



Fairfields Primary School Newsletter

Friday 19th September 2025

Dear parents and carers,

After our second full week back in school, we continue to be impressed by the children's hard work and positive attitude. We are particularly proud of the children in Foundation Stage- they have been enjoying exploring the FS area, and it has been delightful to see them settled and playing so happily in school. Next week, they will all be doing full days!

We have been talking to the children in assembly about the jobs in school which they can get involved in. We need librarians, school councillors, anti-bullying ambassadors, health and safety officers, to name just a few of the roles available. Your child can get an application form from their teachers if they would like to apply for a job, and please feel free to help them with these at home. We are really keen for the children to have responsibilities in school.

Our overall attendance this week in school has improved, which is great! Please do continue to support us with great attendance when you children are able to be at school. We need to aim for 96% attendance as a school as the school is measured on this figure.

We hope you have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.
Mrs Vicky Hopkins



Whole school
attendance:
94%

National
average:
95.5%

Our target:
96%

Remembrance Service – 9th November 2025

We would like two children to represent the school in laying our wreath at the Remembrance Service to be held in the War Memorial Park on Sunday 9th November 2025. Each child will need to be accompanied by a parent to the service. School representatives need to arrive at the park at 10.00am before the service starts, but further details confirming the timing will follow. If your child would like to represent the school in this way, please email admin@fairfields.hants.sch.uk. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please also bear in mind that it is a public event and photographs may be taken on the day, including by the local press. Please only put your child forward if you are happy with this.

Diwali – parent volunteers needed!

On 21st October it is Diwali! We are looking for parents to help run a small event after school to help us celebrate the festival of light! If you are interested in supporting us and celebrating Diwali with our community please let the school office know as soon as possible.



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Glass containers and water bottles

A reminder that children should not bring any glass food or water containers into school due to the high likelihood of them breaking and causing injury to children and staff. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Sports teams

Sports teams will be restarting on the week beginning 29th September.

- Mrs Hopkins' year 5 & 6 netball club will be on Mondays.
- Mrs Bogalski's year 3 & 4 netball club will be on Tuesdays.
- Mr Thorpe's year 4, 5 & 6 athletics club will be on Thursdays.
- Miss Bradley's year 4, 5 & 6 rugby club will be on Thursdays.

A jotter will be sent out next week with how to do this when they are available to book.

Miss Warwick is in the process of doing trials for the year 5 & 6 football team; she will be in contact with those children and parents separately.

PTA update

PTA Event feedback survey

It's not too late to give your feedback! When you have 2 minutes please complete a short 10 question survey [here](#). We are keen to make our events better for everyone and really appreciate your feedback.

AGM 6th October 7pm As a reminder, all parents, carers and school staff are invited to join our AGM on 6th October 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 we are 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 bring in new ideas and vote on any funding opportunities and events. So if you would like to find out more about PTA and/or roles please do get in touch for an informal chat via email fairfieldspta@gmail.com.



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Year group updates

The **Foundation Stage** children have been busy this week settling into their first full days at school. Thank you to all of the parents who joined their children for lunch this week! The children have been introduced to their first phonics sounds and have practised writing them too. In Maths, we have been learning about repeating patterns and which types of patterns we might see. Well done, Foundation Stage! Have a lovely weekend!

Well done **Year 1** for another great week. This week we have looked at the different sounds toys make in music, doubling and halving in maths and using the Beebot robots in computing. Here are some key dates and reminders:

- Our 'Meet the teacher' to find out more about year 1 is next week on Thursday 25th September at 3.30pm. We will be in Warsaw class. The PowerPoint will be available on the school website.
- We have our trip to Milestones on the 30th September, please make sure you have returned the medical and consent form by the 19th September. Please ask if you need a new form.
- Our PE day is Tuesday (outdoor), please make sure your child comes to school in PE kit and trainers.
- Homework will be set on a Friday each week and is due the following Wednesday. Our library day is Wednesday.
- In year 1, we line up under the canopy before and after school. Please make sure your child is lined up ready for 8.40am.

Well done **Year 2** on another successful week in school. We have been continuing to do number work in maths, focussing on comparing and ordering 2-digit numbers using the terms 'increasing' and 'decreasing'. In writing, we have practiced using adjectives to describe things, linked to our class story, *Lost and Found*. We have also planned our own ending to *Lost and Found* which we will be writing next week! On Monday 29th September, we will be holding the Year 2 Meet the Teacher meeting. This will be in school at 3.30pm - 4.00pm. The meeting is an opportunity for us to share key information about year 2 and for you to ask any questions. Finally, a reminder that we are planning to walk to the Top of Town on Tuesday 30th September. Please see the letter sent home and emailed to you for more information. Currently, we do not have enough volunteers for either class to go on this walk. If you are able to help with both classes, that would also be appreciated. Please let us know as soon as possible if you're able to support us, otherwise we will have to cancel this walk. Have a lovely weekend.

This week, **Year 3** have been diving into the fascinating world of the Stone Age, discovering how early humans lived, hunted, and expressed themselves. One of the highlights has been



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developing their cave painting skills to recreate the kinds of artwork found in ancient caves. Well done Year 3!

Year 4 have had a fantastic week! We've been getting creative with dragon sketches and diving into the world of *How to Train Your Dragon*, describing Hiccup's brave journey into a cave filled with 3,000 sleeping dragons. In science, we've been exploring insulators and how they help keep things warm or cool. Our history lessons have taken us back in time to learn about the arrival of the Anglo-Saxons.

A quick reminder that the letter for our upcoming trip to Butser Farm has gone out—please return your response as soon as possible. If the slip isn't returned by Friday 26th September, your child will not be able to receive a school packed lunch for the trip. We're also looking forward to seeing you at our Welcome to Year 4 and Ufton Residential Zoom meeting on Monday 22nd September at 5pm. We'll be sharing what life in Year 4 looks like and giving you all the details about our exciting residential trip. A separate email was sent out last week with the log in details. Thank you to everyone who has already returned the slip for this. If you're considering applying for the bursary, please ensure your application is submitted by Thursday 26th September.

This week, **Year 5** have started to learn about the artist J.M.W. Turner. In science, we have been trying to prevent an ice cube from melting! We are looking forward to our river trip on 3rd October. Please return forms for this if you haven't done so. Also, we have emailed some parents asking for you to update photo permissions on Arbor and would be grateful if you could do so before our trip. Finally, we invite year 5 parents to a 'Meet the Teacher' event on Thursday 2nd October in our classrooms at 3.30pm. We will talk through the curriculum for this year and explain more about your children's Mathletics subscriptions. We are very impressed by year 5's use of this so far. Lots of children have already earned a bronze certificate!

Year 6 have had a fantastic week! If your child is attending the residential trip, please ensure they:

- Arrive by 8:45am on Monday morning via the school office, so belongings can be appropriately stored.
- Bring any medication separately (not packed in their suitcase). Mrs Bye and Mrs Cutmore will be on the school playground to collect and store medication safely.
- Bring a packed lunch on Monday, as Runway's End will not be providing lunch on the first day.

Children who are not attending the residential should:

- Arrive as usual at 8:45am and meet at their regular meeting point by the Smooga.
- Parents of these children should have received a separate email outlining the activities planned for next week.



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If you have any questions or need further clarification, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher. Wishing everyone a brilliant week ahead

Dates for your diary	
Monday 22nd September – Wednesday 24th September	Year 6 residential trip to Runways End
Monday 22nd September	Welcome to Year 4 and Ufton Court residential parent information meeting (Zoom), 5pm
NEW! Thursday 25th September	Year 1 Meet the Teacher, 3.30pm-4pm
NEW! Monday 29th September	Year 2 Meet the Teacher, 3.30pm-4pm
Tuesday 30th September	Year 1 trip to Milestones Museum
NEW! Tuesday 30th September	Year 2 walk to Top of Town
NEW! Tuesday 30th September	Year 3 Meet the Teacher, 3.30pm-4pm
NEW! Thursday 2nd October	Year 5 Meet the Teacher, 3.30pm-4pm
Friday 3rd October	Year 5 Gilbert White river study trip
Monday 6th October	PTA Annual General Meeting, 7pm-8pm (online)
Tuesday 7th October	Year 4 trip to Butser Ancient Farm
Monday 27th October – Monday 3rd November	Half term (school closed)
Friday 31st October	Deadline for applications for Y7 (secondary school) places (year 6 only)
Thursday 6th November	Individual photos with Fraser Portraits
Monday 10th November	Parent's evening, 3.40pm-6pm
NEW! Monday 17th November	Nasal flu immunisations (all years)
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



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Wednesday 4th February – Friday 6th February	Year 4 residential to Ufton Court
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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 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)