



Fairfields Primary School Newsletter

Friday 27th February 2026

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a very busy first week back for the spring term and it has flown by! It was great to see so many parents at Wednesday's parents evening, and to celebrate your child's successes with you. We look forward to Monday's appointments and seeing more of you then.

We also celebrated the children at our local authority annual review on Thursday. Our attached Hampshire advisor came into school for the day and was so impressed with the children's behaviour, attitudes to learning, the strong teaching across the school, the positive learning environment, including the changes in the EYFS environment, and the strong safeguarding culture in the school. We spent the morning walking around each class and saw ALL children on task and learning. We also celebrated the improved attendance across the school. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated staff team at Fairfields who strive to give all our children the best provision they can. Thank you for all your support too. Working together with you as parents gives us and your child the best start to their education.

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

Kind regards

Mrs Vicky Hopkins



Whole school attendance
(year to date):
95.2%

National average (year to date): 94.6%

Our target:
96%

Super Citizens

Well done to all the children on a super spring 1 half term. As always, it is very challenging to choose our Super Citizens - all the children are working so hard to show the core values in school so well done to them all! The Spring 1 term Super Citizens are:

- London - Noah
- Paris - Ania
- Warsaw - Celina
- Rome - Shaaz
- Budapest - Iris
- Madrid - Agastya
- Kathmandu - Olivia
- Ankara - Vatsalya
- New Delhi - Helena
- Canberra - Sumaiya
- Cairo - Thaarika
- Nairobi - Zoe
- Lima - Andy
- Ottawa - Kanyasri

Parents evening – Monday 2nd March

If you haven't yet done so, please book an appointment with your child's teacher to discuss their progress. There are a few remaining appointments available which can be booked via Arbor or by calling the School Office. If you are unable to attend on Monday, please speak to your child's teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet.



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World Book Day 2026

We are excited to announce that on Thursday 5th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day! To mark the occasion, we invite all children to dress up as their favourite book character. If your child prefers not to dress up, they are welcome to come in their pyjamas for the day or wear their school uniform as usual. Please ensure however that children have appropriate footwear for school (no slippers, sandals or crocs) and clothes which will keep them warm outside for playtimes. Additionally, we encourage your child to bring their favourite book to share with the class throughout the day.

We will also have our annual book swap (weather permitting) after school on Friday next week. Please come along with your child and take a book to keep for home. If you have any books to donate for this, please drop them to the school office.

Piano and keyboard lessons

Would your child like to learn how to play the keyboard/piano? Miss Shields, who teaches the keyboard after school, has currently got some spaces.

If your child is in Year 3 or above, and you would like some more information, please email Miss Shields at: zoeshieldspiano@gmail.com

Water bottles

A reminder to make sure that your child brings a named water bottle to school every day. The Office can provide a basic water bottle for a charge of £1.50.

PTA update



Holi Celebration Wednesday 4th March 3.30-4.30pm

We are looking forward to our Holi celebration next week March 4th, from 3:30 pm to 4:40 pm in the top playground. It's a free event to celebrate the festival of colours! 🎉 We are planning water gun painting, hand painting, music and food and sweets.

We're looking for some cakes to share during the event. If you would like to bring nut free cakes along please email us on fairfieldspta@gmail.com.



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Year group updates

Foundation Stage have had a great week back after half term. They have started their focus on *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* story. They enjoyed completing inspired activities in Continuous Provision such as making butterflies. They have also enjoyed drawing the characters that appear in the story in Drawing Club. The children learnt about Pancake Day and Ramadan this week too and have shown a great understanding of the importance of Ramadan and Eid to the Muslim community in our school. Well done, Foundation Stage! Have a lovely weekend!

Welcome back **Year 1!** We kicked off spring 2 by travelling across the world to Antarctica and the desert. We made our own passports and designed outfits for explorers visiting each place. On our travels, we looked at the different animals in each place and talked about how they are adapted to their habitat. In our writing, we have started looking at the story 'How the tortoise got it's shell'. In maths, we have exploring different ways of finding the difference. Next week is Book Week - we will be doing lots of different activities linked to some of our favourite books. Thursday 5th March is World Book Day- pupils can dress up as a book character, wear pyjamas or wear school uniform as normal.

Well done **Year 2** on a good first week back. We have enjoyed sharing the children's successes with lots of parents during our first parents evening this week and are looking forward to the next one on Monday. If you have yet to book a meeting, please do so on Arbor or at the school office. Looking ahead, we have got our next parent showcase on Tuesday 24th March at 2.40pm. Please put this date in your diaries- it makes such a difference when there is a room full of adults! Have a lovely weekend.

We've had a wonderful first week back in **Year 3**, and the children have settled in beautifully. This week, we've been making the most of our outdoor learning by completing a nature treasure hunt in the allotment. The children loved spotting seasonal changes, insects, and different plants. Each child has also planted their own vegetable seed in a pot, which they will continue to look after at home. Please feel free to send in photos of how your child's plant is growing. A gentle reminder that Parents' Evening is next Monday. If you haven't yet booked an appointment to see your year 3 teacher, please do so via Arbor at your earliest convenience.

Year 4 have had a fantastic week of learning! In English, the children have loved exploring orangutans and the rainforests of Borneo and Indonesia. In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of time, including converting between 24-hour and 12-hour formats. In Science, we continued our topic on states of matter and took a closer look at the water cycle, discussing evaporation, condensation and precipitation. Both Miss Young and Miss Cservenka still have available parents' evening slots for next Monday. If you haven't



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had a chance to sign up yet, please do so—we would love to meet with you and talk about your child's progress. Finally, next Thursday is World Book Day. We would like to invite the children to bring in one of their favourite books from home so they can share it during our guided reading session on that day. We hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Year 5 have had great fun this week being introduced to *War of the Worlds* as our Discoveries topic moves on to space. We have acted out the arrival of a mysterious cylinder on Horsell Common and will recreate this for parents when we do our parent showcase (Monday 23rd March at 2.30pm). We have pretended to be journalists reporting on this. We have also been using Modroc to build alien spaceships. Next week, we will attempt to get on the national leader board for Athletics, so we would appreciate it if you could allow your child to spend some time at home building up our points score. This starts on Monday.

We've had a fantastic first week back in **Year 6!** The children really enjoyed our Hook Day activities, beginning with a bug census of the school grounds. We also created some wonderful 3D environmental art outdoors, inspired by the work of Andy Goldsworthy — the creativity on display was brilliant to see. In English, we have begun preparing for our next piece of writing: a non-chronological report about the creatures that inhabit the fictional moon Pandora from *Avatar*. Looking ahead to next week, we will be completing another set of practice SATs papers. The children will complete one test each day. Once again, there is absolutely nothing for them to worry about — these papers simply help us assess where the children are currently working and guide our revision and support over the coming weeks. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.





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Dates for your diary	
Monday 2nd March	Parents Evening, 3.40pm-6pm
Wednesday 4th March	PTA Holi event, 3.30pm-4.30pm (free event on the top playground)
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day (children may dress up as a book character or wear pyjamas)
NEW! Wednesday 18th March	Year 5 trip to Winchester Science Museum
Friday 20th March	Year 1 trip to Marwell Zoo
Monday 23rd March	Year 5 Parent Showcase, 2.30pm
Tuesday 24th March	Year 2 Parent Showcase, 2.40pm
Thursday 26th March	Year 1 Parent Showcase, 2.30pm
Thursday 26th March	Last day of term
Friday 27th March	Inset day – school closed
Monday 13th April	Start of the Summer term
NEW! Friday 1st May	Reports issued (years 1 to 6)
NEW! Thursday 7th May	FS trip to Finkley Down Farm
NEW! Monday 11th May -15th May	Safeguarding week (PANTS)
NEW! Monday 18th May - 22nd May	Walk to School week
NEW! Monday 25th May – 29th May	Half-term (school closed)
NEW! Monday 1st June	Inset day (school closed)



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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 Spring term are as follows:

FS: Monday
Year 1: Tuesday (indoor)
Year 2: Thursday (outdoor)
Year 3: Thursday (indoor)
Year 4: Wednesday (indoor)
Year 5: Friday (outdoor)
Year 6: Wednesday (outdoor)

Absence guidance and procedures

Medical/dental appointments

If you are unable to obtain an appointment outside of school hours, please call the School Office on 01256 473886 to inform us of the time and date of your child's appointment.

Illness

When your child is unwell, you must inform us on the first morning of absence by calling the School Office on 01256 473886. For safeguarding reasons, absence should be reported daily and before 9.30am. Please click [here](#) for guidance on whether your child is too ill to come to school.

Absence Request Form

For any planned time away from school, an Absence Request Form must be completed for the attention of the Headteacher and submitted via the School Office. This form must be completed before any time away is taken.

To discuss planned absences, please speak to our Attendance Officer, Tracey Kinchenton, who will be happy to advise you on the types of absence which may or may not be authorised and give information regarding **penalty notices issued by Hampshire County Council**.



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