



# Fairfields Primary School Newsletter

Friday 5th September 2025

Dear parents and carers,

It has been lovely to see you all again, and we hope you all had a restful summer break. We have had a wonderful first day back with the children in school. Everyone has been smiling and excited to be back, and the children have been extremely settled in their new classrooms, and already engrossed in their learning! We are so proud of them all.

We enjoyed our first hot dinner with our new catering provider today, which went down well! The food from the CaterLink team looked, smelt and tasted great! We also welcomed SCL this morning into school as our new breakfast and after school club provider, and it was lovely to pop in this morning to see the children enjoying some early morning craft in breakfast club!

We have had our downstairs girls toilets refurbished over summer and it is lovely to see this space now fresh and tidy for the children. Thank you to the PTA for not only fundraising for us to pay for the much needed refurbishments, but also for securing us a grant to pay for all the paint and tools needed!

Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you all back again on Monday.

Mrs Vicky Hopkins

## Uniform donations

Thank you for all the donations of used uniform last term. We are now very well stocked with spare uniform for the children so would kindly ask that no more uniform is brought in at the moment as we do not have enough storage capacity. The exception to this is good quality school fleeces and PE tops which we would still be grateful to receive.



## Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to those children who have signed up for the Discovery Centre's Summer Reading Challenge. So far, 80 pupils have signed up with 41 children already completing the challenge and collecting their certificates and medals.

You can visit Basingstoke Discovery Centre before Saturday 13th September to finish the challenge. There's still time to sign up too, perfect for those last-minute readers!

Last year, Fairfields finished first place in Basingstoke for the number of pupils completing the challenge and we would really like to repeat that this year!



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## Young Engineer's club – discounts available

Spaces are still available on this externally-run after school club which will run weekly on Mondays and Tuesdays from the week commencing 15th September. The club is suitable for children in years 1 to 6. Details on how to book and prices (including a free session and sibling discount) can be found on the attached flyer.

## PTA update

### PTA event feedback survey

We would love to hear your feedback about our events, suggestions on how to improve them and any new ideas. Please complete a short survey [here](#). We will use this for our event planning for the new school year.

### AGM 6th October 7pm

All parents, carers and teachers are invited to join our AGM on 6th October from 7-8pm. This is your chance to vote for our committee, hear about funds raised by the PTA and how funds are supporting our children's time at the school. We will also talk about future events including the Christmas Fair and be keen to hear your ideas for new events.

Dial into Teams using Meeting ID: 348 327 398 859 6 and Passcode: qx7y3JY6.

**We are also looking for new trustees to join the PTA.** Trustees ensure that the PTA acts lawfully and is managed properly. This also give you a chance to vote on any funding opportunities and events.

Other roles in the PTA are as follows:

- **The Chair** leads PTA meetings, is the point of contact for the school and others, and helps set the direction of PTA activities. They also hold the casting vote if the outcome is tied.
- **The Treasurer** ensures accurate financial records are kept and that best practice procedures are followed when counting money, making payments and banking. The Treasurer keeps the committee updated with regular reports, ensures end-of-year reports are completed for the association's AGM and coordinates the Charity Commission's annual return.
- **The Secretary** supports the PTA committee to build effective communication links between the school and the association. They write the agenda and minutes for meetings and help with other admin tasks.

Joining the PTA is a great way to meet new people, get involved with the school and community, learn new skills and have fun with other parents. So, if you would like to find out more about the PTA and/or roles please do get in touch for an informal chat via email [fairfieldspta@gmail.com](mailto:fairfieldspta@gmail.com).



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Dates for your diary	
Monday 22nd September – Wednesday 24th September	Year 6 residential trip to Runways End
Friday 3rd October	Year 5 Gilbert White trip
<b>NEW!</b> Monday 6th October	PTA Annual General Meeting, 7pm-8pm (online)
Monday 27th October – Monday 3rd November	Half term (school closed)
Thursday 6th November	Individual photos with Fraser Portraits
Monday 10th November	Parent's evening, 3.40pm-6pm
Wednesday 19th November	Parent's evening, 3.40pm-6pm
Friday 19th December	Last day of term
Monday 5th January	Inset day – school closed
Tuesday 6th January	First day of Spring term
Wednesday 4th February – Friday 6th February	Year 4 residential to Ufton Court

### Start and finish times are as follows:

- Foundation Stage, years 1 and 2: 8.40am- 3.10pm
- Years 3- 6: 8.45am- 3.15pm

### PE days for the autumn term are as follows:

FS: No PE this term  
Year 1: Tuesday (outdoor)  
Year 2: Wednesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)  
Year 3: Monday (indoor) and Tuesday (outdoor)  
Year 4: Monday (outdoor)  
Year 5: Friday (outdoor)  
Year 6: Wednesday (outdoor) and Thursday (indoor)