



Fairfields Primary School Newsletter

Wednesday 22nd July 2026

Dear parents and carers,

I just wanted to send a brief update this week to end the year. And what a year it has been! We are so excited to end the year with attendance above national figures, our overall SATs data higher than the school's previous outcomes and our most positive parent survey in the last four years.

Can I just take this opportunity to thank you all for the support this year. We appreciate it so much. Your kind and encouraging words really do keep us going. Thank you for all the cards and gifts too- we never expect these but thank you. We love the job we do but appreciate your kindness and your ongoing support.

Thank you to all our volunteers- parents, governors and the PTA team. Your hard work means so much to us and the work you do supports the whole school community. We are so grateful and could not do it without you!

I want to thank all the team at Fairfields. I am so lucky to have such a supportive and caring team, who are so dedicated to their job. They go above and beyond every day and they care so much for your children. We are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Robak and Mrs Dawson as they retire, but wish them lots of happiness in their next adventures. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Haines who has already been into school to meet the children, staff and parents.

To year 6, and any other school leavers, we wish you lots of luck as you move onto your next adventure. We are so proud of you all and we know that you are going to go on to do amazing things. Thank you for your resilience, your kindness, your perseverance. Keep working hard, keep being yourselves and go and do amazing things! Well done!!

We hope you all have a wonderful summer holiday and a restful break, and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Thursday 3rd September for our new school year. Thank you again and best wishes.

Mrs Vicky Hopkins



Whole school
attendance
(year to date):
95.3%

National
average (year
to date): 94.5%

Our target: 96%

September inset days

Tuesday 1st September and Wednesday 2nd September are inset days so the school will be closed. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Thursday 3rd September. A copy of the school calendar for 2026/27 is attached for your information.

Uniform

Please remember to label your child's uniform, water bottle and lunch box in September. Please use a permanent marker pen as biro will fade over time with washing. Having these items clearly labelled helps us reduce the amount of lost property and ensures we can quickly reunite lost items with their owners.



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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 – Avyaan

Paris - Vihaan

Rome - Luca

Warsaw - Viren

Budapest - Haneef

Madrid - Manraj

Ankara - Kobe

Kathmandu - Tobias

Canberra - Rithvik

New Delhi - Mia

Cairo - Thompson

Nairobi – Ikra

Lima - Jay

Ottawa - Lydia

Water Safety

We hope the children have a wonderful summer and would like to share with you some water safety tips. The weather has been extremely hot recently which has led to more people visiting places with water e.g. rivers, the sea etc. Please visit the school [website](#) for more information on how to keep children safe and a link to a helpful website. You will find this under the tab 'Key Information' and then 'Safeguarding' in the drop-down box.



PTA update

[We want to hear from you!](#)

If you have not yet, please [answer 10 short questions](#). This should take no longer than 2 minutes and is completely anonymous. If you feel like not answering a particular question, just click 'Next'. We are keen to hear your feedback on our events and get new ideas!

Could you help us?

We are looking for a few people to help with the below next year. We estimate this to take around 2 hours per month. Please have a think over the holidays if this could be you and if you are interested email pta@fairfields.hants.sch.uk

- Marketing and social media lead helping with Facebook, Instagram and Peoplefundraising pages
- Sponsorship coordinator: Get more sponsors to raise funds from local businesses
- Parent events coordinator: Plan and help execute parent events

Thank you for your support and enjoy the summer holidays!





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A Note from the Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of another school year, I wanted to take a moment to look back and say thank you.

This has been a wonderful year for Fairfields. Our Year 6 pupils achieved the best SATs results in the school's history, with 62% reaching the expected standard. This is a brilliant achievement, and it reflects the hard work of our pupils, and the dedication of everyone who supports them.

I want to say a heartfelt thank you to our head teacher and the whole leadership team, for their hard work and dedication this year. Thank you too to our teachers, our teaching assistants, and every member of staff, from the front office to the classroom. Your care and commitment make Fairfields the special place it is, not just a good school, but a strong and caring community.

I also want to thank our governors. This is a voluntary role, and our governors give their time freely, alongside their jobs and families, because they care about giving every child at Fairfields the best possible start. They work quietly behind the scenes, supporting the school, and helping to shape its future. I am grateful for their commitment.

To our Year 6 pupils who are leaving us this summer: we wish you all the very best as you start secondary school. You will be missed, and we know you will do brilliantly. Fairfields will always be proud of you.

To all our families, I hope you have a restful and happy summer. Thank you, as ever, for your support and trust in our school community.

I look forward to another great year at Fairfields.

With warm wishes,

Nick Giblin-Cook

Chair of Governors



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Dates for your diary	
Tuesday 1st September	Inset day (school closed)
Wednesday 2nd September	Inset day (school closed)
Thursday 3rd September	Start of the Autumn term
Monday 21st - Wednesday 23rd September	Year 6 residential
NEW! Wednesday 23rd September	Year 5 trip to Gilbert White Field Study Centre
Monday 28th September	PTA AGM
NEW! Tuesday 29th September	Year 1 trip to Milestones Museum
Monday 5th October	Parents evening, 3.40pm – 6pm
NEW! Thursday 8th October	Year 4 trip to Butser Ancient Farm
Wednesday 14th October	Parents evening, 3.40pm – 6pm
Thursday 22nd October	Individual photos (Fraser Portraits)
Monday 26th - Friday 30th October	Half term
Monday 2nd November	Inset day (school closed)
Friday 18th December	Last day of Autumn 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: Friday (indoor); outdoor PE to be confirmed

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.

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.

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.

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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