunch and lots of other activities, you can see some pictures from the day further down the newsletter.

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the sunshine everyone!

Mr Davie

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 (£4.60) or more 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 May 2025

Monday

Cheese & Potato Pastry Slice

Veggie Sausage Roll

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Strawberry Jam Sandwich

Seasonal Fruit Medley

Tuesday

Chicken Fillet Burger

Veggie Burger

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Egg Mayo Bap

Raspberry Ice Cream Roll

Wednesday

Roast Turkey, Yorkie Pud & Gravy

Quorn Fillet, Yorkie Pud & Gravy

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Cheese Wrap

Vanilla Cupcake

Thursday

Butchers Sausage & New Potatoes

Veggie Sausage & New Potatoes

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Tuna Mayo Baguette

Chocolate Oat Cake

Friday

Fish Fingers

Veggie Fingers

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Ham Sandwich

Fruity Friday

Fairhouse Weekly Attendance Table

Elephants	90.8%
Pandas	92.9%
Hedgehogs	95.1%
Tigers	92.6%
Macaws	93.1%
Rhinos	95.4%
Jaguars	94.6%
Vaquitas	94.2%
Belugas	94.4%
Sea Otters	99.1%
Gorillas	91.5%
Saolas	96.9%
Galapagos Penguins	99.6%
Sea Turtles	97.1%

Well done to Rhinos (KS1) and Galapagos Penguins (KS2) who have earned the company of our attendance bears Fred and Freda in class next week. Also to Sea Otters and Galapagos Penguins who have all 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	Dexter	Courage
Sea Turtles	Isla	Responsibility
Gorillas	Freya	Responsibility
Saolas	Erin	Courage
Belugas	Teddy	Courage
Sea Otters	Meila	Kindness
Jaguars	Ollie	Kindness
Vaquitas	Evie	Kindness
Macaws	Ella M	Responsibility
Rhinos	Finley	Responsibility
Hedgehogs	Lacey	Responsibility
Tigers	Jordon	Responsibility
Elephants	Emily	Responsibility
Pandas	Lovevis	Responsibility



Dates for your Diary



Monday, 12th - Thursday, 15th May 2025

Year 6 SATS

Friday, 16th May 2025

Southend United Football Tournament

Tuesday, 20th May 2025

New Intake 2025 Welcome Meeting: 5 - 6pm

Monday, 26th - Friday, 30th May 2025

Half Term

Monday, 2nd June 2025

Back to School

Wednesday, 4th June 2025

Reception School Trip - Barleylands

Thursday, 5th June 2025

Year 1 School Trip - Call Of The Wild Zoo

Wednesday, 11th June 2025

Year 2 School Trip - Hever Castle

Monday, 30th June 2025

Sports Day - More info to follow

Tuesday, 1st - Friday, 4th July 2025

EYFS Learn to Ride with Dr Bike - More info to follow

Thursday, 3rd July 2025

Berlesduna Academy Trust Swimming Gala

Friday, 4th July 2025

Fairhouse Summer Bounce Event

Monday, 7th July 2025

Reserve Sports Day

Tuesday, 8th July 2025

Year 4 Trip - Horniman Museum

Wednesday, 9th - Friday, 11th July 2025

Year 6 Residential Trip

Tuesday, 15th July 2025

Whole School Open Evening

Thursday, 17th July 2025

KS1 & Year 3, 4 & 5 Disco's: 4 - 5.30pm

Year 6 Leavers Disco: 5.45 - 7.15pm

Friday, 18th July 2025

Last Day of Term

Monday, 21st & Tuesday, 22nd July 2025

Inset / Non-Pupil Day

Monday, 1st & Tuesday, 2nd September 2025

Inset / Non-Pupil Day

Wednesday, 3rd September 2025

Back to School

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.



FREE GIRL'S FOOTBALL





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- LARGEST FA WILDCATS CENTRE IN THE AREA
- OPPORTUNITIES TO JOIN TEAMS
- AWARD WINNING COACHES
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Essex Domestic Abuse Helpline:

0330 333 7 444

Make a referral:

AGENCY

or

SELF REFERRAL

General enquiries: enquiries@essexcompass.org.uk

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.



VE Day 80 2025



On Thursday 8th May Fairhouse Primary School held their VE Day celebrations. The children were invited to wear patriotic colours of red, white and blue for a 'Street Party' themed lunch with wartime music and decorations.

The children also observed a minute silence at noon to show their respect and held a special class assembly to explore why VE Day is so historically significant. Here are a selection of pictures taken by Mrs Burton of the children and staff enjoying the celebrations.

A huge thank you and well done to all who helped make this such a memorable day.



Book Review

As part of our school development plan we are asking our upper KS2 pupils to write a book review or short paragraph about a core text they found particularly enthralling to share in our newsletter.

Here is a review of The Nowhere Emporium by Ryan B in Year 5:



Friday 4th April 2025
Summer & Review (The Nowhere Emporium)

Book Review

My book cover

Book Title
The Nowhere Emporium

Author
Ross MacKenzie

Illustrator
Mansel Sumner

Genre (tick as many as apply to your book)

<input checked="" type="radio"/> fiction	<input type="radio"/> scary	<input type="radio"/> animal story
<input type="radio"/> mystery	<input type="radio"/> fairy tale	<input type="radio"/> biography
<input checked="" type="radio"/> fantasy	<input checked="" type="radio"/> adventure	<input type="radio"/> historical
<input type="radio"/> humour	<input type="radio"/> sports	
<input type="radio"/> other		

Plot
Event 1: Daniel enters the Emporium.
Event 2: Daniel creates wonders.
Event 3: Daniel becomes owner of the Emporium.

Setting
The Library Of Souls.

Character
Name: Mr Silver
Personality: Gallant, protecting and intelligent.
Physical Appearance: Tall, grey thunder eyes.

Cause and Effect
Michelle dies → Ellie has no mother.

My Star Rating
★★★★★
Why I rated the book 5 stars.
Its story continues. Hard to figure out plot.

This book made me feel:
☒ thumbs up
☐ thumbs down

How I feel about this character and why
I feel this character is a leader/teacher.

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Big School Meet Up

Basildon Library
28th May at 11:00

A fun, relaxed session for families with children starting school in September. Meet up, chat, enjoy a storytime and get some great starting school tips.



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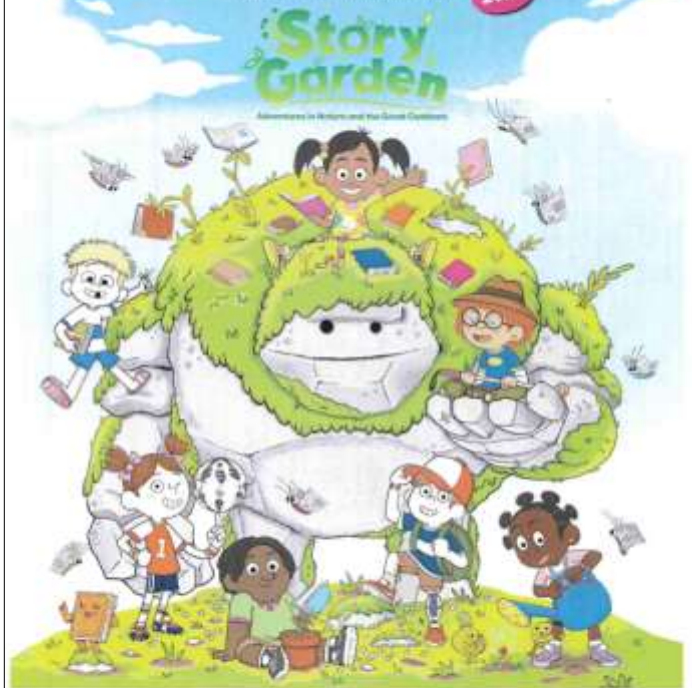
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