



Fairfields Primary School Newsletter

Friday 19th June 2026

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a brilliant Healthy Lives Week in school and we have enjoyed lots of fitness, outdoor activities, learning about keeping our bodies healthy and, of course, our sports day. Well done to all the children for taking part and for showing the school core values in the way that they supported each other and cheered each other on. This was wonderful to see. Thank you to all the staff for making the day happen, and to Miss Bradley for coordinating us all. Thank you also to all the parents who helped before and after the event- we hugely appreciate your support. Well done to the Dragons who won both the FS/KS1 event and the KS2 event. The results however were so close!

Staffing Update

In staffing news, we are very sad to be saying goodbye this year to Mrs Dawson and Mrs Robak. They are both retiring this summer. Both Mrs Dawson and Mrs Robak have worked with us for a number of years and although we will miss them, they deserve a well-earned rest and retirement. We look forward to our last few weeks with them in school and I am sure you will join me in thanking them for all their hard work. We have appointed Mrs Haines, who is an experienced teacher, to join us in September. She is delighted to be part of the team at Fairfields and she is looking forward to meeting all the children and parents soon.

Next week- Heatwave

Please can you ensure that next week, with the heatwave which is forecast, that your children come to school every day with a named hat and water bottle. Please also apply sunscreen to them before school. We will limit time in the sun to keep the children safe but will still take some breaks outside and use the shade as much as possible as the building is also very hot!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Vicky Hopkins



Whole school attendance
(year to date):
95.3%

National average (year to date): 94.6%

Our target: 96%

Anti-bullying week

Next week is anti-bullying week! Children will have an assembly on Monday with the school's anti-bullying ambassadors explaining what bullying is and what to do if you are being bullied or if you see bullying happening. There will be a chance for children to leave a positive message or advice for bullying within our puzzle pieces during Wednesday's lunch. We hope to display them and spread some positive energy!

On Friday 26th June children, parents and staff are encouraged to wear blue to show that we are against bullying. We would love to see a sea of blue on the playground at drop off and collection! Finally, there is a chance for children to win a brand-new award, the **KINDNESS HERO** award. Class teachers and anti-bullying ambassadors will be looking for children who are kind and considerate towards others being a positive role model.

Respect tokens

Well done to the Phoenixes who collected the most respect tokens during respect week and have won 1000 extra points for their team!



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Teachers for September

We are excited to share the staffing arrangements for September with you. Teachers are currently busy arranging the new classes and doing transition meetings to handover ready for September. The children will meet their new teacher on 20th July and spend each morning that week with them in their new classrooms. During these sessions, year 6 will have lessons at Fairfields as normal as their transition days to secondary school are held at different times.

We invite you in to see your child's current teacher and classroom, and to meet their new teacher and see their new classroom, on Tuesday 21st July during our Open Evening between 3.30pm and 6pm. We hope to see you then.

Foundation Stage	Mr Bambridge (London); Mrs Moseley (Paris)
Year 1	Miss Bradley (Rome); Mrs Hebburn and Mrs Perkin (Warsaw)
Year 2	Miss Facey and Mrs Haines (Madrid); Miss Wilkinson (Budapest)
Year 3	Miss Cox and Mrs Cairley (Kathmandu); Mrs Raggett and Mrs Perkin (Ankara)
Year 4	Miss Cservenka and Mrs Haines (New Delhi); Mr Thorpe (Canberra)
Year 5	Mrs Smith (Nairobi); Miss Warwick (Cairo)
Year 6	Miss Watkins (Ottawa); Miss Young and Mrs Cairley (Lima)

Oracy corner

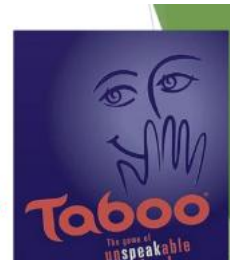
Here's this week's oracy activity to enjoy at home.

Where would you rather go and why?



Play a game of Taboo! You are not allowed to say the word out loud but can describe it.

This week's word is belong.



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Upcoming Changes to Free School Meals

From September 2026, the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals will change. All households receiving Universal Credit will be included, but eligibility will be divided into two groups:

- **Targeted Free School Meals**
For households receiving Universal Credit with an annual income below £7,400.
- **Expanded Free School Meals**
For households receiving Universal Credit with an annual income above £7,400.

What You Need to Do

- If your child already receives Free School Meals and you have applied through the Hampshire portal, you do not need to do anything.
- If you think your child may now be eligible, please submit an application through the Hampshire portal.
- Please note: children eligible under the **expanded criteria** will only begin to receive Free School Meals from September 2026.

Important Information for Reception and Key Stage 1 Parents

- All children in Early Years Foundation Stage or Key Stage 1 already receive free meals under the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme. However, we still encourage you to apply.
- This is because schools receive Pupil Premium funding for children who qualify under Targeted Free School Meal eligibility. This funding helps support your child during their time at school.

Transitional Protections (until August 2026)

Transitional protections have been in place since 1 April 2018 and will continue until the end of the 2025 to 2026 school year.

During this time:

- Any child who becomes eligible for benefits based Free School Meals will continue to receive them until July 2026.
- This will not change even if household income increases.

From **September 2026**, these protections will end. From this point, all families must meet the new eligibility rules for their child to receive Free School Meals.

For more information on Free School Meals please click [here](#).



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PTA update

Summer Raffle - The rainbow baskets are back!

Rainbow baskets will be filled with food and household items in the colour of house teams! The house with the **most items** will win **750 house points** and the house in **second place 500 house points**.

We will be collecting these from 24th - 26th June. Any item counts! Please remember food items must not contain nuts and must have an expiry date after August 2026.

If you need inspiration here some ideas: Dragons (Green): Pesto, Unicorns (Blue): Blueberry jam, Phoenixes (Yellow): Bleach bottle, Griffins (Red): Ketchup ... Have fun coming up with your item!



Also, we now have £700 worth of prizes and expect more! Thank you so much to [Red Spider Climbing](#) for a Casual session for 2 Kids and [Atelier Vidrio](#) for glass ornaments!
For your chance of winning buy your tickets for £1 each [here](#).

Summer Fair 10th July 3.30-6.30pm - Early Bird Token Sales open 10% off end 26th June 2026!
You can now take advantage of the [Early Bird Token Sales here!](#)

Looking for volunteers!

As always, we do rely on volunteers to make the summer fair happen. Thank you for everyone who signed up on sports day! Please [have a look here](#) at the options and to sign up! If you have any questions, please come and see us on the playground or email pta@fairfields.hants.sch.uk.



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Year group updates

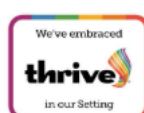
Rawrrrr! **Foundation Stage** have had a great week learning about Dinosaurs. We have learnt about how some dinosaurs were carnivores (meat-eating dinosaurs) and some were herbivores (plant-eating dinosaurs). We looked at the names of different dinosaurs and in Drawing Club we studied the book 'Are the dinosaurs dead, Dad?' where the children drew a T Rex and practised their sentence writing. We were really proud of all of Foundation Stage for their efforts at Sports Day this week. You were all superstars! We have some really fast runners! At Forest School, the first groups of children used palm drills to finish off their wood cookie pendants. It was super to see them using different skills such as sawing, drilling and threading. Well done, Foundation Stage! Have a lovely weekend!

Year 1 have had a brilliant Healthy Lives week. We started off on Monday with our Cricket session and an oral hygiene talk. On Tuesday, we did a session of Parkour and Wednesday was Sports Day! Well done everyone for taking part and trying your best. We have also been doing our daily mile around the playground. This week we have also started our multiplication and division unit in maths. On Tuesday, we build array cities. Can you spot any arrays out and about? Next week, we have our walk to War Memorial Park. Please come to school in uniform on Tuesday as normal.

Well done **Year 2** on a fantastic sports day! You worked very hard on your races and had lots of fun completing different activities and cheering on the FS children. You have also been working super hard on your writing this week, retelling the story of *The Man Who Almost Lived Forever* and displaying those brilliant writing skills. Next week is anti-bullying week and we have lots of exciting things planned! See you then!

Year 3 have had a fantastic week and have continued to show great enthusiasm in all areas of learning. The children have especially been enjoying their swimming lessons, and it has been wonderful to see the excellent progress they have made over the last three weeks, with growing confidence and improved skills in the water. In English, the children wrote a diary entry as the Windmill Farmer, and it was lovely to see how much their writing has progressed since the beginning of the year. We look forward to sharing this and other pieces of work with you at our Summer Showcase on Tuesday, 23rd June at 2:40 pm.

Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed our Healthy Lives Week. Sports Day was a success, and we are proud of how well the children have done. Their art projects are really inspiring the children, and they are very engaged in their creative wire work. If you are able to, we would greatly appreciate a voluntary donation to help cover the cost of this project. Payments can be made either in cash via the school office or online through Arbor. Next Tuesday (23rd), we will be visiting Forest School as part of our Geography learning. Please ensure children are dressed appropriately for the weather on the day.





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By the time you read this, **Year 5** will have experienced bread making! Our catering company will have run a workshop for us for free which is very kind of them. We have been working on our second story based on *The Scarlet Pimpernel* this week and, as the main part is a chase, the children have enjoyed chasing each other around the playground to see how it affects their bodies! We also had an exciting sports day on Wednesday. Well done, Dragons! Next week, we look forward to our visit to Costello to find out about life in a secondary school.

Year 6 have had a fantastic week. They shone during Sports Day, showing great teamwork and enthusiasm. Thank you to everyone who supported the bake sale – your help made it a real success. Looking ahead to next week, we have our trips to QMC on Monday. Please ensure all consent replies are returned, either via the letter sent home or by emailing your child's class teacher. Many children also have their secondary school transition days on Thursday and Friday next week. On these days, children should go directly to their secondary school and do not need to come to Fairfields first. If your child has transition days on different dates, they should attend school as normal, where they will take part in activities with Mr Thorpe or Miss Watkins. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Football club

Year 5 and 6 footballers played very well this week in matches against St Mary's, winning three matches and drawing one. Next week, we have St Bede's away on Tuesday. The current league table is as follows.

Team	Plyd	Win	Draw	Lose	Goals for	Goals against	Goal difference	Points
Fairfields	12	5	4	3	10	6	4	19
St John's	8	3	1	4	5	10	-5	10
St Bede's	8	3	4	1	9	3	6	13
Oakridge	8	1	6	1	3	2	1	9
St Mary's	4	0	1	1	1	7	-6	1





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Dates for your diary	
Tuesday 23rd June	Year 3 Parent Showcase, 2.40pm
Thursday 25th June	Transition days at Costello and Cranbourne schools (current year 6 only)
Friday 26th June	
Friday 26th June	Year 2 trip to Living Rainforest
Tuesday 7th July	Year 2 Parent Showcase, 2.40pm
Friday 10th July	PTA Summer Fair (please note there will be no ACE (after school) club on this day)
Friday 10th July	Year 3 trip to Cholderton Farm
NEW! Tuesday 14th July	Afterschool Science Fayre on the playground (more details to follow)
Friday 17th July	Year 6 Leavers' Party, 5pm-6.30pm
Monday 20th July	Year 6 Graduation ceremony
Tuesday 21st July	Open evening, 3.30pm-6pm
Monday 20th July – Wednesday 22nd July	Transition mornings (FS to year 5)
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



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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: Friday (indoor)

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.

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 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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