



# Fairfields Primary School Newsletter

Friday 5th June 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back after a very hot half term holiday- we hope you had a lovely break. You may have noticed some changes in the playground on returning to school. The remaining old play equipment has been removed- which lasted us over 20 years! Our new equipment, which was put in a couple of years ago, was always going to replace this. You may have also noticed our exciting new reading shed which will be launched next week...more information to come!

We were lucky to have several volunteers from AWE who came to school in the holidays on a very hot day to do some volunteering work. They have planted new shrubs in the planters outside, weeded Sarah's Garden, painted the area outside Miss Moore's office and finished the paintwork in the downstairs toilets. We are so grateful!!! Thank you AWE!

We hope you enjoyed the colour run this evening- thank you to all the amazing parents who arranged the event for the school community, and to everyone for fundraising. We hugely appreciate all your support so that we can purchase vital resources for school, so thank you!

In other news, we were externally moderated this week for our year 6 writing outcomes and were delighted that all our moderations were approved. This evidences the hard work and skill of the staff in school who know exactly what your children can do, and what the next steps are to progress their learning. Thank you to the whole team for the wonderful job you do each day!

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Vicky Hopkins



Whole school attendance (year to date): 95.3%

National average (year to date): 94.6%

Our target: 96%



## Super Citizens

Well done to all the children for a superb half term. As always, choosing our super citizens for the half term is always a challenge as all the children are working so hard to show the school core values, so well done everyone.

Last half term's super citizens are:

London – Stefan  
Paris - Lora  
Rome - Arven  
Warsaw - Jathin  
Budapest - Cybil

Madrid - Dmitry  
Ankara - Aadhya  
Kathmandu - Ruby  
Canberra - Dominic  
New Delhi - Rhea

Cairo - Jan  
Nairobi – Emilie  
Lima - Daniel  
Ottawa - Renee



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## Healthy Lives week

Healthy Lives week starts on Monday 15th June. The children will have lots of activities throughout the week, including completing a daily mile. Please send your child into school in P.E kit every day that week.

## Sports Day

Sports Day is scheduled for Wednesday 17th June. On this day, children can wear their PE top or a top in the house team colour. Please find more parent information about Sports Day attached. Key Stage 2 (years 3 - 6) are in the morning from 9am – 12pm Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 (years 1 -2) are in the afternoon from 1 - 3pm. Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children will need to be collected from the school field at 3.10pm.

## Bike Week

Next week (Monday 8th June – Friday 12th June) is Bike Week!

We would like to encourage as many of you as possible to cycle or scoot to school. The bike shed may be busy so we will leave some bikes and scooters next to the bike shed on the playground and put tape around the area. Each child who cycles or scoots to school will get a house point!

On Friday 12th June you can **bling your bike or scooter** and we will choose winners who will be announced in the assembly the following Monday.

Please see some of last year's entries for inspiration.



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## Star Messenger Kids

We wanted to make you aware of an app that children in school are using to message each other called 'Star Messenger Kids' which is causing some upset. It is similar to WhatsApp. As you are already aware, we have been having issues with children using messaging apps at home and becoming distracted in school due to friendship fallouts and unkind behaviour. These apps do not take into consideration that children in primary school are not emotionally or socially mature enough to communicate with each other via messaging apps. Please read below ways you can help at home.

### Key Issues Identified

- **School Disruption:** Outside conflicts over blocking and falling out are spilling into the classroom and disrupting learning.
- **Emotional Distress:** Children are experiencing severe anxiety, including refusing to come to school, losing their appetite, and losing focus in class.
- **Developmental Readiness:** Primary school children lack the social and emotional maturity to navigate digital exclusion and online conflicts without adult guidance.

Please consider whether your child has access to these apps as we are experiencing more and more distress from the use of them for our children.

## Oracy corner

Here's this week's oracy activity to enjoy at home. Remember, you can find lots more ideas and guidance on our website in the Oracy Workshop presentation. These small, simple conversations make a big difference in helping children build confidence, vocabulary, and clear communication.



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**STARTS 3RD JUNE  
£21 FOR SEVEN WEEKS  
\*LAST SESSION 15TH JULY\***

## **AFTER SCHOOL BOOTCAMP**

**GAMES, CHALLENGES, TEAM  
BUILDING, LEARNING ABOUT  
HEALTHY LIVING.**

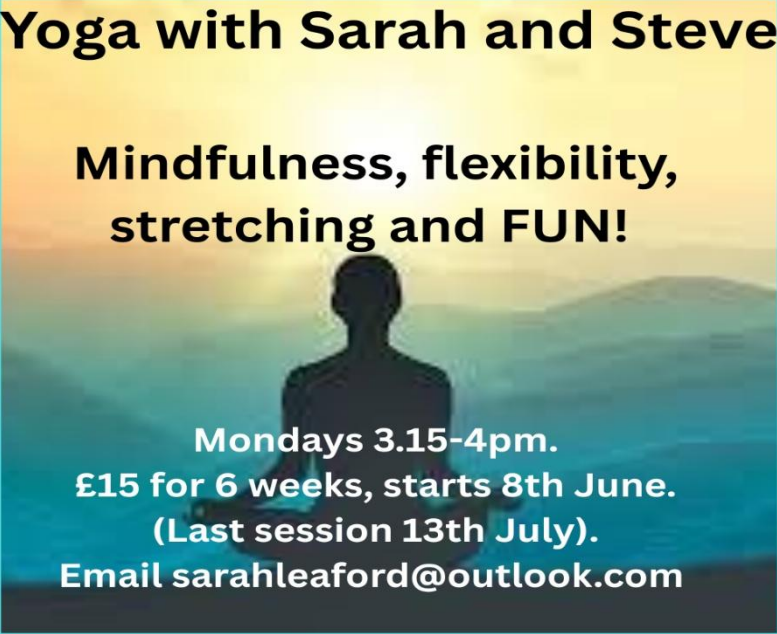
**MAKING FITNESS FUN**  
**WEDNESDAYS. 3.15-4.15**

To book a place, email [sarahleaford@outlook.com](mailto:sarahleaford@outlook.com)

## **Yoga with Sarah and Steve**

**Mindfulness, flexibility,  
stretching and FUN!**

**Mondays 3.15-4pm.  
£15 for 6 weeks, starts 8th June.  
(Last session 13th July).  
Email [sarahleaford@outlook.com](mailto:sarahleaford@outlook.com)**



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## PTA update

**[World Cup 2026 Sweepstake!](#) - Entry closes lunchtime on 11th June!**

Win a **Happy Days beer & snack hamper** by predicting most accurately Circle the Group Winners, World Cup Winner, Runner-Up, Third Place, Most Goals Scored, Top Goalscorer, Earliest Red Card, Highest Scoring Match.

Only **£2 per entry** — enter as many times as you like! Enter [online here](#) or [download this form](#) and hand cash into school office.

## [Colour Run](#)

What a fantastic event! Thank you Shannon for organising this! We will report final £££ raised in the coming weeks and think it's safe to say it will go a long way to make our school more inclusive. To start, we have funded a reading shed for children looking for a quieter area during break time. We are in conversation with a SEN Consultant, who is evaluating what the most suitable equipment for our school is and hope to put something in place next school year.

**Year 6 have won** the sponsorship competition and will receive an ice cream party and non-uniform day on Friday 10th July! Well done!

**[Summer Fair 10th July](#) - Early Bird Token Sales open - 10% off!**

You can now take advantage of the [Early Bird Token Sales](#)! We have an exciting line-up for entertainments this year with our school choir, live musicians and dance troops. A more detailed list of performances, activities and games will follow next week...

We also are pleased to announce our first prizes for the [Summer Raffle](#)! Check out the list and buy your tickets online [here](#).

[Looking for volunteers!](#)

As always, we do rely on volunteers to make the summer fair happen. Please [have a look here](#) and see if you can help!



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## Year group update

**Foundation Stage** have had a super start back at school after half term. We have started out topic on Space. We have been learning the names of the planets in the solar system. The children have been learning the story *Aliens Wear Underpants* which they loved and have been writing sentences about aliens in Drawing Club. At Forest School, the children have continued working on their sawing skills to make their wood cookies. Well done, Foundation Stage! Have a lovely weekend.

On Tuesday, **Year 1** received a letter from Percy the Park Keeper asking us to help him find some of his belongings - some naughty animals had taken them! We found lots of different things including plant pots, trowels, gardening gloves and woodland animals. In our writing, we are writing about Percy the Park Keeper and the Badger's Bath. In maths, we have started our new unit on money and we have been identifying and comparing different coins. Our War Memorial Park visit is on Tuesday 23rd June (AM) parent volunteers are needed - please let us know if you can come. Our PE day is now MONDAY (outdoor), and children need to come to school in PE kit. They will need a coat if it is rainy/cold and a sunhat if it is sunny.

Well done **Year 2**, it has been great to be back in school this week after half term. We were very impressed with your Lego Ziggurats and the careful detail you put into your clay tablets on Tuesday afternoon. This half term, our topic focus is Ancient Mesopotamia and the explorer Gertrude Bell. In writing, we are studying a Mesopotamian legend and are going to have a go at writing our own. In maths, we are recapping addition and subtraction strategies we have learnt throughout the year. Have a nice weekend!

**Year 3** started the term with an exciting chocolate-themed activity, where the children learned about chocolate, enjoyed tasting, and tried simple chocolate cooking. This linked to our Guided Reading text, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, helping to bring the story to life. The children also had a fantastic first swimming lesson this Friday, showing great enthusiasm as they got into the pool, practised their skills, and built confidence in the water.

Welcome back, **Year 4!** We hope you had a restful half term and enjoyed the sunshine. Well done to those children who completed a "Soundcheck a Day." The children have enjoyed their first week back and have begun their English narrative based on the book *Flotsam*. We have also started our new art project based on the Japanese artist, Hokusai. On Arbor, if you are able to, please make a small donation for the cost of the wires we are using. This week and next week, the children will complete their Multiplication Tables Check. A reminder that our PE day has changed to Thursday, so please ensure your children come into school in their PE kit. Have a wonderful weekend!





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**Year 5** have had a lovely hook day this week when we recreated - through drama - the French Revolution! We then learnt how to sew backstitch and started a fleur-de-lys tapestry. The children have been allowed some time to complete their DT project of a self-supporting frame containing a working safety door. The results are impressive!

We are now learning the story of the Scarlet Pimpernel and daring rescues during the Revolution. A letter should have come to you this week providing details of our remaining (free) trips for this term. Just to clarify, we now understand that the children will make one visit to Queen Mary's College. Cairo will go on the 12th and Nairobi will go on the 26th. Miss Watkins is keen to receive any more forms and deposits for next year's residential too.

**Year 6** have had a fantastic first week back! They enjoyed creating some beautifully detailed paintings of Ancient Greek-inspired vases. In DT they designed and made finger puppet toys inspired by Ancient Greek gods and goddesses. They practised using both back stitch and blanket stitch techniques, and we were incredibly impressed with the results!

We have also begun our next writing unit, where the children will be designing and making their own 'magical potions'. They will then use this experience to write a detailed set of instructions explaining exactly how to brew their potion!

A reminder to please return any reply slips for the Year 6 leavers' party as soon as possible. If you require a new copy of the letter, please speak to your child's class teacher.



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Dates for your diary	
<b>NEW!</b> Week beginning Monday 8th June	Bike Week
<b>NEW!</b> Week beginning Monday 15th June	Healthy Lives week
Monday 15th June	Year 6 Bake Sale on the playground after school
Wednesday 17th June	Sports Day
Thursday 18th June	Back-up Sports Day (in case of bad weather on 17th)
Tuesday 23rd June	Year 3 Parent Showcase, 2.40pm
Friday 26th June	Year 2 trip to Living Rainforest
Tuesday 7th July	Year 2 Parent Showcase, 2.40pm
Friday 10th July	PTA Summer Fair (please note there will be no ACE (after school) club on this day)
Friday 10th July	Year 3 trip to Cholderton Farm
Friday 17th July	Year 6 Leavers' Party, 5pm-6.30pm
Monday 20th July	Year 6 Graduation ceremony
Tuesday 21st July	Open evening
Monday 20th July – Wednesday 22nd July	Transition mornings (FS to year 5)
Wednesday 22nd July	Last day of Summer term





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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 Summer term:

FS: Monday

Year 1: Monday (outdoor)

Year 2: Monday (outdoor)

Year 3: Tuesday (outdoor) and Thursday (indoor)

Year 4: Thursday (outdoor)

Year 5: Friday (indoor)

Year 6: Wednesday (indoor) and Thursday (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 or email [admin@fairfields.hants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@fairfields.hants.sch.uk) to inform us of the time and date of your child's appointment.

### Illness

If 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 Deemer, 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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