



Fairfields Primary School Newsletter

Friday 17th July 2026

Dear parents and carers,

As we approach the last week, we continue to be busy in school. We are looking forward to our final three days with the children next week which will include transition mornings in the children's new classes. This is a key time for your child to be with their new class and teacher in their new classroom, so please can we encourage attendance each day to support your child's smooth transition. Year 6 in this time will be doing their learning in their own year groups.

Year 6 SATS: We are delighted to have shared the SATs results with our year 6 children yesterday. The children did amazingly and we are pleased to say that the overall data was the highest we have seen in the school before! We are so excited to share this news and I would like to thank the pupils, parents and staff for all their hard work in supporting the year 6 children and the school with this fantastic achievement. Well done!

Attendance: We have had several situations this week where children have been absent with no explanation and parents have been uncontactable. This can result in us doing a home visit to check that there are no safeguarding concerns for you and your child and if we still can not contact you, we may need to call children's services or the police so that we can ensure you are safe. As you can imagine, this takes up staff time and resources. If your child is not going to be in school for any reason, please inform us in advance if planned, or on the day.

Uniform swap and Open Evening: On Tuesday after school we have our Open Evening, and our uniform swap. Please come and collect any uniform which you can use for your child for next year, and thank you for all the donated uniform so far.

Staffing: We want to thank Mrs Dawson and Mrs Robak for all their hard work at the school as they leave us next week for retirement. They will be greatly missed and we wish them lots of happiness in their new adventures.

Many thanks for your ongoing support. We look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Best wishes

Mrs Vicky Hopkins



Whole school
attendance
(year to date):
95.3%

National
average (year
to date): 94.5%

Our target: 96%

Leavers' menu

Tuesday 21st July is the Year 6 leavers' menu which is chicken nuggets and wedges or macaroni cheese. Wednesday 22nd July is fish fingers and chips or cheesy broccoli frittata.

The menu has been changed on Arbor to reflect these changes.

End of year reminders

As the school year draws to a close, we would like to ask all parents and carers to do the following:

- Have you checked our **lost property** trolleys (situated under the canopy) for any items belonging to your child?
- Have you logged onto Arbor to see if there are any **outstanding balances** owing for lunches and water bottles? We would kindly ask that these are cleared by the end of term.
- Please return any **library or school reading books**.



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Phones in school from September

We would like to remind parents and carers that from September 2026, no pupils will be allowed to bring a smartphone to school. Simple/Brick/Feature phones can be brought in by children in years 5 and 6 if they walk alone to or from school. This is in line with the vast majority of Basingstoke primary

schools.

Please visit the Smartphone Free Childhood Basingstoke [website](https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/alternatives) for more information

Information from the Smartphone Free Childhood Initiative

If you've decided to delay giving your child a smartphone, the next question is almost always, *"But what phone should we get instead?"* The good news is... we've done the homework, so you don't have to.

👉 *Try the new SFC Phone Finder*

<https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/alternatives>

Over the past two years, we've researched dozens of child-friendly phones – from simple brick phones to more modern options. And now we've turned everything we've learned into one simple tool.

We hope it makes one of the trickiest parenting decisions a little easier.

Magical Maths is coming to Fairfields Primary School!

The club will run after school every Wednesday from 16th September until 2nd December 2026.

Please see the attachment for more information.

Booking Link: [Magical Maths Club](#)

Young Engineers club

This club will run again from September for children in years 1 to 6. Sessions will take place on Mondays from 3.15pm to 4.30pm. The first session will be on 14th September.

More information and booking details are attached.



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Oracy corner

Here's this week's oracy activity to enjoy at home.

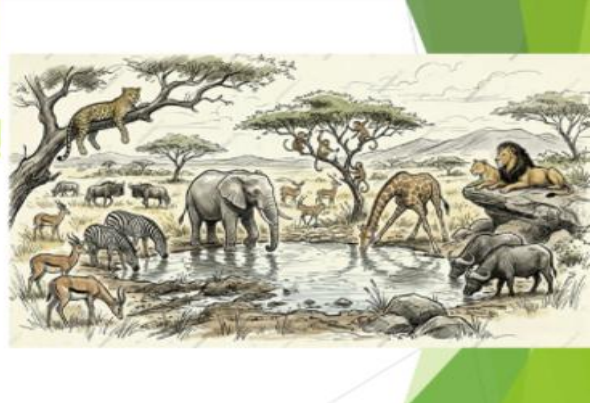
What is happening in the picture?
What happens next?



Pictionary!

Describe this picture to your child while they draw it on their paper. Make sure you include a lot of detail in your explanation.

Banned words: two and brown



How you helped school!



PTA update

Summer Raffle has now closed!

All winners should have received an email from the People's Fundraising Support Team (support@peoplesfundraising.com). Please check your junk mail, if you have not yet [made this a safe sender](#).

Congrats to all winners! We have emailed all virtual vouchers to the email used at time of ticket purchase and if you have not

yet, you can pick up any physical prizes or vouchers at the school office until the end of Tuesday. Any prizes not picked up by Tuesday afternoon will be entered into the next raffle unless other arrangements are made by emailing pta@fairfields.hants.sch.uk. Please find the full list of winners in the Jotter message sent earlier today. For any questions or to arrange pick-up email pta@fairfields.hants.sch.uk.

We want to hear from you!

After a year full of events, we are keen to hear your feedback on our events and get new ideas! Please help us by [answering 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'.

You helped school with £10,000 of funding!

This school year we helped school with 11 causes worth £10,000! Thank you so much for all your support to improve the time of our children at the school.





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Year group updates

Foundation Stage have had a great week this week. They started their Balance Bike training and it was so brilliant to see the amazing skills the children have with bikes. Well done, everyone! In Drawing Club, the children have been learning the story *The Rainbow Fish* and some children even made their own Rainbow Fish out of old CD's. The children have also enjoyed some sketching this week as they practised sketching a tree and the school. The children are looking forward to visiting their new Year 1 classes next week. They will spend the mornings in their new classes and then will return to their FS classes in the afternoons. Well done on a great week, Foundation Stage! Have a lovely weekend!

This week in **Year 1**, we really enjoyed creating information posters about the four countries of the United Kingdom and designing our own characters for animation. It was lovely to see the topic homework on Wednesday. Next week, year 1 will be moving to our new year 2 classes and spending time with our new teachers. We will have cricket on Monday afternoon and art week activities Tuesday and Wednesday. On Tuesday, it is our open evening - parents are invited to come into classrooms to see our learning. Please bring in a carrier bag to take books home. Please make sure any phonics books or library books are returned to school before the holidays.

Well done children on your final full week in **Year 2**! The children have been hard at work finishing off their projects in writing and art. They look forward to showing you their masterpieces during the Open Evening on Tuesday. At the Open Evening, all of the children's books and test papers will be on the tables for you to take home. Please bring a carrier bag to put them in - there is quite a lot! Have a lovely weekend!

This week, **Year 3** have enjoyed learning about special places and exploring how these link to places of worship. They have thought carefully about why some places are important to people and what makes them special. The children have also been busy publishing their reports about farm animals following our visit to the farm last Friday. They were excited to use what they had learned during the trip and took great pride in sharing their finished work.

Year 4 have had a slightly cooler week this week! They have been completing our RE work, discussing God and their characteristics. In Science, we have been learning about food chains and endangered animals. They have also been looking at transition in PSHE and exploring ways to cope with change as we prepare for the next stage of our learning journey. We would like to say how proud we are of the children and all they have achieved this year. They have worked incredibly hard, and we are looking forward to spending our last few days together before the summer holidays. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 5 have now completed our final full week of the school year and the children are now starting to look forward to what will happen next year. Our PSHE has been reflecting this as





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we have been looking at changes, including boys' puberty. In RE we have been studying the subject of Sacrifice, including in Islam. We have also been learning about layers when creating pictures in Powerpoint. Next week, we look forward to art week and the children will also undertake a road safety activity which we hope will help to keep them safe in future. It has been a great year and a lot of progress has been made. We have seen the children mature and they are now ready for year 6!

Year 6 have had a fantastic week! We were incredibly proud of the children when we received their SATs results. They have all worked so hard throughout the year and should be extremely pleased with themselves. Their determination, resilience and positive attitude have been wonderful to see, and they truly deserve to celebrate their achievements. Looking ahead to next week, we have our **Year 6 Graduation and Leavers'**

Celebration on **Monday 20th July from 5pm–6.30pm**. For the graduation ceremony, children should wear:

- a **plain white T-shirt**; and
- **black trousers, shorts or leggings.**

Graduation gowns and costumes will be worn over the top of these clothes.

On **Wednesday 22nd July**, children may bring in a **spare white T-shirt** for their friends and teachers to sign. Please note that this must be a spare T-shirt, as children will not be able to have the t-shirt they are wearing signed.

Children may also choose to bring a teddy/ soft toy to school on this day to share with their FS Buddies during our Teddy Bear Picnic. We are looking forward to celebrating with the children and making these final days of their time at Fairfields extra special.





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Dates for your diary	
Monday 20th July – Wednesday 22nd July	Transition mornings (FS to year 5)
Monday 20th July	Year 6 Graduation ceremony at Carnival Hall, 5pm-6.30pm
Tuesday 21st July	Open evening, 3.30pm-6pm
Wednesday 22nd July	Last day of Summer term
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! Monday 28th September	PTA AGM
Monday 5th October	Parents evening, 3.40pm – 6pm
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 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: Tuesday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor)

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 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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