



# Fairfields Primary School Newsletter

Friday 1st May 2026

Dear parents and carers,

We have been having lots of fun in school this week, with the children also demonstrating lots of 'super sitting' whilst working hard in their classrooms. We have been talking in assembly about the core values and how they make us feel, including our new core value 'belonging'. We have also been celebrating the music of Stevie Wonder in assembly this week, learning about his amazing talents and his disability.

After several incidents of school property being damaged by pupils since Easter, we have spoken to the children about the consequences of purposefully breaking or damaging school equipment. I have explained to all the children the limited money which the school is allocated to pay for all the things the children need. We heavily rely on PTA fundraising and any grants and donations we get to run the school as budgets are so tight. We spoke together about the impact breaking and damaging equipment has on all the other children in the school, and how the school will be asking children to pay for any damaged property moving forward. I hope you will support us with this issue and continue these conversations at home so that children understand the consequences of these behaviours.

This weekend is a bank holiday weekend, so school is closed on Monday. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday, and we hope you have a lovely long weekend.

Kind regards  
Mrs Vicky Hopkins



Whole school attendance (year to date): 95.3%

National average (year to date): 94.6%

Our target: 96%

## Sports Day

Sports Day is on Wednesday 17th June with the back-up day for poor weather on Thursday 18th June.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will have their Sports Day in the morning between 9am - 12pm. FS, year 1 and 2 will be in the afternoon from 1pm - 3pm.

More information for parents and spectators will be sent out nearer the time.

## Warm weather reminders

With the weather warming up, please remember to:

- send your child with a water bottle every day so that they can stay hydrated; and
- label your child's fleece/jumper/cardigan/sun hat with a permanent marker pen – this makes it much easier to reunite these items with your child.

## Donations

Thank you to everyone who brought in spare uniform this week.

Our spare uniform cupboard is now fully replenished, so we do not need any further donations at this time.

Please save any unwanted uniform however as we will be having a uniform swap in the summer term.



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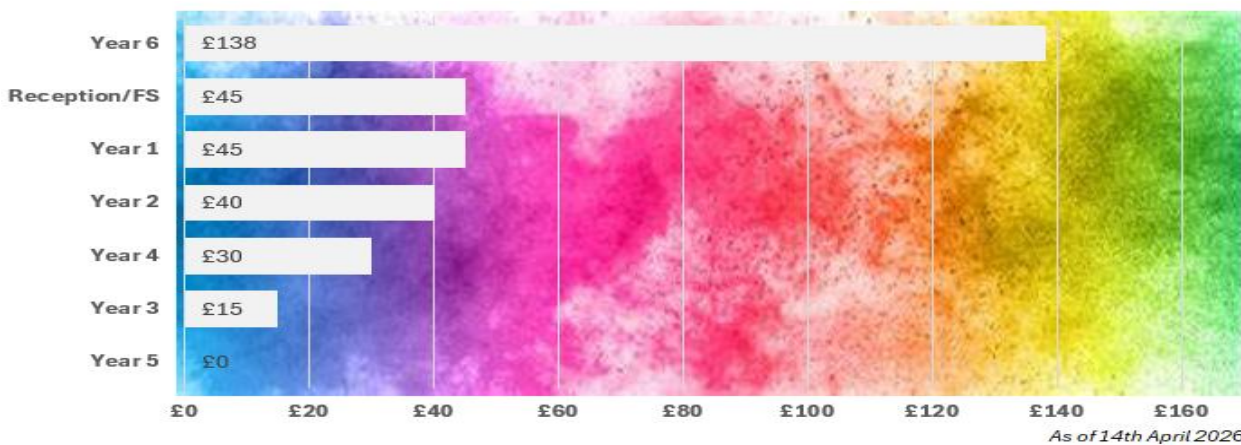
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## PTA update

**[Colour Run](#)** - 5th June - ***With 5 weeks to go Year 6 are still in the lead to win an ice cream party and non-uniform day!***

Let's see if another year group can take first place by next week! Ask your family and friends for support! You can [download a sponsorship form here](#) to share with family and friends or send them [this link](#)



Watch [this video](#) to see what it's all about. To take part your child needs to raise £5 in sponsorship. This can be completed **online** [here](#) or **hand cash into the office** (make sure you add Childs name and Year).

Additional items will be included for higher sponsorship amounts: £10: Colour Run t-shirt, £20: Extra Colour powder packet, £30: Sunglasses, £50: Splash Blaster. You do not need to pay it all in one payment. If you are unsure how much your child has raised so far, you can ask the school office or email [pta@fairfields.hants.sch.uk](mailto:pta@fairfields.hants.sch.uk).

**[Fishbowl Coin Drop](#)**: Mondays and Fridays @ drop-off and pick-up from 6th-22nd May.

**Save your coins** now to try your luck to get the coin into the cup in the fishbowl and **win 50 house points!** See more detail [here](#) and watch a video of how the game works [here](#)





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## Oracy corner

Here's this week's oracy activity to enjoy at home. Remember, you can find lots more ideas and guidance on our website in the Oracy Workshop presentation. These small, simple conversations make a big difference in helping children build confidence, vocabulary, and clear communication.

*Who left this pocket watch in the sand?  
Why is it on the beach?*



Would you rather  
be able to fly or  
be invisible?

Use your Think  
Phrase cards  
when you discuss  
this with your  
partner.



### Think Talk Phrases

#### Including your partners:

- What have we been asked to talk about?
- What do you think of this?
- Do you see what I mean?
- What about...

#### Giving your opinion:

- I think...
- I believe...
- In my opinion...
- This suggests...

#### Agreeing

- I agree because...
- To add to what was said, I think ...
- Great idea, I think so too and ....

#### Disagreeing politely:

- I don't really agree with that...
- I see what you mean, however, ...
- On the other hand...

#### Making a suggestion:

## Year group updates

**Foundation Stage** have had a super week starting their 'Transport' topic. During continuous provision, the children have been learning and using their language to discuss vehicles such as trains, boats and cars. As part of their 'Growing' topic, the children have also been planting seeds at Forest School and in our brand new greenhouse. We can't wait to watch them grow! Finally, the children really enjoyed rounding off their week by visiting Queen Mary's College's Science Centre to work on some activities based around 'Growing'. Well done, Foundation Stage on a brilliant week. Have a lovely weekend, everyone!

In **Year 1** this week, we have been comparing and ordering 2-digit numbers in maths and writing about our aliens in literacy. On Monday, we learned about how animals adapt to the winter weather in science. In history, we have been looking at the differences between our school and schools in Victorian times. We have also been learning to type in computing. A quick reminder - homework books, library books and reading books are due back in school every Wednesday. Our PE day is Thursday (outdoor) and children need to come to school in PE kit. They will need a coat if it is rainy/ cold and a sunhat if it is sunny.

**Year 2** have had a brilliant week of learning, taking on the challenge of editing photos and continuing to build their cricket skills. We would like to remind parents that this term's parent showcase will be on 7th July at 2:40 - 3:00pm. This will be your final chance to come into





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class and view what your child has been learning. Please continue to allow your children to test Numbots out at home using their TT Rockstars log in details, we can't wait to hear their feedback!

**Year 3** have been learning about angles this week in maths which has led to an investigation to see if there is a connection between the number of sides in a 2D shape and the number of angles. We have been impressed with how pupils have begun to carefully measure and name angles. Pupils have also started to make their own batik pencil cases in art and we will be painting these next week. Please do check the summer newsletter, which was emailed to you, to find out more about what we are teaching this term.

We've had another great week in **Year 4**. The children are really developing their cricket skills, and they've loved designing — and beginning to make — their own head torches in DT. We've also started our new class novel, *Cogheart*, which has already sparked lots of excitement and discussion. We'd also like to remind you about our Parent Showcase Geography Walk on Wednesday 6th May, between 9:30 and 10:30. We hope you can join us. Enjoy the long weekend.

**Year 5** have had another busy week. We have been learning about creating green screen videos. We watched a video about Industrial Revolution machinery and have created scripts about it. We have then filmed ourselves reading the scripts in front of a green screen so that we can edit the machinery behind us using video software. We hope to show you some videos in our parent showcase at the end of this half term. The children have now brought home information about our Hampton Court trip on the 15th May and their year 6 residential trip in September.

**Year 6** have had another great week at school, and we are very proud of their continued hard work and positive attitudes. A reminder that letters for the upcoming cinema trip were sent home last week. If you have not yet returned the reply slip, please do so as soon as possible. If your child requires a new copy of the letter, please ask your child's class teacher. Thank you very much to those parents, who have volunteered to walk with us on the trip. Your child's class teacher will be in touch shortly to confirm the details.

We would also like to remind you that the SATs week information meeting will take place via Zoom on **Tuesday 5th May from 4:30pm to 5:00pm**. A link for the meeting will be sent out nearer the time. In preparation for their SATs, the children have been doing lots of revision in school. Please continue to encourage your child to revise at home using either SATS bootcamp or their revision guides over the next couple of weeks as we approach SATs week!





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Dates for your diary	
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday Monday- school closed
Wednesday 6th May	Year 4 Parent Showcase, 9.30am – 10:30am
8th May – 22nd May	PTA fishbowl coin drop (Wednesdays and Fridays during drop off and pick-up)
Thursday 7th May	FS trip to Finkley Down Farm
Monday 11th May -15th May	Safeguarding week (PANTS)
Friday 15th May	Year 5 trip to Hampton Court Palace
Monday 18th May - 22nd May	Walk to School week
Tuesday 19th May	Year 6 cinema trip
Wednesday 20th May	Year 1 Parent Showcase, 2.30pm
Thursday 21st May	Year 5 Parent Showcase, 2.40pm
Monday 25th May – 29th May	Half-term (school closed)
Friday 5th June	PTA colour run (after school)
Monday 1st June	Inset day (school closed)
Wednesday 17th June	Sports Day
Thursday 18th June	Back-up Sports Day (in case of bad weather on 17th)
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)
Monday 20th July	Open evening
Monday 20th July – Wednesday 22nd July	Transition mornings (FS to year 5)
Wednesday 22nd July	Last day of Summer 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: Thursday (outdoor)

Year 2: Monday (outdoor)

Year 3: Tuesday (outdoor) and Thursday (indoor)

Year 4: Monday (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](mailto: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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