



Fairfields Primary School Newsletter

Friday 25th September 2026

Dear parents and carers,

We have enjoyed another week at school, and enjoyed the sunshine too! We have been focussing on our core value of Love this week, and thinking about how we can all show kindness by unpicking some quotes such as 'in a world where you can be anything, be kind'.

Residential Trip

Thank you so much to all the staff who took our year 6 children on their residential trip this week. The staff volunteer to do this trip- it is not part of their job role. They take time away from their own families to make this a fantastic experience for your children and I am sure you will join me in thanking them.

Pokemon cards

We have been asked by some of the children about Pokemon cards being allowed at school. I am happy to trial having these in school for children to play with at lunch or break, however, they must not be out in the classroom. Also, they must not be used for trading as this is where we get issues and children upset. Cards are brought in at your own risk. If they go missing, school are not responsible for this. We hope that this guidance will help to make this work as we know the children would really like this. If not, we may have to ban them again.

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

Mrs Vicky Hopkins



Whole school
attendance
(year to date):
94.9%

National
average (year
to date): 95.6%

Our target: 96%

Biggest game of Simon Says

We are excited to let you know that on Friday 2nd October 2026, our school will be taking part in Hampshire's Biggest Game of Simon Says. This will raise vital funds for Simon Says, while aiming to achieve the largest number of people playing Simon Says simultaneously in the UK! This special event is being organised by Simon Says Child Bereavement Support, a Hampshire charity that has spent the last 25 years supporting children and young people up to the age of 18 who have experienced the death of a significant person in their life. The event forms part of the charity's 25th anniversary celebrations and aims to bring communities across Hampshire together for a moment of connection, fun, and celebration. As you may be aware, we are a Simon Says Champion School and are working alongside Simon Says to help create a bereavement-aware school community where children and families feel supported when they need it most. We would be delighted if families could support our participation by making a voluntary donation to Simon Says. **On Friday 2nd October, we would be grateful if your child could bring in a suggested donation of £1.** Your donation will help the charity continue its important work supporting bereaved children, young people and families across Hampshire. Every contribution, no matter how small, will make a difference.

[The Big Game!](#)

We will gather the children together to take part in the Big Game of Simon Says during the school day. We will join thousands of children and young people across Hampshire via the Simon Says YouTube channel, all taking part in the game at the same time. Thank you for your support. We can't wait to bring everyone together for this exciting event and to be part of Hampshire's Biggest Game of Simon Says!



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Head lice treatment

As we have had a number of reports of children with head lice, here is a link to the [NHS website](#) on head lice and how to treat them. The most effective way to treat head lice is wet detection combing with hair conditioner and a fine-toothed nit comb or applying a pharmacy-bought medicated treatment lotion/spray. Children should still attend school during treatment.

PTA update



PTA Meeting (AGM) - Monday 28th September 8-9pm online on Teams

Looking forward to our AGM on Monday! This is your chance to find out what funds were raised last year, how you helped school, be part of committee election and have a look at events for this year. You can [register here](#) to get the invite sent to your calendar or go to Teams and use Meeting ID: 331 180 824 811 811 & Passcode: UF7qx3cq

If you are interested to join our committee please feel free to send any questions to pta@fairfields.hants.sch.uk or join the call on 28th September. 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.

Pop Up shops

We are pleased to open our PTA Pop Up shop! You shop and our school gets up to 15% donation at no cost to you! If you are looking for Christmas, Birthday or Thank you gifts have a look at our [Bathbomb](#) and [Jewellery](#) selection.





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Raising Resilient Children Online course

Mondays 28 September - 19 October
7pm - 9pm

FREE - Eligibility criteria applies

This is an online course using Microsoft Teams. Participants will be required to use Microsoft Teams.

Booking is essential, please visit

<https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/library-courses> to book your place. If you have issues booking online please contact branch staff or call 02392 232957



Positive Parenting Online course

Mondays 2 November - 30 November
7:30pm - 9pm

FREE - Eligibility criteria applies

This is an online course using Microsoft Teams. Participants will be required to use Microsoft Teams.

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Year group updates

Foundation Stage have had a good week exploring the story *Apple Trouble* in their first experience of Drawing Club. We had some lovely pictures and some children have started to form letters very well. At Forest School the children continued to explore the apple tree and they have been having fun cooking up lots of delicacies in the Mud Kitchen too. In maths, they have been looking at their accuracy in counting sets of 1, 2, 3 and 4. Well done, everyone!

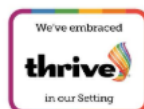
We have had another good week in **Year 1**. The children have excelled themselves by having a go at completing simple sentences and some children even challenged themselves to write their own sentence! A reminder that our PE days are Wednesday and Friday. On Wednesdays, the children use the climbing apparatus in the hall. For this to be safe, they must have bare feet, hair tied back and suitable clothing such as shorts, leggings or slim fitting jogging bottoms. Some children were in skirts/dresses and tights this week and therefore were unable to participate.

We are looking forward to our trip on Tuesday! Parent volunteers have been contacted via email - any questions, please speak to us on the playground on Monday. Finally, our toy museum is on Tuesday 13th October at 2.15pm. This is your child's opportunity to showcase what we've been learning in school and we know they are already excited to share!

Well done **Year 2** on another great week of learning! The children have been working hard on writing the ending to our class story, *Lost and Found*. They have included some fantastic description and are really starting to find their author's voice. You should have received a letter through email and one from your child about our local visit on Monday. If you are able to support with this, please let the class teacher know as soon as possible.

Year 3 have been improving their digital literacy skills this week and are learning what a computer network is, as well as what a computer input and output could be. They have all written amazing stories based on the Stone Age Boy story and we are looking forward to sharing these with you soon. Thank you for your support in completing their homework and we really appreciate any mathematical support counting or ordering numbers up to one hundred. Please send in homework on a Wednesday and library books on a Friday. Thank you.

We have had a great week of learning in **Year 4**. We continued our work on the Anglo-Saxons, developed our watercolour painting skills, and practised mental strategies for addition and subtraction in Maths. In English, we used fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases to improve our writing. A reminder that the deadline for returning Butser Farm trip slips was Friday 25th September. You can still return your form if you have not done so





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already; however, school packed lunches can no longer be ordered as the order has already been placed.

Year 5 have had an exciting week this week as we ventured off on our second trip of the term! We had a lovely, sunny day by the river in Selbourne, racing (very slow!) ducks and taking measurements. Thank you so much to the parents who accompanied us. On Tuesday, we enjoyed meeting parents and sharing our curriculum for the year. Next week, we plan to try to get both classes on the Athletics leaderboard for the country or even the world! We hope that all of the children will take a bit of their time to participate so it is a real team effort. They have all been given a laminated version of their login to bring home.

Year 6 have had a fantastic week. The children who attended the residential trip enjoyed a wide range of activities and experiences throughout the week. It was wonderful to see them challenge themselves, try new things and spend time with their friends. Many children demonstrated resilience, independence and teamwork during the visit, and made the most of the opportunities available to them. The children who remained in school also had a fantastic few days, taking part in a variety of activities, including Forest School sessions.

We would also like to remind parents that photographs from the residential trip have been uploaded to the school website. These will remain available to view for the next two weeks, after which they will be removed. We hope you enjoyed this glimpse into the many activities and experiences the children took part in during their time away.

Looking ahead to next week, the children will be completing a set of practice SATs papers. We will complete one test each day from Monday to Friday. These assessments are nothing for the children to be concerned about and they do not need to do any preparation or revision at home. The purpose of these papers is simply to help us gain a clearer picture of where the children are currently working and to inform our planning and support moving forward. We hope you all have a wonderful and restful weekend.



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Dates for your diary	
Monday 28th September	PTA Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 29th September	Year 1 trip to Milestones
Friday 2nd October	Annual flu vaccination (nasal spray) for all year groups
Monday 5th October	Parents evening, 3.40pm – 6pm
Thursday 8th October	Year 4 trip to Butser Ancient Farm
Tuesday 13th October	Year 1 Parent Showcase (toy museum), 2pm
Wednesday 14th October	Parents evening, 3.40pm – 6pm
Thursday 22nd October	Individual photos (Fraser Portraits)
Monday 26th - Friday 30th October	Half term
Saturday 31st October	Deadline for applying for September 2027 secondary school places (year 6 only)
Monday 16th November	Year 2 trip to QMC Science Centre
Tuesday 17th November	Year 3 trip to QMC Science Centre
Monday 2nd November	Inset day (school closed)
Friday 11th December	PTA Christmas Fair
Friday 11th December	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Workshops at QMC
NEW! Thursday 17th December	Christmas Dinner/Christmas jumper day
Friday 18th December	Last day of Autumn term
Monday 4th January	Inset day (school closed)
Tuesday 5th January	First day of Spring 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 Autumn term:

FS: no PE this term

Year 1: Wednesday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor)

Year 2: Wednesday (outdoor)

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

Year 4: Thursday (outdoor)

Year 5: Wednesday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor)

Year 6: Monday (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 to inform us of the time and date of your child's appointment.

Illness

If your child is unwell or absent for any reason, 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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