



# Fairfields Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13th March 2026

Dear parents and carers,

We have had an exciting science week in school with lots of learning around the theme of 'curiosity' in the classrooms. We also enjoyed inviting parents in for our oracy workshop. We hope you found this useful.

We have been celebrating so many festivals this term and these continue into the next few weeks with our Eid celebration below. We will also be celebrating Easter after the holidays.

## Eid

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March we will be celebrating Eid after school on the playground. We are always grateful for offers of help from our community. If any parents are happy to help host some activities please contact Mrs Smith via the office.

Thank you for all your continued support at the school- we appreciate being able to work together with you to support your children in the best possible way. Have a great weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Vicky Hopkins



Whole school attendance  
(year to date):  
95.3%

National average (year to date): 94.6%

Our target:  
96%

## BELONGING

We were excited to launch a new core value to the school this week. To join our values of love, respect, celebration and honesty, we now have the value 'belonging'.

It is so important to us that all the children, staff and families feel that Fairfields is a school where they belong. A sense of belonging helps people to feel valued, accepted and it improves engagement and positive mental health.

## Contact details – are yours up to date?

Please check that the phone, email and postal address details for *all* of your child's emergency contacts are up to date on Arbor. If we do not have the correct contact details, you may miss out on important communications, and we would be unable to contact you in an emergency situation. Thank you.

## Football team

Well done to the football club for their efforts in our recent fixtures. We won our game last week against Rucstall 4 - 2 and, this week, we won one of our four matches against Oakridge and drew two matches. The children worked really hard representing their school. Next week is normal training and then we break until after the Easter holiday.



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Well done to the rugby team on their brilliant debut earlier this week. The team played excellently and showed fantastic team work to score some outstanding tries! All their hard work through the winter months paid off and they should be very proud of themselves.

Well done to Umair, Lexie, Pranav, Pardhu, Elias O, Oli W, Jack M, Alice S and Mabel.

## Mathletics success!

We completed our week of attempting to get on the national leaderboard and both classes in year 5 ended up getting on the world leaderboard! Cairo came first and Nairobi came 21st (and 12th in the country). A number of children from both classes managed to get on the pupil leaderboards and medals were awarded for the highest points scores to Maahir, Thompson, Puneeth, Rachan and Chanthu.

## Oracy workshop – thank you for joining us

It was wonderful to see so many parents at our Oracy workshop this Wednesday. We truly hope you found the session helpful and informative. The presentation slides are now available on our school website, and if you would like a printed copy of the handouts from the session, these can be collected from the school office.

Starting this week, we'll be adding a new **Oracy Corner** to our newsletter. Each edition will include two images designed to spark rich conversations at home. These simple prompts can make a big difference in helping children develop confidence, vocabulary, and the ability to express themselves clearly.

High quality language exposure is incredibly important for children's development, and the support you provide at home is invaluable. And remember—if you prefer to practise these skills in your home language, that counts too. Strong oracy skills transfer across languages, so every conversation helps. Thank you for your continued support.

Odd one out! Which of these words, that describe the jungle, is the odd one out? Make sure you explain your answer.  
vibrant mysterious overgrown



Where would you rather go and why?



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## PTA update

### Easter Egg Hunt

We are pleased to announce our Easter Egg Hunt on 17th April from 3.15pm-4.15pm. Come along to find the letters and make the word to get a chocolate egg. We will offer dairy and gluten free options. This will be a free event sponsored by the PTA.

### Summer Fair 10th July 2026 - Music Festival - Help Needed

We are hoping to make our Summer Fair a music festival this year. If you are a *musician/ DJ* or anyone in your family or circle of friends would like to perform please do get in touch. In addition, we are looking for anyone that would like to share a *traditional dish* as part of our food and refreshments stall. The PTA will pay for ingredients. We are also hoping one of our parents is an electrician that would be happy to support us with *PAT testing*. If you can help with any of the above please find us on the playground or email us on [fairfieldspta@gmail.com](mailto:fairfieldspta@gmail.com).

## Green Cross Code poster competition (from the Road Safety Team)

Design a poster which helps people cross the road safely. Don't forget to include:

- Stop, look, listen and think
- Be bright be seen
- Bold and bright colours
- Pictures that stand out to the audience

Here are some examples:



If you would like to enter, please give your competition entries to Mrs Bogalski, who will send your posters to the Road Safety Team, **by Thursday 19th March**.



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## Year group updates

**Foundation Stage** have been busy starting their Spring topic. We have been discussing Spring occasions such as Mother's Day and St. Patrick's Day in Ireland. The children have also been thinking a little more about Ramadan this week too. They have been busy preparing a little Spring surprise for Mother's Day too. In Drawing Club, the children have been learning the story of *Jack and the Beanstalk* and had lots of fun drawing the Giant and thinking about what Jack might spend all of the Giant's treasure on. Thank you for attending the 'Oracy Workshop' on Wednesday. Well done, Foundation Stage! Have a lovely weekend!

This week in **Year 1** we have enjoyed our new unit of maths about fractions. We have been looking at equal and unequal groups and splitting shapes into halves and quarters. In our writing we have been writing our own versions of the story 'how the tiger got his stripes'. For Science Week, we have looked at different animal classifications and asked lots of questions as the theme this year is curiosity. On Thursday next week, we will be building animal structures in DT - please bring in any cardboard you may have. Next week we also have our trip to Marwell on Friday - please make sure you have returned your form. On Thursday 26th March, parents are invited in for our Year 1 showcase at 2.30pm.

**Year 2** have embraced science week this week by designing vehicles that will travel on the moon! They were very curious and asked a lot of interesting questions. We are super proud of how well the children have worked on their reading tests this week and will be completing maths assessments on Monday and Tuesday of next week. We are also heading into battle again in a new TT Rockstars competition, Madrid vs Budapest. This has started on Friday 13th and will end on Friday 20th. Who will be the most valuable players?

**Year 3** have had a fantastic time during Science Week! The children absolutely loved taking part in our pollination activity, where they had the chance to act out the roles of flowers and bees. It was wonderful to see them so enthusiastic and engaged, and they now have a brilliant understanding of how pollination works in nature. We have also been busy in English, where the children have been working hard to write their own endings to *The Secret Garden*. They have shown great creativity and imagination, and we are very proud of the thoughtful and detailed writing they have produced.

**Year 4** have had a super week! We have begun our spring testing and we are very proud of the children. In maths, we have continued our work on decimals, and in English we have planned our own jungle stories, ready for our standard task write next week. Please join us for our Parent Showcase on **Tuesday 17th March at 2.40pm**. Just a reminder that our QMC





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science trip on the **26th March** is approaching — please return any outstanding letters. Have a lovely weekend.

This week and last week, **Year 5** have been covering some serious topics in PSHE. We started with learning facts about smoking and alcohol and have now moved on to emergency first aid, particularly putting somebody in the recovery position. We suggest they demonstrate on you at home! We were pleased to show some of you our oracy lesson this week and this has led on to writing our *War of the World* stories. We are looking forward to our trip next Wednesday and are just awaiting the return of a few forms. Please could all parents check that the payment has been sent through. Thank you.

**Year 6** have had a fantastic week! The children have been working incredibly hard and have shown great enthusiasm in all areas of their learning! A quick reminder that our Spring Walk with our FS buddies will take place next week on Friday 20th at 1.30pm. If you are able to volunteer and join us on the walk, we would be so grateful—please let your child's class teacher know. If you have not yet returned the permission slip, please ensure this is handed in by Monday 16th March so your child can take part.

Following Science Week, on Monday 16th March, the children will also be taking part in a live online chat with real scientists! Over the weekend, please encourage your child to think of some scientific questions they might like to ask. These could be about any area of science they are curious about—animals, space, materials, inventions, the human body—or even about careers in science and what it's like working as a scientist. We are looking forward to another exciting week ahead!





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Dates for your diary	
Tuesday 17th March	Year 4 Parent Showcase, 2.40pm
Wednesday 18th March	Year 5 trip to Winchester Science Centre
Friday 20th March	Year 1 trip to Marwell Zoo
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	Year 4 science trip to QMC (Canberra in the morning, New Delhi in the afternoon)
Thursday 26th March	Last day of term
Friday 27th March	Inset day (school closed)
Monday 13th April	Start of the Summer term
<b>NEW!</b> Friday 17th April	PTA Easter Egg Hunt, 3.15pm-4.15pm
Friday 1st May	Reports issued (years 1 to 6)
Thursday 7th May	FS trip to Finkley Down Farm
Monday 11th May -15th May	Safeguarding week (PANTS)
Monday 18th May - 22nd May	Walk to School week
Monday 25th May – 29th May	Half-term (school closed)
Monday 1st June	Inset day (school closed)
<b>NEW!</b> Friday 10th July	PTA Summer Fair



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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 Spring term:

- 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)

## 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.s.ch.uk](mailto:admin@fairfields.hants.s.ch.uk) to inform us of the time and date of your child's appointment.

### 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.

### 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**.



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