FAIRHOUSE primary SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - 8 (23/10/26)

What a fantastic end to an incredibly busy half term! It has been wonderful to see our school buzzing with exciting learning opportunities, creativity, teamwork and lots of memorable moments. We are so proud of all our children for their hard work, enthusiasm and determination throughout these first few weeks. They have certainly earned a well-deserved break!

We rounded off the half term in style with our spooktacular Halloween disco! It was a fantastic celebration filled with dancing, games, delicious food and plenty of sweet treats! The children looked amazing in their costumes and outfits, and it was lovely to see everyone having so much fun together. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the event such a success! We raised an amazing amount of over **£600** for school! This money will be used to fund more wonderful events such as the Panto at Christmas. Thank you to all who attended and made this event such a success! Of course, we couldn't let the celebrations end without recognising some of our fabulous fancy dress creations! We had some truly fang-tastic costumes, making the judges' decisions incredibly tricky! A huge congratulations to our costume competition winners:

<u>Key Stage 1 Winners:</u>

1st Place: Blake – Macaw Class

2nd Place: Elijah – Rhino Class

3rd Place: Lilly – Hedgehog Class

4th Place: Anastasia – Panda Class

<u>Key Stage 2 Winners:</u>

1st Place: Poppy H - Sea Otters

2nd Place: Louie - Sea Turtles

3rd Place: Grace - Jaguars

4th Place: Glory - Saolas

<u>KS2 Winners:</u>



This week in EYFS!

What a busy and exciting week we have had in EYFS! The children have enjoyed exploring new ideas, developing their skills and learning through lots of fun activities. We are so proud of their enthusiasm and curiosity!

Our story this week inspired lots of imaginative thinking! The children were asked, “If you could go anywhere, where would you choose?” From the seaside and forests to volcanoes, deserts, cities and outer space, we explored some wonderful ideas. The children practised expressing their opinions, explaining their choices and listening to others.

In PSHE, we discussed why school and class rules are important. The children explored how rules help us stay safe, show kindness and respect others. We also thought about the importance of sharing, taking turns and working together to create a happy classroom.

Our little mathematicians have been practising their number formation, focusing on forming numbers correctly and carefully. This helps develop their confidence and builds strong foundations for future mathematical learning.

In PE, the children worked together to control the parachute and practise ball skills. These activities helped develop their coordination, listening skills and teamwork. Well done to everyone for working together so enthusiastically!

Our budding writers have been matching pictures to words by identifying their initial sounds. This helps develop their phonics knowledge and builds important foundations for early reading and writing.

Year 1

We've had another busy week in Year 1! In writing, we have been working on our four-part stories, focusing on using our sounds, capital letters and full stops independently. In maths, we have been practising counting forwards and backwards to 100. In science, we investigated and discovered which material was best for making bunting. It had to be both waterproof and weatherproof (especially with all the wind we've had this week!). We also put our knowledge of materials and shelters to good use by working together to build our own play dens. The children had great fun, although we did nearly get blown away in the process!

Year 2

We have had a lovely week in Year 2 to finish our first half term! The children have been working very hard in their maths, working on bridging 10 through subtraction and addition. We have also been using fabulous vocabulary and our knowledge of instructions from last week to write about washing our own aliens in a set of instructions! In science we have been exploring habitats to introduce our new unit for the next half term. Overall the children have worked incredibly hard this half term and should be very proud of themselves! Looking forward to the next half term after a well deserved break.

Year 3

As part of our exciting Curriculum Day, Year 3 rolled up their sleeves and became chefs for the day, making their very own delicious ratatouille! The children learnt how to use knives safely and carefully chopped a variety of colourful vegetables. Once everything was prepared, we cooked the vegetables together and enjoyed the wonderful smells filling the room!

The best part was getting to taste our finished dish! We were especially proud of those children who were a little apprehensive about trying something new but showed great courage by giving it a go. Many were pleasantly surprised to discover just how tasty ratatouille could be!

It was a fantastic day filled with new skills, teamwork and delicious food. Well done, Year 3 – we are so proud of you!

Year 4

Over the last few weeks, Year 4 have had a strange, spooky visitor playing tricks on us! These mysterious happenings inspired us to write our own funny mystery stories.

We still have no idea how our spooky visitor found their way into Year 4… and the mystery continues!

Year 5

This week, Year 5 enjoyed a wide range of learning opportunities across the curriculum. In reading, we explored exciting texts and developed our comprehension skills, while in writing we worked hard to create biographies about inspirational people. A highlight of the week was meeting a real Warburtons farmer during a live virtual event. We compared our school day with a typical day in the life of a farmer and learnt about the crops she grows, including winter wheat, winter barley and winter beans. We also discovered how farming links to science, maths, history and geography. We explored climate zones in geography and investigated air and water resistance in science.

Year 6

What a brilliant end to the half term we've had in Year 6! In science, our young scientists have been exploring how our bodies work, investigating heart rate and pulse points while learning how to accurately measure and record their heart rates from different pulse points, like wrists and necks. As a reward for all their hard work throughout this half term, the children who completed all of their homework and reading challenges enjoyed a fantastic afternoon out at the park; luckily, the weather held out for us and it was a great afternoon full of fun. To top off a brilliant week, the children had an absolute blast at the Halloween party, showing off some amazing costumes and enjoying the celebrations together!

Finally, we would like to wish all our children, families and staff a wonderful, restful and enjoyable half-term break. Remember that Monday 2nd November is an INSET / NON PUPIL day, so children will return to school on Tuesday 3rd November.

Have a lovely half term everyone, and we look forward to welcoming you all back refreshed and ready for another exciting half term!

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

3rd - 6th November 2026

Tuesday

Spaghetti Bolognese

Veggie Bolognese

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Jam Sandwich

Chocolate Orange Cake

Wednesday

Roast Chicken, Yorkie Pud & Gravy

Cheese & Onion Pasty

Cheese Bap

Lemon & White Chocolate Cake

Thursday

Creamy Ham Carbonara

Macaroni Cheese

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Egg Mayo Wrap

Cornflake & Jam Tart

Friday

Chicken Nuggets

Veggie Nuggets

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Ham Baguette

Fruity Friday

Fairhouse Weekly Attendance Table

Elephants	87.9%
Pandas	97%
Hedgehogs	95.7%
Tigers	93.6%
Macaws	95.7%
Rhinos	92%
Jaguars	86.2%
Vaquitas	96.3%
Belugas	90.7%
Sea Otters	91.7%
Gorillas	92.9%
Saolas	94.4%
Galapagos Penguins	94.6%
Sea Turtles	92.4%



Well done to Pandas (KS1) and Vaquitas (KS2) who have earned the company of our attendance bears Fred and Freda in class after half term. 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	Robert	Responsibility
Sea Turtles	Dzesika	Responsibility
Gorillas	Sienna B	Kindness
Saolas	Noah	Responsibility
Belugas	Poppy C	Courage
Sea Otters	Bella Logan	Kindness Responsibility
Jaguars	Alfie	Courage
Vaquitas	Carla	Responsibility
Macaws	Maddison	Kindness
Rhinos	Elise	Respect
Hedgehogs	Marnie	Kindness
Tigers	Archie	Responsibility
Elephants	Albert	Kindness
Pandas	Paisley	Responsibility

Dates for your Diary

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, 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

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

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.

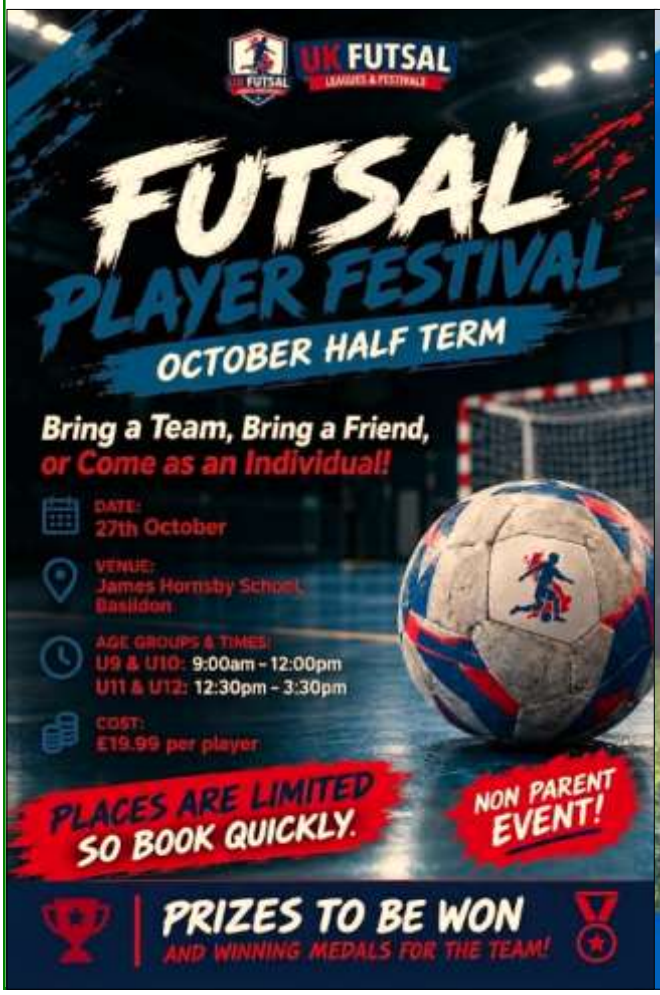
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Find out more at:
essexwellbeingservice.co.uk

or contact us on:
0300 303 9988

Essex County Council







COME ON YOU DAGS IN

Saturday 24th October

Dagenham & Redbridge FC v Chesham United FC

Kick Off 3pm at Victoria Road - Dagenham RM10 7XL

DAGGERS IN TRUST

ALL TICKETS - ONLY £1

USE THE QR CODE TO BUY NOW

Fairhouse Primary School

Year 2 Parents
You are warmly invited to...

A Special Workshop on



The Importance of Hearing Your Child Read at Home

Hosted by Mrs Burton

Join us for an informative and supportive session about how hearing your child read at home can make a real difference to their confidence, progress and love of reading.

Wednesday 4th November 2026
at 2:15pm

There will also be an opportunity for parents to come in to the classroom and hear their children read.

Together we can support a lifelong love of reading

YOU'RE INVITED TO

HALLOWEEN party

24 OCT

6PM - 7.30PM
BASILDON SPORTING VILLAGE
£15 PER TICKET

PRIZES TO BE WON!
BEST DRESSED & MORE!

TO BOOK CALL THE OFFICE ON
01268 722479 / 01268 557771
OR VISIT
SOUTHESSEXGYMNASTICSCLUB.COM

HOLIDAY FUN SESSIONS OCTOBER

MONDAY 26th - BASILDON

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

OPEN TO AGES 4+ WHO ARE IN FULL-TIME SCHOOL!

To book your child's space, please scan the QR code

Or call
01268 722479
01268 557771

Essex Fire Museum
Halloween Open Day
2026



25th and 27th of October
10:30AM To 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 5QS

Book Now
Free Entry

Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

MESSY CHURCH LIGHT PARTY

Join us for some fun crafts, games and food!

Date: Friday 30th Octber 2026

Time: 10am-12pm

Location: 91 Church Rd, Basildon SS16 4AH

Text-07425414581
To book your place.