



Dear families

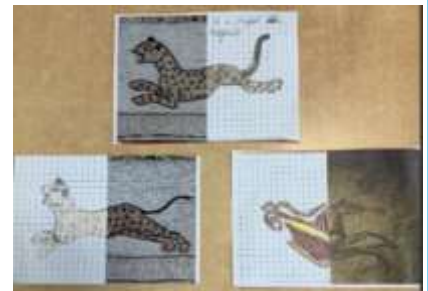
Welcome to the end of a short but busy week here at Fairhouse.



This week, our youngest children (EYFS) went on their first ever school trip to Barleylands Farm Park. Their day started with a tractor ride where they travelled all around the grounds of the farm park. Next, they got to see the 4-day old piglets and baby goats – how cute! The children then explored the reptile enclosure and watched the snakes slither around the tanks. The Meerkats made the children giggle with their bopping heads and tip-toe feet. The soft-play area was so much fun too! They were totally exhausted by the time they returned to school; some even fell asleep on the journey back to school.



In Year 3, the children have been exploring mosaics and patterns in art. Their task was to choose a mosaic design and practise continuing the pattern and complete the missing part of the picture. They carefully observed the shapes, patterns and colours used in the artwork to recreate the other half of the mosaic as accurately as possible. The children showed fantastic concentration, creativity and attention to detail throughout the activity. Miss Woods and Miss Tansey were incredibly impressed with their brilliant work!



This week, year 4 have been busy exploring the ancient Sumer civilisation, learning about how people lived and farmed in one of the world's earliest societies. They researched the methods Sumerians used to grow crops and manage water, gaining a deeper understanding of early farming techniques. As part of their work, the children created detailed information texts and investigated Sumerian inventions, discovering how many of these innovations still influence our lives today.

In year 5 this week, the children have been learning and retelling the story of Hercules in their writing. In maths, they have been identifying prime and composite numbers. Within history, they have worked as teams to delve into the past and investigate Ancient Greek artefacts.

This week, Year 6 have been working incredibly hard as they prepare for their SATs exams, which begin on Monday. The children have shown great focus and determination during their revision sessions. In maths, we have been revising 2D and 3D shapes and their properties, as well as practising reading and plotting coordinates in all four quadrants, translating shapes and reflecting them. We are very proud of the effort and positive attitude the children have shown throughout their preparation.

On Wednesday 6th May, a group of year 3 and year 4 girls were invited to join a football festival at Eversley Leisure Centre. The girls spent the afternoon developing their dribbling and shooting skills as well as enhancing their agility and stamina through various activities. They had a wonderful time and represented Fairhouse Primary School proudly! Well done, girls!



You may have already heard that last week many of our children in Years 2–6 became published authors! After submitting their short sagas to the Young Writers competition, they were nationally selected for publication in the 'The Adventures of...' book. We are incredibly proud of this fantastic achievement and delighted to celebrate the creativity, imagination and dedication shown by our pupils throughout the process. From carefully planning and writing their stories to eagerly awaiting the arrival of the finished books, the children have shown great enthusiasm and perseverance. Congratulations to all our published authors at Fairhouse Primary School!

Finally, I would like to wish all our wonderful year 6 a restful weekend ahead of next week's end of key stage SATS tests. We know our children are brilliant – we don't need SATS scores to tell us that. We just hope they feel they have their opportunity to shine and show off what they can do. As long as they do their best, they will do themselves proud and that is all we can ask for. Good luck to our fantastic year 6 children! Don't forget we are offering a FREE SATS Breakfast Club from Monday to Thursday next week for all our Year 6 children, we do hope to see as many of them there as possible.

Please see below a reminder of the SATS exam timetable, please do ensure your children are in school on time to begin their exams along with their peers at 9.10am. All exams take place in the morning, on days where there are two exams, one will take place before break and the other after break. All exams should be finished by lunchtime (12pm). Please note that children will not be able to leave early from any examinations so if they have any urgent medical appointments to attend next week please make sure they are arranged for outside of their examination times.

Date	Subject/Test	Duration *
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	English: Grammar, Vocabulary and Punctuation	45 minutes
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	English: Spelling	20 minutes
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	English: Reading	1 hour
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Mathematics: Paper 1 Arithmetic	30 minutes
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Mathematics: Paper 2 Reasoning	40 minutes
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Mathematics: Paper 3 Reasoning	40 minutes

Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

## 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

11th - 15th May 2026

Monday

Chicken Burger

Veggie Burger

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Egg Mayo Wrap

Seasonal Fruit Medley

Tuesday

Tuna & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake

Rustic Tomato Pasta with Cheesy Top

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Jam Sandwich

Raspberry Fruit Ice Smoothie

Wednesday

Roast Gammon, Yorkie Pud & Gravy

Cheese & Onion Pastry Turnover

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Tuna Mayo Wrap

Banana & Chocolate Chip Cake

Thursday

Beef Enchilada Bake

Vegan Enchilada Bake

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Chicken Bap

Choc Ice

Friday

Fish Fingers

Veggie Fingers

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Cheese Baguette

Fruity Friday

## Fairhouse Weekly Attendance Table

Elephants	93.5%
Pandas	98%
Hedgehogs	91.4%
Tigers	96.6%
Macaws	95.1%
Rhinos	97.4%
Jaguars	95.3%
Vaquitas	96.1%
Belugas	96.4%
Sea Otters	98.8%
Gorillas	96.7%
Saolas	96.4%
Galapagos Penguins	96.7%
Sea Turtles	97%

Well done to Pandas (KS1) and Sea Otters (KS2) who have earned the company of our attendance bears Fred and Freda in class next week. Also to Pandas and Sea Otters 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	Courtney M-L	Responsibility
Sea Turtles	Emmalia	Courage
Gorillas	Robert	Responsibility
Saolas	Jayden	Responsibility
Belugas	Sienna J	Responsibility
Sea Otters	Dami	Responsibility
Jaguars	Daniella	Responsibility
Vaquitas	Osaze	Courage
Macaws	Emira	Responsibility
Rhinos	Polina	Courage
Hedgehogs	Layla	Responsibility
Tigers	Eratus	Responsibility
Elephants	George	Courage
Pandas	Ryder	Responsibility



## Dates for your Diary



Monday, 11th - Friday, 15th May 2026

Year 6 SATS Week

Thursday, 14th May 2026

Free Play Session at 360 Play - 3-6pm

Saturday, 16th May 2026

5-a-side Football Tournament - Invite Only Event

Tuesday, 19th May 2026

SUFC Community Games - Invite Only Event

Wednesday, 20th May 2026

Year 2 Trip - Hever Castle  
Year 6 World War 2 Workshop

Monday, 25th - Friday 29th May 2026

Half Term

Wednesday, 3rd June 2026

Year 1 Trip - Call of The Wild Zoo

Friday, 12th June 2026

Year 5 & 6 Girls STEM Workshop

Monday, 15th - Friday, 19th June 2026

Aspirations Week - Guest speakers still needed

Tuesday, 16th June 2026

Year 3 Trip - Colchester Castle

Thursday, 18th June 2026

Berlesduna Football & Netball Tournament

Monday, 22nd & Tuesday, 23rd June 2026

'Move Up' / Transition Days  
New Intake 2026 Stay & Play Sessions

Wednesday, 24th June 2026

Year 4 Assembly - 2.40pm

Wednesday, 24th - Friday, 26th June 2026

Year 6 Residential Trip - Danbury Outdoors Centre

Friday, 26th June 2026

Year 5 World War 1 Flight Simulator Activity

Wednesday, 1st July 2026

Berlesduna Swimming Gala

Thursday, 2nd July 2026

Year 5 & 6 District Athletics

Friday, 3rd July 2026

Fairhouse Summer Bounce Event - 3.30-5.30pm

Monday, 6th July 2026

Year 4 Trip - Horniman Museum

Tuesday, 7th July 2026

The Worry Circle Performance - 4pm

Wednesday, 8th July 2026

Zones of Regulation Workshop - 9-11.30am

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club MUST be pre-booked via ParentPay. Bookings can be made until 7am on the day.

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 are available such as a variety of cereal, toast, bagels, 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.



## Activities / Achievements



Sydney and her horse Dolly, came 3rd in the 30cm show jump and 1st in the 40cm show jump last weekend.

Well done to both Sydney and Dolly!



## 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 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**

BERLESDUNA – COMPLEX NEEDS & SEND TEACHER closing date 14<sup>th</sup> May  
 BERLESDUNA – GOVERNOR/TRUSTEE closing date 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
 CRAYS HILL – CLASS TEACHER closing date 15<sup>th</sup> May  
 FELMORE – CLASS TEACHER closing date 18<sup>th</sup> May  
 MERRYLANDS – HLTA closing date 10<sup>th</sup> May  
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 MERRYLANDS – AUTISM SUPPORT CENTRE LEAD TEACHER closing date 15<sup>th</sup> May

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**Below 90%**  
Serious Concern.  
Persistent absence.

**90 - 95.9%**  
Concern. Low  
Attendance.

**At least 96%**  
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