



Dear families

Welcome to the end of this busy week at Fairhouse Primary School.

In our Early Year's this week, we have been reading *The Blue Chameleon*. Linked to this, we been creating our own colourful chameleons by choosing different tools and materials. In Phonics this week we have been learning the sounds 'c' 'k' 'u' 'b' and 'f'. In maths, we have been subitising beyond 5 using multilink, number frames and teddies. Linked to our topic 'Me and My Community', the children have enjoyed role playing by using our Post Office, writing cards and posting letters.

In year 1 this week, we have been working extremely hard counting forwards to and backwards from 20 as well as identifying missing numbers. In art, we created a colour wheel using what we already know about mixing primary colours to create secondary colours. This week we also looked at some pictures of our peers growing up and sorted them into the order that they happened. In science, we categorised items in our classroom using the properties of materials.



This week, year 2 took part in a traffic survey outside the school gates, gathering data by tallying each time a type of vehicle went by. We were surprised by how many cars we saw and excited when a van or bus went by. Several members of the public remarked how fun this activity was and how the children were enjoying their learning - and Rhinos were very happy when one motorbike finally went by! In class, we discussed how common the cars were and why we saw no tractors or lorries because of where the school is situated.

Year 4 have been busy this week mastering the mental methods needed for subtraction. We have also been creating timelines in history and begun our French topic of 'Les fruits'.

This week, Year 6 have been learning all about blood in Science! We explored the different components that make up our blood, including red blood cells, white blood cells, plasma, and platelets. To bring our learning to life, we carried out a fun and creative 'blood in a bottle' experiment, using different ingredients to represent each component. It was a fantastic, hands-on way to understand how blood works and why it is so important for our bodies.

It was lovely to see some of you come along to our Macmillan coffee morning this morning. It was also great to see so many children purchasing cake themselves at break time today – they certainly enjoyed eating it! All money raised will go straight to the Macmillan Cancer support.



On Thursday next week, we will have a special menu for School Census Day. School Census Day is the designated day, when the Department for Education (DfE) collects detailed data on pupils, their backgrounds, and school activities. This information is crucial for government funding allocations, calculating national education statistics, and ensuring schools receive appropriate financial support to meet student needs. We would encourage all pupils to have a school dinner on Thursday to help us obtain the maximum level of funding we can for our school. To tempt you to take part, our catering team have put together a delicious menu Census Day Menu with some of our most popular lunch menu items. Please see our weekly menu further on in the newsletter for more information.

Have a wonderful weekend.

## 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 Two

29th September - 3rd October 2025

### Monday

Beef Burger

Veggie Burger

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Cheese Bap

Seasonal Fruit Medley

### Tuesday

Chicken Casserole

Seasonal Vegetable Casserole

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Jam Sandwich

Upside Down Apple Cake

### Wednesday

Roast Turkey, Yorkie Pud & Gravy

Quorn Roast, Yorkie Pud & Gravy

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Tuna Mayo Wrap

American Pancakes with Toffee Sauce

### Thursday - School Census Day

Chicken Nuggets, Hash Brown Bites & Corn on the Cob

Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Hash Brown Bites & Corn on the Cob

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Jam Sandwich

Triple Chocolate Cake

### Friday

Fish Fingers

Veggie Fingers

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Turkey Bap

Fruity Friday

## Fairhouse Weekly Attendance Table

Elephants	90.9%
Pandas	90.8%
Hedgehogs	98.3%
Tigers	95.9%
Macaws	93.7%
Rhinos	95.8%
Jaguars	94.4%
Vaquitas	94.3%
Belugas	89.8%
Sea Otters	97.8%
Gorillas	93.8%
Saolas	97.2%
Galapagos Penguins	92.8%
Sea Turtles	89.5%

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



Also to Hedgehogs 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	Ayaan	Responsibility
Sea Turtles	Yagmur	Responsibility
Gorillas	Ralphie	Respect
Saolas	Holly	Kindness
Belugas	Oscar	Courage
Sea Otters	Kleona	Courage
Jaguars	Joshua	Courage
Vaquitas	Tommy	Kindness
Macaws	Bennett	Responsibility
Rhinos	Noa	Respect
Hedgehogs	Anayce	Courage
Tigers	Lexi	Responsibility
Elephants	Amira	Courage
Pandas	Teddy	Responsibility



## Dates for your Diary



Thursday, 2nd October 2025

School Census Day - Special Lunch Menu

Tuesday, 7th - Friday, 10th October 2025

Travelling Book Fair

Thursday, 9th October 2025

Berlesduna Poetry Slam

Thursday, 16th October 2025

Fairhouse Uniform Bank - 3.15-4pm

Wednesday, 22nd October 2025

Flu Immunisations

Understanding ADHD In Children Workshop - 9-11.30am

Friday, 24th October 2025

Inset / Non Pupil Day

Monday, 27th - Friday, 31st October 2025

Half Term

Monday, 3rd November 2025

Inset / Non Pupil Day

Thursday, 6th November 2025

Individual School Photos

Tuesday, 11th & Wednesday, 12th November 2025

Parents Evening - 3.30-6pm

Thursday, 13th November 2025

Berlesduna Maths Challenge Event

Wednesday, 19th - Friday, 21st November 2025

Year 5 Bikeability Training

Wednesday, 5th December 2025

Understanding Children's Anxiety Workshop - 9-11.30am

Friday, 5th December 2025

Fairhouse Christmas Shopping Event - 3.30-5.30pm

Thursday, 11th December 2025

Fairhouse Choir performing at Eastgate Shopping Centre

Wednesday, 17th December 2025

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

Wednesday, 15th April 2026

Settling 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.

## Essex Fire Museum Open Days

2025



28th Of September

10:30AM To 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays  
RM17 5QS



**Book Now** ➔



Museum@essex-fire.gov.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.





## BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – VACANCIES

CANEWDON – FIXED TERM SEND LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 29<sup>th</sup> September  
 CHERRY TREE – FIXED TERM TEACHER closing date 2<sup>nd</sup> October  
 DOWNHAM – FIXED TERM SEND LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 2<sup>nd</sup> October  
 MERRYLANDS – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 1<sup>st</sup> October  
 MERRYLANDS – CLEANER closing date 30<sup>th</sup> September  
 MERRYLANDS – SEND LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 12<sup>th</sup> 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](https://essexwellbeingservice.co.uk)  
 or contact us on:  
 0300 303 9988



### COMPASS

A partnership of domestic abuse services providing a response in Essex

Essex Domestic Abuse Helpline:

**0330 333 7 444**

Make a referral:

AGENCY

or

SELF REFERRAL

General enquiries: [enquiries@essexcompass.org.uk](mailto: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 Uniform Bank



The school Eco Council will  
now be running a uniform  
bank from the school.

Come and visit us after school  
at 3.15pm-4.00pm  
On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025



If you require any further information please speak to  
Ms Baldock or Mrs Blackwell



Is your child between 4 and 14 years of age?  
 Do they like games, fun and making friends?  
 Why not sign them up to come along to our

### YOUTH CLUB



when: Friday's 5.30 - 7.00pm

where: mother's kitchen cafe, ss13 1pn

**REGISTER HERE!**

**BOOK IN HERE!**



a meal and drinks are provided!

Mothers Kitchen Community Group-Pitsea  
[mkcgb bookings@gmail.com](mailto:mkcgb bookings@gmail.com)





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(all levels - beginner to advanced)
- 🏃 **Fitness training**  
& weight loss support
- 🟢 **Improve football knowledge and game IQ**
- 👦 **Kids' sessions**  
& small group coaching available

## About Me:

- 🏆 3rd Year Scholar at Southend



## About Me:

- ⚽ 12+ years experience - grassroots to semi-pro level
- ✅ Level 3 Sports Coaching & Development

Sothend United  
First Team Debut made last pre season  
12+ years experience - grassroots to semi-pro level

## Session Prices:

€20 - 30 minutes  
€35 - 60 minutes  
€45 - 90 minutes

## Block Bookings:

5 x 60 min sessions - £150  
10 x 60 min sessions - £300

**CONTACT ME TODAY!**

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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

CLICK HERE TO BOOK



## Premier League Disability Football INCLUSIVE U'S FOOTBALL CAMP

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 led by our experienced coaches, who are experienced in working with SEND players.
- Skills Development: enhance your skills through fun football drills including passing, shooting, dribbling and free kicks.
- Special Guests: meet Cole from United players and club mascot Mr. Mutt.
- Exciting Rewards: every participant will receive a £10 voucher towards a pizza, with additional medals and trophies available to be won.



## FREE GIRL'S FOOTBALL



HAVE FUN  
MAKE FRIENDS  
PLAY FOOTBALL

- LARGEST FA WILDCATS CENTRE IN THE AREA
- OPPORTUNITIES TO JOIN TEAMS
- AWARD WINNING COACHES
- WEST HAM SISTER CLUB
- TRAIN AT BARLEYLANDS, BILLERICAY



FOR DETAILS EMAIL  
[FCREDWINGGIRLS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FCREDWINGGIRLS@GMAIL.COM)  
OR CALL 07977 416 044



SISTER CLUB



## Players Wanted U11 For The 25/26 Season

- UEFA Qualified Coaching Setup
- New 3G Facility
- Relaxed, Family Orientated Club

Hadleigh Blues are a lower level, developing side, going into our 5th season.

We are a friendly, welcoming team that require attacking / forward thinking players for the transition to 9-a-side.

Training Thur 6-7pm & Sat 9-10am

If interested, then please contact  
Grant on 07524 505 640



## We are Hadleigh Youth Football Club

Our aim is to bring a fun, friendly, learning environment for local children in the Hadleigh/Benfleet area.

Long term player development is our objective, through enjoyable, technical based sessions.

Our commitment is to the players so they can have the best opportunity to develop into good young people and exciting footballers.

<https://www.hadleighyouthfc.com/>



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- Nationally Recognised Grading
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- Gain Confidence
- Improved Discipline
- Fully Inclusive Classes
- Nominated Sports Club Of The Year

FIRST LESSON IS

FREE



SCAN ME!

MESSAGE US ON FACEBOOK OR INSTAGRAM TO GET BOOKED IN

CLASSES ARE HELD AT LAMDON COMMUNITY CENTRE, ASTON ROAD, SS15 6NX