



Dear families,

Welcome to the last week of this half term. It has been a very long one, and we know we have lots of very tired children (and staff).

I am thrilled to let you know that Fairhouse Primary School has been awarded The Primary Science Quality Mark in recognition of all the hard work and the great science curriculum in place at Fairhouse Primary School. We are very proud to be awarded this logo as recognition.



In Key Stage 1, we have been celebrating harvest festival. Thank you to all of you who donated food items for the local food bank. We held a harvest assembly in school today and celebrated the food we had collected and sang songs about harvest. We are sure this will help support a number of families in our local area.



Year 4 have been finishing off their art from curriculum day. They created some amazing pieces of art. The children had to identify, mix and use warm and cool paint colours to evoke warmth or coolness in a painting.



This week in art, year 2 used clay to create their own printing stamp with a pattern on it. They then mixed a lighter and a darker hue (shade) of colours to stamp with. It was great fun and clear to see how we can mix different hues of the same colour. At the end of the week, we celebrated one of our movers and shakers with a Now Press Play experience about Neil Armstrong. It is such an exciting way to learn more about a key figure in history, hearing his story through our earphones and feeling like we are part of it.



This week in Design and Technology, year 6 have been getting hands-on in the kitchen! After spending the past few weeks researching organic and whole foods - and learning about their many health benefits - they've been putting their knowledge into practice. So far, they've cooked up a delicious tomato pasta sauce using only organic whole ingredients. Today, they had a go at homemade vegetable crisps and carrot and coriander soup!



In EYFS, we used craft to take leaf man on adventures to different places and the children spoke about how he is feeling and what he would do there. Outside we made a Lamborghini using our car wheels and wooden blocks. One person was in the driving seat and everyone else had to hold on as we went VERY FAST!

With the change in the weather recently, please do remember to send your child in with a waterproof coat / jacket for break and lunchtimes as we do still go outside in light rain / drizzle.

Finally, it was so lovely to have Mrs Tullett's dog in school for the day on Tuesday. Phoenix had a great time getting to know some of our children. The children had great time stroking and petting him and rewarding him with treats. They learned what it meant to take care of a pet and how we need to be kind and respectful to animals. In return Phoenix provided comfort and calm to the pupils who loved a snuggle. Phoenix enjoyed being spoilt with cuddles and strokes. He was a very tired dog by the end of the day!



Have a great half term break! Please remember that we return on Tuesday 4th November 2025.

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

4th - 7th November 2025

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	88.02%
Pandas	90.63%
Hedgehogs	96.9%
Tigers	93.1%
Macaws	91.5%
Rhinos	93.8%
Jaguars	92.6%
Vaquitas	89.7%
Belugas	94.4%
Sea Otters	79.4%
Gorillas	92.5%
Saolas	96.6%
Galapagos Penguins	94.2%
Sea Turtles	95.8%

Well done to Hedgehogs (KS1) and Saolas (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 displayed some of our core values this week:

Class	Child	Core Value
Galapagos Penguins	Jessica	Responsibility
Sea Turtles	Oliver G	Kindness
Gorillas	Alex	Responsibility
Saolas	Albie	Responsibility
Belugas	Cristian	Responsibility
Sea Otters	Zac	Kindness
Jaguars	Lena	Responsibility
Vaquitas	Patricia	Courage
Macaws	Jaelen	Courage
Rhinos	Grace	Responsibility
Hedgehogs	Isabella	Courage
Tigers	Grayson	Responsibility
Elephants	Azalea	Responsibility
Pandas	Marnie	Courage



Dates for your Diary



Monday, 27th - Friday, 31st October 2025

Half Term

Monday, 3rd November 2025

Inset / Non Pupil Day

Thursday, 6th November 2025

Individual School Photos

Friday, 7th November 2025

Crazy Hair Day for Kids Inspire

Tuesday, 11th & Wednesday, 12th November 2025

Parents Evening - 3.30-6pm

Thursday, 13th November 2025

Berlesduna Maths Challenge Event

Friday, 15th November 2025

Children In Need

Monday, 17th November 2025

Reception 2026 New Intake Tours - 2pm & 5pm

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

Monday, 15th December 2025

EYFS & KS1 - Visit from Travelling Panto

KS2 - Trip to Towngate Theatre

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, 25th February 2026

Young Voices Concert at the O2 Arena

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.

Fairhouse Primary School & **TESCO**

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 your 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.

**Stronger
Starts.**

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.



FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2025
10AM-12PM

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR

Light
PARTY

TEXT 07425414581
 BY THE 27TH OCTOBER
 TO BOOK IN!
 FOR CHILDREN IN
 RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

*Let's
 have
 fun!*

THE CHURCH AT SWANMEAD
 91 CHURCH ROAD
 BASILDON
 SS16 4AH

CRAFTS GAMES STORYTIME

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

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!**

 **PARALLEL**
 SPORTS COACHING

HILLTOP JUNIOR SCHOOL, WICKFORD
20TH - 31ST OCTOBER 2025
 To book: <https://parallel-sports-coaching.class4kids.co.uk/>
 Enquiries: bookings@parallelsportscoaching.co.uk

Monday Football Dancing/Acting Games Games Galore	Tuesday Wk 1 FUN BUS Wk 2 GAMES BUS Multi Sports Crazy Golf
Wednesday Baking * Zorb Battles/Nerf Wars Basketball/Table Tennis	Thursday Gymnastics & Apparatus Day Halloween Arts & Crafts Games Galore

PARTY DAYS
 24th October - DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVOURITE SPORTS PERSON OR SUPERHERO
 31st October -HALLOWEEN THEMED DRESSING UP PARTY
 With Obstacle Course, Party games, Tricks and Treats!

 ***31st October***
 free pizza will be available



Essex Fire Museum
Halloween Open Day
2025



26th and 28th Of October
10:30AM To 4:00PM
 Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
 RM17 5QS

 **Book Now**
 Free Entry



Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk



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2025

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Funfair and Refreshments available
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FAIRHOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL, SS14 1QP

3 DAYS - 28TH - 30TH OCTOBER, 10:00 - 2:00

£15 PER DAY

Action Packed Activities

- Glow in the Dark Dodgeball
- Archery
- Axe Throwing
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Arts & Crafts
- Football

SCAN HERE

07707861027

southessex@sportscool.org



Junior Adventures Group

HOLIDAY HQ

KIDS FEST

HHQ DAY PASS

NOW JUST £34.20

WAS: £44.20

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Strap in for October Half Term!
Basildon Sporting Village



MAPLE GROVE Primary School

Halloween Holiday Club

Join us for fun Activities including:

- Arts & Crafts
- Cooking
- Team Games and more...

27th October - 31st October

7.30am-5.30pm

£25 per day includes snacks and evening meal, children to bring their own packed lunch

Call or Email Maple Grove Primary for booking details or further info.

Tel: 01268 553547

Email: clubs@maplegraveprimary.net

High Road, Pitsea SS13 3AB