



Dear families

I can't believe we are at the end of another term. And this one has certainly been a busy one. The repairs from the fire are almost complete and it all seems like such a long time ago now!

I'm pleased to let you know that we have raised an amazing £428 on our Easter raffle – we cannot thank you enough for your support. All money raised goes straight back into additional extras for the children. We continue to raise funds for our Christmas pantomimes in addition to outside play equipment and IT resources.

This week, we had a review of our Early Years provision. No surprises that they were really impressed with what they saw: a great curriculum offer, interesting and engaging resources, well behaved and well engaged pupils and great interactions between adults and pupils. Well done to team EYFS!



We had a wonderful turn out at our Times Table workshop this week. It was pleasing to see so many parents engaging and joining in the learning alongside their child. We hope you found the workshop useful so that you can continue to support your child at home with their times table and TTRockstars. Thank you to Miss Tansey for organising this!

The Trust are running a TTRockstars competition over the Easter holidays. The competition runs from 27th March at 4pm through to 13th April at 8am. Of course, we want Fairhouse to win so please do encourage your child to log in to TTRockstars and play along in the competition to get as many points as possible. The Trust will be awarding a prize to the winner in each school and we have our own prize to award too! I look forward to seeing the scores roll in. You have got to be in it to win it!

This week, we had another visit from Phoenix the dog. He is a great calming presence for the children and they all had a great time petting him, talking to him and giving him some of his favourite treats!

Our recent Curriculum Day invited Year 3 pupils to step into the world of LS Lowry, exploring his distinctive style and storytelling through art. Inspired by his iconic "matchstick" figures and industrial scenes, students created their own urban landscapes based on our school environment. After observing the buildings, playground, and daily rhythms of school life, they brought these scenes to life using elongated



figures and simplified forms, capturing movement, community, and atmosphere. The results were imaginative and expressive pieces that reflect both Lowry's influence and the students' unique perspectives on their everyday surroundings.

This week, Year 4 have been exploring textiles and fabrics in their creative lessons. They learned about the famous designer William Morris and how he developed motifs that continue to inspire designs today. Pupils then had the exciting opportunity to create their own products using fabric of their choice, explaining the reasons behind their fabric selections and showcasing their individual styles.

This week the children in year 5 have been developing their understanding of division within maths. They created interesting food stories in their writing lessons. In art, they looked at natural resources when sketching their still life art works inspired by Paul Cezanne.

This week, our year 6 children were treated to a reward trip. This was an "earned" reward for homework, home reading and behaviour (part of our year 6 package). The children were taken to the

Vue cinema in town to watch the Sponge Bob movie. They had a wonderful time and their behaviour was impeccable!

Also this week, Year 6 took on the challenge of designing and building their own bridges using only straws. They explored how triangular shapes are used in truss bridges to create strong and stable structures. Once their bridges were complete, the children tested their designs by carefully balancing cubes on top to see how much weight each bridge could hold. They recorded their results and reflected thoughtfully on their work, discussing what was successful and how they could improve their designs to make them even stronger next time.

Yesterday, Fairhouse's Year 5/6 Boys Football took part in a competitive league match against Ryedene Primary School. Fairhouse have been working tirelessly each week in training to improve their defensive abilities and teamwork and it showed in the match - they were brilliant! Unfortunately, the game ended in a draw but the team were very pleased with their performance! A huge shout out to our game captain, Dominic, for his excellent performance and leadership throughout the match.



We finished the week with our wonderful Easter bonnet parades and craft activities in the classrooms. The creativity that has gone into the bonnets is very commendable. It was lovely to see such a great turn out for these events. Thank you so much for making this such an enjoyable experience, we really enjoy having parents in to school – and so do the children!

Finally, this week we say goodbye to Mrs Langely, who heads off to another school where she has secured a role as SENco, Mr Gatenby, who moves across to another school in our Trust which is closer to home and also to Mrs Webb. We thank them all for their hard work and years of commitment to the Fairhouse community and wish them all the very best with their futures. We also say a temporary goodbye to Mrs Waker as she leaves to go on maternity leave. We wish her and her family every happiness with their new little bundle.

Have a wonderful Easter / spring break and we look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday 13th April!

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 One

13th - 17th April 2026

Monday

Sausage Roll

Veggie Sausage Roll

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Tuna Bap

Seasonal Fruit Medley

Tuesday

Mexican Beef Chilli

Veggie Mexican Chilli

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Jam Sandwich

Ice Cream Tub

Wednesday

Roast Chicken, Yorkie Pud & Gravy

Quorn Roast, Yorkie Pud & Gravy

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Cheese Wrap

Pineapple Upside Down Cake

Thursday

Cheese & Ham Quiche

Cheese & Onion Quiche

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Chicken Baguette

Pancakes & Sauce

Friday

Fish Fingers

Veggie Fingers

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Egg Mayo Wrap

Fruity Friday

Fairhouse Weekly Attendance Table

Elephants	98.7%
Pandas	98.4%
Hedgehogs	94.5%
Tigers	91.3%
Macaws	90.7%
Rhinos	92.1%
Jaguars	97.2%
Vaquitas	92.1%
Belugas	95.5%
Sea Otters	97.7%
Gorillas	94.7%
Saolas	93.2%
Galapagos Penguins	95%
Sea Turtles	95.2%

Well done to Elephants (KS1) and Sea Otters (KS2) who have earned the company of our attendance bears Fred and Freda in class after half term. Also to Elephants & Pandas 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		
Sea Turtles	Leon	Responsibility
Gorillas	Olivia	Courage
Saolas	Lenny	Responsibility
Belugas	Inaaya	Responsibility
Sea Otters	Thayani	Courage
Jaguars	Meghan	Kindness
Vaquitas	Poppy	Responsibility
Macaws	Rexhep	Courage
Rhinos	Bella	Courage
Hedgehogs	Alfida	Responsibility
Tigers	Carter	Courage
Elephants	Grace	Responsibility
Pandas	Sahara	Responsibility



Dates for your Diary



Monday, 30th March - Friday, 10th April 2026

Easter Holidays

Wednesday, 15th April 2026

'Setting Boundaries' Parent Workshop - 9am - 11.30am

Thursday, 30th April 2026

Berlesduna Orienteering Event

New Intake 2026 Welcome Meeting 5 - 6pm

Monday, 4th May 2026

Early May Bank Holiday

Wednesday, 6th May 2026

EYFS Trip - Barleylands Farm Park

Monday, 11th - Friday, 15th May 2026

Year 6 SATS Week

Wednesday, 20th May 2026

Year 2 Trip - Hever Castle

Monday, 25th - Friday 29th May 2026

Half Term

Wednesday, 3rd June 2026

'Routines Rule' Parent Workshop - 9am - 11.30am

Year 1 Trip - Call of The Wild Zoo

Tuesday, 16th June 2026

Year 3 Trip - Colchester Castle

Thursday, 18th June 2026

Berlesduna Football & Netball Tournament

Wednesday, 24th - Friday, 26th June 2026

Year 6 Residential Trip - Danbury Outdoors Centre

Wednesday, 1st July 2026

Berlesduna Swimming Gala

Thursday, 2nd July 2026

Year 5 & 6 District Athletics

Monday, 6th July 2026

Year 4 Trip - Horniman Museum

Wednesday, 8th July 2026

Zones of Regulation Workshop - 9-11.30am

Thursday, 9th July 2026

Year 3 & 4 District Athletics

Friday, 10th July 2026

Fairhouse Summer Bounce Event 3.30 - 5.30pm

Tuesday, 14th July 2026

Open Evening 3.30 - 5.30pm

Thursday, 16th July 2026

End of Term Disco's - More info to follow

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.

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 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.





BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – VACANCIES

- CHERRY TREE – EYFS TEACHER closing date 14th April
- FAIRHOUSE – CLASS TEACHER closing date 14th April
- MERRYLANDS – LEAD TEACHER for AUTISM SPECTRUM CONDITIONS closing date 19th April
- MERRYLANDS – CATERING ASSISTANT closing date 17th April
- WHITMORE – FIXED TERM CLASS TEACHER closing date 14th April
- WILLOWS – CLASS TEACHER closing date 24th April

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

Essex Wellbeing Service

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




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- Exciting Rewards: every participant will receive a Colchester United themed prize, with additional medals and trophies available to be won.

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? Ladybird price is £30 for both days or £18.50 for one day.

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- 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!



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

GO BONKERS

SUMMER INFLATABLE FUN DAYS!
EVENT TIMES 1-4PM

NORTHLANDS PARK, PITSEA
DD13 1DD

RUNWELL SPORT & SOCIAL CLUB, WICKFORD
DD11 7DA

LAKE MEADOWS, BILLERICAY
CM12 0BW

PRICES

2YRS AND UNDER
£4.00 PER SESSION
(TODDLER AREA ONLY)

3YRS AND OVER
£12.50 PER SESSION

IMPORTANT:
CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 8 YEARS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN OVER THE AGE OF 18

FOR DATES & MORE INFORMATION:

GOBONKERSINFLATABLES.COM



Essex Fire Museum Open Day

2026



29th and 31st Of March
10:30AM To 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 5QS



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Free Entry



Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

Easter Fun at
THE HIVE
COMMUNITY CAFÉ!

CHILDREN EAT FOR £1!

Colouring Competition -
WIN AN EASTER EGG!

Guess the Name
of the Bunny!

CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES
9.30 AM - 12 PM

WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL 2026

EVERYONE WELCOME - YOUNG & OLD!

The Hive, 6 Honeypot Lane,
Basildon, SS14 2JZ