



Dear families

Welcome to the end of our first full week of this academic year. The children are developing such wonderful learning behaviours that it feels like they have been in their new classes and year groups for so much longer.

At school, we are busy setting up the new school year. Part of that job is to recruit and appoint pupil leaders within our school. This helps them develop responsibility and promotes relationships and opportunity for pupil voice. We are widening our selection of ambassadors and "councils" to make these more available to pupils within our school. Some roles are just for our older pupils, some are for a wider selection of pupils within our school. Pupils will find out more about these opportunities next week. I will share more about these when we have launched these to the children.

Here's what has been going on across our school this week:

What a wonderful first week in EYFS! It has been a very busy and exciting first week, and we are so proud of how well the children have settled into their new school routines. They have shown great enthusiasm, confidence and curiosity as they begin their school journey. Our story this week has been 'Where's My Teddy?' We have enjoyed exploring the story together and talking about the characters and events. In maths, we have been practicing counting to 5 and developing our understanding of numbers through fun, practical activities. In Phonics, we have been learning the sounds M, A, S, D and T, as well as practicing our letter formation. The children have been working hard!

Year 1 have had a fantastic start to the year, settling into routines and enjoying lots of exciting learning. In art, we have mixed primary colours to create secondary



colours, explored different materials in science and learned about human and physical features in geography. In maths, we have been practising counting, while in writing we have been developing our sentence-writing skills. We are so proud of how well everyone has settled into Year 1 and look forward to all the learning still to come!



In year 2, we have been working on our independent writing skills which the children have been challenging themselves to use ambitious vocabulary such as ginormous and exhausted. We have also been investigating Neil Armstrong and learning about significant people from our history.

Year 3 have settled into their new year really well and have already been working hard. In maths, we have been learning to add numbers up to 100, developing our confidence with different addition strategies. In writing, we have been writing instructions on how to look after a woolly mammoth, with a particular focus on using expanded noun phrases to add detail and description. We also had our very first swimming lessons at Basildon Sporting Village. The children travelled by coach and did an amazing job following instructions, showing confidence and representing the school brilliantly. They certainly did us proud!

Year 4 have made a fantastic start to their exciting new topic on the Vikings. In writing, the children have been busy putting their imaginations to work by creating their very own fictional dragons. They have brought their creatures to life using expanded noun phrases and ambitious vocabulary, producing some wonderfully descriptive and imaginative writing.

This week the children in year 5 have been comparing and ordering decimal numbers within their maths learning. In writing, they have reviewed some autumn poetry and practiced a range of figurative language writing features. In history, they looked at primary and secondary sources when learning about 'The archaeological dig at Yinxu'. In art, they have been exploring tints, tones and shades when looking at famous impressionist paintings.

The year 6 children have made a fantastic start to our Maafa topic in History, exploring the history of slavery and the Triangular Slave Trade. They have also been researching modern-day Africa and delving deeper into the fascinating world of long-gone ancient African kingdoms. In science, the children have been learning about the components of the circulatory system and used research from iPads to create beautiful double-page spreads showcasing their understanding of its key components and functions in the body.

On Thursday, some of our Year 4 and Year 5 pupils were finally able to compete in their district sport events, which were rescheduled due to the high temperatures in July. Our athletes took part in a range of track and field events, and everyone represented Fairhouse proudly - a great way to start the sporting year! Well done, team Fairhouse!

Have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

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

14th - 18th September 2026

Monday

Toad In The Hole

Veggie Toad In The Hole

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Turkey Bap

Seasonal Fruit Medley

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

Fish Fingers

Veggie Fingers

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Ham Baguette

Fruity Friday

Fairhouse Weekly Attendance Table

Elephants	92.9%
Pandas	93%
Hedgehogs	95.2%
Tigers	97.6%
Macaws	94.1%
Rhinos	96.9%
Jaguars	99.3%
Vaquitas	93.2%
Belugas	89.7%
Sea Otters	94.6%
Gorillas	95.7%
Saolas	97.7%
Galapagos Penguins	98.5%
Sea Turtles	98.3%

Well done to Tigers (KS1) and Jaguars (KS2) who have earned the company of our attendance bears Fred and Freda in class next week. Also to Jaguars, Galapagos Penguins 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 all displayed some of our core values this week:

Class	Child	Core Value
Galapagos Penguins	Alex	Kindness
Sea Turtles	Declan W	Kindness
Gorillas	Max	Responsibility
Saolas	Kleona	Kindness
Belugas	Penny	Responsibility
Sea Otters	Ashar	Responsibility
Jaguars	Ethan	Kindness
Vaquitas	Rexhep	Kindness
Macaws	Ariah	Courage
Rhinos	Grayson	Responsibility
Hedgehogs	Roman	Courage
Tigers	Franklin	Responsibility
Elephants	Everyone	Courage
Pandas	Everyone	Courage



Dates for your Diary



Monday, 14th September 2026

Year 5 Pedestrian Safety Workshop

Wednesday, 23rd September 2026

Year 5 & 6 STEM Event - 12pm - 3pm

Monday, 28th September 2026

ACL 'Managing Big Emotions' Workshop 9.30am - 12pm

Tuesday, 6th - Thursday, 8th October 2026

Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday, 7th October 2026

Individual School Photos

Thursday, 22nd October 2026

New Intake 2027 Tour 5pm - 6pm

Monday, 26th - Friday, 30th October 2026

Half Term

Monday, 2nd November 2026

Inset / Non Pupil Day

Tuesday, 3rd November 2026

Back To School

Thursday, 5th & Friday, 6th November 2026

Year 5 Bikeability Course 1

Tuesday, 10th November 2026

Flu Immunisations

Monday, 2nd November 2026

Inset / Non Pupil Day

Monday, 16th & Tuesday, 17th November 2026

Year 5 Bikeability Course 2

Tuesday, 17th & Wednesday, 18th November 2026

Parents Evening

Thursday, 19th November 2026

New Intake 2027 Tour 5pm - 6pm

Monday, 23rd & Tuesday, 24th November 2026

Year 5 Bikeability Course 3

Friday, 4th December 2026

Fairhouse Christmas Fayre 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Wednesday, 16th December 2026

Christmas Pantp - More info to follow

Thursday, 17th December 2026

Christmas Disco 4pm - 5.30pm

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

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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.



Tea and Talk: SEND Parent/Carer Peer Support

Basildon Library

First Wednesday of the Month

(Term time only), 10.30am to 12noon

- Come and join us to chat, exchange ideas and stories with fellow SEND parents
- This relaxed, supportive session is facilitated by SPACE. SPACE is a part of The Essex Local Offer
- Children welcome but must be supervised at all times. No formal diagnosis needed, just pop in!



libraries.essex.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.

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.



First Lesson FREE **4 years old to seniors welcomed**

WAKARISHIN JU-JITSU ASSOCIATION

Wakarishin Ju-Jitsu

We run both junior & adult classes throughout Essex 7 days a week

What you would gain from learning Traditional Ju-Jitsu?

- Learn self defence skills & raise interaction levels
- Boost your confidence & self esteem
- Improve self-discipline & the value of teamwork
- Improve your health & overall fitness
- Develop core values such as respect & courtesy
- Meet new friends

WEBSITE FACEBOOK

FIND OUR LOCATIONS & TIMES WWW.WAKARISHIN-JUJITSU.COM

SAFEGUARDING CODE IN MARTIAL ARTS DBS REGISTERED

SEND Parent Support Groups **MyOTAS**

Wickford Coffee Morning Miracle House, Silva Island Way Wickford	Mondays - 7th Sept, 5th Oct, 2d Nov and 7th Dec 9.30am to 11.30am
Drop In (no need to book) The Hive, United Reform Church, Honeypot Lane, Basildon	Tuesdays - 15th Sept, 13th Oct, 17th Nov and 1st Dec 9.30am to 11.30am
Billerica Evening Support Group The Chantry Centre, Billerica	Thursdays - 10th Sept, 8th Oct, 12th Nov and 10th Dec 8pm to 9.30pm
Wickford/Basildon Evening Support Group St Gabriel's Church Community Centre, Rectory Road, Pitsea	Thursdays - 24th Sept, 22nd Oct, 26th Nov and 17th Dec 7.30pm to 9.30pm
EHCP Workshop Online	Tuesday 29th September 7.30pm to 9.30pm
Essex Local Offer SEND Roadshow Richmond Hall, South Benfleet	Wednesday 21st October 9.30am to 12.30pm
Parent/Carer Gentle Relaxation Group Shotgate Hall, Wickford	Every Tuesday evening 7.30pm to 8.30pm

Supporting Autism, ADHD, Anxiety, Dyspraxia, Dyslexia
No diagnosis required - Non-judgemental support
BOOKING ESSENTIAL - via our website
www.myotas.org - bookable activities
Email: info@myotas.org
Registered Charity No. 1184723

Essex Wellbeing Service

Find out more at:
essexwellbeingsservice.co.uk
or contact us on:
0300 303 9988

Essex County Council

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

GYM SCHOOL

Hourly classes Monday to Saturday after school

Great for Beginners Children aged 4+

Learn moves & use different apparatus:

- Beam Bar Trampoline Floor
- Vault P-Bars Rings

Basildon Sporting Village & Eversley Leisure Centre

01268 722479 or 01268 557771
or enquire online at www.southessexgymnasticsclub.com

WHO LET THE DADS OUT?

for children up to 8 accompanied by their father, grandad or other male relative/carers

- FREE PLAY & GAMES
- SONGS & STORIES
- FREE BACON ROLLS & GREAT TEA & COFFEE FOR ADULTS
- SNACKS FOR CHILDREN
- FUN, FRIENDS & COMMUNITY

EVERY 3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH, 8:30-10AM
Starting May 2026

WHERE: St Paul's Methodist Church
Ballards Walk, Basildon, SS15 5HL

MORE INFO FROM PAUL
Call: 07952 899241
Parents are responsible for their own children.
No child care will be provided

Who Let The Dads Out? is part of Care for the Family, a Christian initiative to strengthen family life, offering support to everyone. Care for the Family is a registered charity (England and Wales: 1088905; Scotland: SC038497)

SCHOOL SEASON TICKETS



**FREE ENTRY
TICKETS FOR
LOCAL SCHOOL
CHILDREN AND
ONE
ACCOMPANYING
ADULT**

**SCAN THE QR
CODE TO APPLY**



A FOOTBALL CLUB FOR THE COMMUNITY

COMPASS

A partnership of domestic abuse services providing a response in Essex

Essex Domestic Abuse Helpline:

0330 333 7 444

✉ **BECOME A SCHOOL GOVERNOR**

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Make a difference in your local school

- No experience needed
- Training provided



Do you want to give back to your community and help shape the future of children close to home?

We're looking for local people to join our school governing board

Interested?
We'd love to have an informal chat.

Contact: Julie Lapslie
Email: julielapslie@berlesduna.co.uk

No obligation, no interview pressure
— just a conversation.

You don't need experience in education Just:

- An interest in children and learning
- Willingness to ask questions and share ideas
- Time to attend a few meetings each year

What does a School Governor do?

- Help set the vision and values of the school
- Support and challenge the school leadership
- Make sure pupils get the best possible education

What's involved?

- Around 3 meetings a year
- Meetings are during the day or early evening
- Full training and support provided

What's in it for you?

- Make a real impact locally
- Develop skills and confidence
- Meet like-minded people
- Something meaningful to put on your CV



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 07824 508 640**



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/>



1st Pitsea Rainbows Unit

Meets every Wednesday between 4.30 and 5.30 during school term times

If your daughter is interested, please contact:



Girlguiding.org.uk for more details and to register