



# Fairfields Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear parents and carers,

As we reach the end of another half term, the children have continued to work hard and we are so proud of all their achievements.

Thank you so much to the PTA and all the parents and staff who helped at the disco last night. The children had lots of fun and thank you for supporting this fundraising event!

We had positive feedback from people who tried 'No Tech Tuesday' too- one family shared that they do this weekly and enjoy board games instead on this day, which has had a positive difference in their household.

Can I remind all parents to keep their children with them in the mornings and after school on the playground, and to not let them run around the playground or play on the equipment. We have this rule for all the children to keep our whole community safe at the start and end of the day when the playground is busy. The children have plenty of time to play outside at break and lunch. It is frustrating for children who are following these rules when they see other children who are not. Year 5 and 6 only can be left alone, but please also speak to them about this behaviour and remind them that all mobile phones are turned off on the playground. All other children should be stood with their adult.

We look forward to seeing everyone back after half term, starting with our parents evenings. Please do book these through Arbor so that teachers can meet you and celebrate your child's work with you. Have a wonderful half term break and hopefully we return to some more signs of spring.

Thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Vicky Hopkins



Whole school attendance (year to date): 95.2%

National average (year to date): 94.6%

Our target: 96%



beaming smiles on their faces!

## Athletics at Down Grange

On Tuesday this week, the members of Fairfields Athletics Club participated in the 2026 Basingstoke Schools Cross Country Races. We took 12 children in total across Years 4-6, and they participated in races according to their age and gender.

Our pupils conducted themselves in a mature and sensible manner, and they were excellent representatives of the school, displaying respect, fantastic listening and great sportsmanship. It rained for nearly the entirety of the event, but the pupils still demonstrated their resilience by starting and finishing their afternoons with



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## Wet weather

Please ensure your child brings a named coat to school every day. We aim to get the children outside at playtimes as much as possible for fresh air and exercise, even in light rain. Thank you.

## Half-term dates

A reminder that next week is half-term. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February and wish you all a restful week.

## 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](mailto:zoeshieldspiano@gmail.com)

## World Book Day 2026

We are excited to announce that on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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, 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.

## Year 3/4 Netball

The year 3/4 netball team has a few spaces for children who are interested in joining. The netball team is a great opportunity to develop skills, learn to work as part of a team and burn off some energy. Players can then progress to the year 5/6 team where we start to play competitively with local schools. Training is on Tuesdays from 3.15pm-4pm in the playground with Mrs Bogalski.

To book your child onto the team, please call the School Office. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please ensure that your child understands that being part of the team requires a weekly commitment.





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**Yoga with Sarah and Steve**

Mindfulness, flexibility,  
stretching and FUN!

Mondays 3.15-4pm.  
£12.50 for 5 weeks, starts 23rd February.  
Email [sarahleaford@outlook.com](mailto:sarahleaford@outlook.com)

**AFTER SCHOOL BOOTCAMP**

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

MAKING FITNESS FUN

WEDNESDAYS. 3.15-4.15

STARTS 25TH FEBRUARY  
£15 FOR FIVE WEEKS

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

## Year group updates



### PTA update

#### Holi Celebration Wednesday 4th March 3.30pm-4.30pm

The PTA Trustee team is excited to announce a Holi celebration on March 4th, from 3.30pm to 4.40pm 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 volunteers to help make this Holi celebration a colourful success! If you're able to lend a hand on March 4th, from 3:30 pm to 4:40 pm at the school playground, we'd love your support. Please email us on [fairfieldspta@gmail.com](mailto:fairfieldspta@gmail.com).

### School disco

We hope the children all had a great time and were dancing like no one was watching! Thank you for raising £500 to support our children's learning. Thank you to Tracey for a great party and to all the volunteers for their help! A special thank you to Mrs Bogalski for coordinating everything and ensuring that even late ticket purchases could be added to the register!





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**Foundation Stage** enjoyed another week celebrating Chinese New Year. In Physical Development they have been painting numbers in Mandarin. In Drawing Club, they have been learning the story 'The Magic Paintbrush' and have enjoyed drawing things they wish could come to life using the paintbrush from the story. In Maths, they have been continuing to work with numbers between 10 and 15. Well done on a super last week, Foundation Stage! Have a lovely half term break!

Happy half term **Year 1!** It feels like these past six weeks have flown by — we have done so much! We got magical with our writing about the porridge pot, learnt about time and numbers to 50 in maths, visited QMC for exciting science activities, practiced being chefs making fruit pizza, planned and conducted science experiments using our sense of smell, learned all about brave nurses, and created some brilliant digital art. Please remember to keep reading over the break — there are lots of wonderful stories to enjoy online through Sora and Oxford Owl. Have a lovely half-term rest from all of the Year 1 team.

**Year 2** have put in a fantastic effort on this final week of term and have enjoyed some different types of learning. The children have taken part in children's mental health week, safer internet day, clever never goes, a musical performance and so much more! Well done to Budapest on winning the TT Rockstars competition, look out for another one soon! We hope you have a lovely half term and can't wait to hear what you get up to. Take a break year 2!

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend **Year 3's** showcase of the Iron Man dance this week - pupils really responded well to having an audience and I hope you could see how much they have loved being inspired by the book character. We have also been working very hard to develop our multiplication of two-digit numbers with mental and written methods this week. After half-term we will start our new book and mini-topic looking at gardens, so please do point out any flora or fauna which are showing the first signs of spring. We also request pupils bring in a pair of wellies to wear on the first day back (23rd Feb), as we would like to take the children over to the Forest Schools area and it is likely to be muddy. Have a brilliant half-term!

**Year 4** had a wonderful final week of the half term. We have written our own circus poems and evaluated our musical instruments. There are still a few wet items of clothing from Ufton remaining (including trainers and wellies). Please make sure you check for any belongings before they are donated. Please also remember to sign up for parents' evening when prompted. We look forward to seeing you after the half term break.

**Year 5** have finished their canopic jars this week, which was a pottery project, and the finishing touches involved adding acrylic paint. They have also been studying RE as we have researched creation stories and debated the importance of looking after the Earth. Finally, we were pleased that a number of children joined in NSPCC Rocks last Friday





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and gave a little of their homework time to practising times tables to gain points for their class. Cairo was the winning class in school. PE next half term will still be on Fridays but will be gymnastics indoors. Please look out for a letter about our next trip on 18th March to the Science Centre in Winchester.

We just wanted to say how incredibly proud we are of **Year 6** this half term. They have worked with real determination, maturity and focus, and they thoroughly deserve a well-earned rest over the break. A quick reminder that the ordering window for SATs revision guides will close on Arbor after Friday 16th February. Looking ahead to next half term, as part of our hook day on Monday 23rd February, please could children bring a spare pair of wellies or trainers (ones you don't mind getting muddy). We'll be taking part in a range of outdoor activities on the school field and in the outdoor classroom. If possible, please also send a plastic bag for muddy shoes.



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Dates for your diary	
Wednesday 25th February	Parents Evening, 3.40pm-6pm
Monday 2nd March	Parents Evening, 3.40pm-6pm
<b>NEW!</b> Wednesday 4th March	PTA Holi event, 3.30pm-4.30pm (free event on the top playground)
<b>NEW!</b> Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Friday 20th March	Year 1 trip to Marwell Zoo
<b>NEW!</b> 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





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## 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)

## Start and finish times are as follows:

- Foundation Stage, years 1 and 2: 8.40am- 3.10pm
- Years 3- 6: 8.45am- 3.15pm

## 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**.

