



Dear families

Welcome to the end of this very cold week.

Our attendance has been very good all week – except for today where we have seen a big drop. Please do continue to send your child to school all week – even if they are under the weather. I promise we will call you if we feel they are not coping and need to be at home in bed.

This week, our year 5 pupils have been taking part in Bikeability. They have done a great job of braving the cold (and wet) weather to learn how to safely ride their bikes, taking account of road safety, and the rules of cycling safely on the roads. A huge thank you to the staff who have also been out there in the cold, on bikes, to help support this great scheme. Our Bikeability sessions continue into next week too.

In Year 1, we have been looking at maps. We began with a frosty walk around the local area, before tracking our journey on a map when we came back to school. We then used those to help us draw our own map and come up with symbols for a key. To finish up our map work this week, we completed a Now Press Play activity where we had to follow a map and directions to rescue someone from a fire breathing dragon! In maths, we have been using equality and inequality symbols to show more than and less than when comparing numbers. We used cubes and counters to represent our numbers.



This week, Year 6 have been diving into global geography by learning how time zones work. Pupils explored the Earth's meridians - discovering how many there are and why they're arranged that way - and used GMT (Greenwich Mean Time) to calculate local times across different regions of the world. After practising their new skills, the children put their knowledge to the test with a fun quiz.

Year 4 pupils have been busy learning how to round numbers to the nearest 1000. They have been counting in multiples of thousands and using number lines and place value charts to help them to find the multiple of 100 that is closest to any given number.

In EYFS, the children have been reading 'Night monkey Day monkey'. They discussed the difference between day and night and sorted activities into daytime and night time. The children painted moon pictures using black and white paint. They discovered that when they mixed these two colours together it made the colour grey.



Our Christmas Fayre will be taking place on Friday 5th December and is fast approaching! We are still on the look out for raffle and tombola prizes, if you have anything suitable please bring it to the school office and we will make good use of it. We would particularly like items such as new and unused gift sets and bottles of any kind such as wine, squash, bubble bath, etc.

And finally, with this cold weather we are experiencing, please do make sure your child has a warm and preferably waterproof coat in school with them. Hats, gloves and scarves would be useful too but these are of course optional. And as always, please make sure everything is clearly labelled with your child's name as without that we really struggle to reunite lost or misplaced items with their rightful owners!

Have a great weekend everyone.

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

24th - 28th November 2025

Monday

Cheese & Ham Omelette

Cheese Omelette

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Ham Bap

Seasonal Fruit Medley

Tuesday

Beef Chilli Taco Shell

Vegan Chilli Taco Shell

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Jam Sandwich

Ice Cream Tub

Wednesday

Roast Chicken, Yorkie Pud & Gravy

Roast Quorn Fillet, Yorkie Pud & Gravy

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Tuna Mayo Baguette

Iced Sprinkle Cake

Thursday

Chicken & Spinach Pasta

Macaroni Cheese

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Cheese Sandwich

Doughnut

Friday

Fish Fingers

Veggie Fingers

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Egg Mayo Wrap

Fruity Friday

Fairhouse Weekly Attendance Table

Elephants	90.4%
Pandas	89.2%
Hedgehogs	93.4%
Tigers	96.2%
Macaws	99%
Rhinos	96.4%
Jaguars	90.4%
Vaquitas	95.7%
Belugas	96.8%
Sea Otters	99.3%
Gorillas	96.7%
Saolas	95.9%
Galapagos Penguins	95.7%
Sea Turtles	98.7%

Well done to Macaws (KS1) and Sea Otters (KS2) who have earned the company of our attendance bears Fred and Freda in class next week.

Also to Macaws, Sea Otters and Sea Turtles 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	Stanley	Responsibility
Sea Turtles	Sophie	Courage
Gorillas	Ralphie	Responsibility
Saolas	Teddy	Responsibility
Belugas	Reggie	Responsibility
Sea Otters	Dami	Respect
Jaguars	Shayan	Responsibility
Vaquitas	Osaze	Responsibility
Macaws	Eliyanah	Kindness
Rhinos	Jordon	Responsibility
Hedgehogs	Darcy	Courage
Tigers	Rufaida	Courage
Elephants	Dolly-Rae	Responsibility
Pandas	Alexis	Responsibility



Dates for your Diary



Wednesday, 19th - Wednesday, 26th November 2025

Year 5 Bikeability Training

Monday, 1st December 2025

Elfridges Christmas Pop Up Shop

Wednesday, 3rd December 2025

Understanding Children's Anxiety Workshop - 9-11.30am

Thursday, 4th December 2025

Reception / EYFS Christmas Assembly - 9.10am & 2.45pm

Friday, 5th December 2025

Fairhouse Christmas Shopping Event - 3.30-5.30pm

Monday, 8th December 2025

Year 1 Christmas Assembly - 9.10am & 2.45pm

Tuesday, 9th December 2025

Year 3 Christmas Assembly - 9.10am & 2.45pm

Wednesday, 10th December 2025

Year 2 Christmas Assembly - 9.10am & 2.45pm

Thursday, 11th December 2025

Year 6 Christmas Assembly - 9.10am & 2.45pm

Fairhouse Choir at Eastgate Shopping Centre - 1.30pm

Friday, 12th December 2025

Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day

Monday, 15th December 2025

EYFS & KS1 - Visit from Travelling Panto
KS2 - Trip to Towngate Theatre

Tuesday, 16th December 2025

Year 5 Christmas Assembly - 9.10am & 2.45pm

Wednesday, 17th December 2025

Year 4 Christmas Assembly - 9.10am & 2.45pm
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

Monday, 16th - Friday, 20th February 2026

Half Term

Wednesday, 25th February 2026

Young Voices Concert at the O2 Arena

Wednesday, 15th April 2026

Setting Boundaries 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.



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.



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 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.



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Understanding Children's Anxiety

The course covers common signs, underlying causes, and practical techniques to help children manage anxious thoughts and feelings.

Date: 03/12/2025

Time: 09:00 - 11:30

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0330 333 7 444

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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!



FAIRHOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2025

3.30PM-5.30PM

STALLS . GAMES .

REFRESHMENTS

FACE PAINTING

MEET FATHER CHRISTMAS
& MUCH MORE!



FREE
ENTRY

Long Riding, Basildon SS14 1QP

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WHO? Young people aged 5-16 with
Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
WHEN? Tuesday 27th May & Wednesday 28th May, 10am-2pm
WHERE? Shrub End Community and Sports Centre, CO2 9BG
COST? Earlybird price is £30 for both days or £18.50 for one day.

WHAT TO EXPECT?

- **Expert Coaching:** sessions will be led by our FA-qualified coaches, who are experienced in working with SEND players.
- **Skills Development:** enhance your skills through fun football drills, including passing, dribbling, shooting and match play.
- **Special Guests:** meet Chelsea's Premier League players and club mascot Kiko the Eagle!
- **Exciting Rewards:** every participant will receive a Chelsea's Under-18s t-shirt, with additional medals and trophies available to be won.

BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – VACANCIES

CHERRY TREE – EYFS CLASS TEACHER closing date 10th December
 FAIRHOUSE – SEND LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 9th December
 FELMORE – PART TIME CLASS TEACHER closing date 24th November
 WHITMORE – CLASS TEACHER (FIXED TERM) closing date 1st December
 WHITMORE – SEND LEARNING SUPPORT/MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 24th November
 WHITMORE – EYFS/KS1 LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 15th December
 WILLOWS – EYFS CLASS TEACHER (FIXED TERM) closing date 14th November

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



Activities / Achievements



Well done to Freddie who won Man of the Match last weekend for Hadleigh Blues. Well done Freddie!

Essex Fire Museum Open Days

2025



Sunday 23rd Of November
10:30AM To 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
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HILLTOP JUNIOR SCHOOL WICKFORD CHRISTMAS CLUB

MON 22ND DEC
Football

Table Tennis

Dance/Acting Games

TUES 23RD DEC
Christmas Party

Christmas Crafts

GAMING BUS

MON 29TH DEC
NERF Wars

Zorb Battles

Gymnastics

TUES 30TH DEC
Apparatus Football

Party Games

FUN BUS



TO BOOK: <https://parallel-sports-coaching.class4kids.co.uk>