



Fairfields Primary School Newsletter

Friday 3rd July 2026

Dear parents and carers,

It has been another busy week in school and the children have been continuing to work hard, although we can see that they are getting very tired!

We are excited that, next week, a member of staff from the Discovery Centre will be visiting school on Wednesday to introduce the **Summer Reading Challenge** to the children. The challenge officially begins on **Saturday 11th July**, and we encourage all families to get involved in this fantastic opportunity to keep children reading throughout the summer. If you have any questions about the challenge or how to take part, the Discovery Centre representative will be available after school on the playground on Wednesday next week and will be happy to help.

Thank you to all the parents who have already completed the **parent survey**. If you have not yet completed this, please can I encourage you to do so. It is great to hear your views to help us to improve, and to celebrate what is going well. The link is in the text box below.

Next week is due to be another warm one. If children would prefer to wear **sports uniform** to school instead of their normal school uniform, this is not a problem. In addition, I recognise that the school sports t-shirts are dark in colour and the material is thicker. If you have a plain white t-shirt that is cooler for your child to wear instead, this is also acceptable.

Thank you for all your support as always and wishing you a restful weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Vicky Hopkins



Whole school
attendance
(year to date):
95.3%

National
average (year
to date): 94.5%

Our target: 96%

Parent Survey- please complete

We would appreciate your feedback if you could take a few minutes to answer our [annual parent survey](#). It is important to us that we gain your feedback so that we can see how we can improve as a school. It is also great to be able to celebrate with the team what is going well.

Please do take time to click on the link and share your views- we appreciate your time in doing this and ask you to encourage other parents to do the same. The survey is open until Friday 10th July.

Many thanks

ACE Kids

A reminder that there will be no ACE Kids after school club next Friday (10th July).

This is due to the summer fair.



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Warm weather reminders

With the weather forecast becoming very warm again next week, please ensure that you send your child in with:

- a refillable water bottle. If a child does not have a bottle, we will provide them with one at a cost of £1.50 which will be charged to their Arbor account;
- a sun hat; and

Please apply suncream to your child before they come to school.

Clubs

Next week will be the last week of this term for the following after school clubs: netball, rugby and athletics.

Oracy corner

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

What is happening in the picture?
What happens next?



Would you rather
discover a new
species or a new
planet?

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:

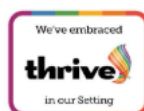
- ☐ I agree because....
- ☐ To add to what was said, I think
- ☐ Great idea, I think so too and

Disagreeing politely:

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

Making a suggestion:

- ☐ Maybe...
- ☐ It could be...
- ☐ Perhaps it means that...
- ☐ Possibly...





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Online safety during the summer holidays

Please click [here](#) for advice of how to manage screen time during the holidays. It is a very short video clip (less than two minutes).

Football club

Just a reminder that we have home games on Monday on our field until 4.45pm involving the full football squad. There is no training on Tuesday but we do have a tournament that some children are attending (see fixture list) on Thursday. Apparently, the take up has been low for this tournament so we await confirmation on Friday as to whether it is going ahead. If it is, we will leave at 3pm to go to St John's School as per the fixture list.



PTA update

[Summer Fair 10th July 3.30-6.30pm](#)

Thank you for your donations today!

We still have a few volunteer slots to fill. Please [have a look here](#) if you can help!

Even an hour of your time will be much appreciated! If you have any questions, please come and see us on the playground or email pta@fairfields.hants.sch.uk.

You can still [preorder token](#)s to be used for games, activities, craft and PTA Refreshment stall [here](#) until 6pm on Thursday, 9th July. These can be picked up as you enter the field. Alternatively, you can buy tokens on the day. Please note that the Waffle, Fish and Chip van, Bouncy Castle, Swivel Chairs and market stalls will be payment by cash or card but not tokens.

[Summer Raffle](#)

We now have **45 confirmed prizes** worth over **£1,200!** These include £100 cash, vouchers for Blue Spider Climbing, Basingstoke Tappers Friends Dance Together Experience, Oakwood Climbing, Red Spider Climbing, Sahra Bootcamp, Sara Yoga and Sara Kids Yoga, Stagecoach, Soft Play (x2), JG Dance half term scholarship (x2), Wellington Arms afternoon tea, PFT Academy 10% off parkour holiday camp (x10), PFT 2 free parkour sessions (x10), Wagamama £15 voucher (x2), Aim High 4 Day Holiday camp (x2), Vue 2 movie tickets, Aim High Holiday camp plus glass ornaments, 4 Rainbow Hampers and a BBQ Hamper! And we still expect more to be added!

[Get your £1 ticket now](#) for a chance to win while *supporting your children and our school!* Raffle tickets are sold online [here](#). The draw will be done midnight 16th July.



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Year group updates

Foundation Stage have had a busy week enjoying activities in the sunshine. We have been noticing the changing seasons as we have started our new topic about summer. The children have been enjoying the challenge of making wood cookies and drilling holes in them to make wooden medals at Forest School. We have also been reminding each other about being kind and respectful. We were very proud of how they played so gently with the nursery children during the first 'Stay and Play' sessions with the new children who are starting in September. Well done FS!

This week in **Year 1**, we have been looking at the story *Percy and the Bumpy Ride*. We have been describing Percy's flying lawnmower. In maths, we have been multiplying and dividing by sharing and grouping, and we found halves and quarters. We compared Eastrop Park and War Memorial Park by looking at what is the same and what is different. In computing, we continued learning how to program animations. Our PE day is Monday (cricket) so pupils need to come to school in PE kit.

Well done **Year 2** on a brilliant week in school. We started the week by completing our end of year tests (reading and maths) and we are very impressed with the children; they have excelled themselves! On Wednesday morning we enjoyed making our Mesopotamian inspired mosaics. Thank you to the parents who helped us sew our fabric faces on Friday afternoon - we could not have done that without you! We look forward to showing the children's mosaics, their fabric faces and some other things we have been working on in our parent showcase on Tuesday 7th July at 2.40pm. Have a nice weekend!

Year 3 really enjoyed their last swimming lesson this week. It's been wonderful to see them grow in confidence over the past five weeks. Well done year 3! We have noticed some children bringing a number of sugary snacks for breaktime lately. Please can we ask that only healthy snacks are sent to school for break. Thank you for your support.

This week in **Year 4**, we thoroughly enjoyed our Geography lesson in the Forest School area, where we explored the flora and fauna within our local biome here in Basingstoke. In English, we completed and published our narrative writing, inspired by the book *Flotsam*. The children worked incredibly hard to develop imaginative and detailed stories, and we are very proud of their efforts. In maths, we completed our final assessments, and all pupils approached it with focus and determination—well done to everyone! Have a lovely weekend.

Wow! **Year 5** have had another busy week working hard on stories and starting to learn about writing autobiographies. We are so proud of the quality of writing they are producing. On Thursday, Mr Harte and Mr Conway from Costello have visited to tell the children all about life at secondary school which led to lots of questions from the children. Next week,





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weather permitting, we are going to the top of town on Thursday to conduct a traffic survey. We expect the whole trip to only take 30 minutes and we don't need parents to do anything; we just wanted to inform you. Next week, we will be covering the puberty aspects of our PSHE work so the children may have further questions at home.

Year 6 have had a fantastic week. They have been continuing to work hard in their English and Maths lessons, and preparations are well underway for their exciting leavers' performance, which will take place at the graduation. A reminder that the Year 6 Graduation will take place on Monday 20th July, beginning at 5pm and finishing at 6:30pm. We also have our Year 6 Leavers' Party coming up on Friday 17th July, and we are looking for parent volunteers to help on the day. If you are available to assist, please let your child's class teacher know. The theme for the party is Beach Party. If you have any decorations or props at home that fit this theme and you would be happy to lend for the evening, please also inform your child's class teacher.

Looking ahead to next week, we will be completing our Changing Me PSHE unit during the mornings from Monday to Thursday. You should have received a letter about this earlier in the year, and we have re-sent this letter again this week. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.





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Dates for your diary	
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
Tuesday 14th July	After school 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
Monday 21st - Wednesday 23rd September	Year 6 residential
NEW! Monday 5th October	Parents evening, 3.40pm – 6pm
NEW! Wednesday 14th October	Parents evening, 3.40pm – 6pm
NEW! Thursday 22nd October	Individual photos (Fraser Portraits)
NEW! Monday 26th - Friday 30th October	Half term
NEW! Monday 2nd November	Inset day (school closed)
NEW! 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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