



Fairfields Primary School Newsletter

Friday 18th July 2025

Dear parents and carers,

We have enjoyed our last full week of school with our art week, and of course transition week. The children have been amazing at moving up to their new classes and meeting their new teachers, and we look forward to a super start with them all in September. Thank you for popping in for Open Evening on Monday and celebrating your child's achievements with us, and meeting their new teachers. We are very proud of the children for everything they have achieved this year!

Well done to our year 6 House Captains for representing the school in our visit to Ashcombe House this week, our local residential home. They were incredible at working with the residents to do flower arranging and balloon tennis! We had great fun, and so did the residents. We hope the Gazette will be sharing this story soon.

We look forward to seeing you for our final two days next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Vicky Hopkins



Whole school
attendance:
94.6%

National
average:
94.5%

Our target:
96%

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? We have a large number of fleeces and jumpers as well as water bottles and lunch boxes. These will be disposed of in the summer so if your child has lost something please have a quick look before the end of term.
- 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.
- Have you checked for any library or school reading books? If you know or think that you have books somewhere at home, please search high and low for these.

The children return to school for the first day of the autumn term on Friday 5th September.

Menu change

The menu will change on Monday and Tuesday next week.

On Monday 21st it will be the year 6 leavers choice of chicken nuggets or pizza followed by chocolate pudding.

On Tuesday 22nd it will be fish and chips or sweet potato curry followed by a selection of desserts.



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PE kit for September

Liss Sport have asked us to remind parents that the deadline for PE kit orders for delivery in time for the beginning of term is tomorrow (Saturday 19th July 2025). Orders can be placed here: <https://www.lissport.co.uk/Fairfields>

TTRockstars 'Hero of Heroes'

Our annual 'Hero of Heroes' event will take place on the last day of term in the morning. We currently have 30 pupils who are Rock Heroes and are therefore eligible to take part and compete for medals. If they check, they should find that they have been placed in one of four groups: silver, orange, pink or purple. Miss Warwick will run two heats which will be silver v orange and then pink v purple. The winners of each group will then play in the final.

Summer Reading Challenge - Saturday 12th July to Saturday 13th September 2025

The Summer Reading Challenge is a fun and engaging way to keep young minds active during the holidays, helping to build confidence, improve reading skills, and spark a lifelong love of books. Signing up is easy – visit the Discovery Centre in Basingstoke or register online (summerreadingchallenge.org.uk) to get started. With exciting rewards, themed activities, and a chance to explore new stories, the Summer Reading Challenge is a fantastic opportunity for children to stay inspired all summer long. This year, we are also running a competition at school linked to the Summer reading challenge and will be giving the class with the most children completing the reading challenge £50 to spend on their reading corner.

PTA update

We would like to invite all parents, carers and teachers to our AGM on 6th October at 7pm. Please save the date to hear about funds raised by the PTA, how funds are supporting our children's time at the school and for you chance to give us new ideas for events next year. We will also elect our committee and trustees. Dial in details will be published in the new year.

You can help Fairfields Primary Association (which is Fairfields Primary School PTA) WIN a £500 donation prize in easyfundraising's giveaway this month. We will get a FREE entry each time a new supporter signs up. Over 8,000 retailers will make a donation on your behalf when you shop with them. All the big names like booking.com, Tui, Hotels.com, Sainsbury's, M&S, Argos, Just Eat and many more are ready to donate at no extra cost to you. Every donation will help us! Please sign up today [here](#).



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Football club

At the time of writing, we are still awaiting the return of the year 6 football kit from some families. Hopefully, by the time you read this, all the kit will be back. We will then return the deposits. Year 5 parents have already received theirs.

The final league table for our year 5 and 6 matches is shown below:

Team	Plyd	Win	Draw	Lose	Goals for	Goals against	Goal diff	Pts
St Bede's	12	8	4	0	10	0	10	28
Park View	12	5	5	2	12	3	9	20
Fairfields	12	2	4	6	3	10	-7	10
St John's	12	0	5	7	1	13	-12	5

Year group updates

Foundation Stage have had a super transition week and were very excited to visit their new classrooms and meet their new Year 1 teachers this week. They spent the morning in their new classes and completed some fun activities too. They have also been working hard on a project for Art Week. They have been making and painting a nature-inspired figure using stencils and they made a background scene for it to go onto. It was fun to go to the other classes and see their projects too! Well done, Foundation Stage! Have a lovely weekend!



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Year 1 had a great time in their new classrooms this week. It has been lovely to hear about what they are looking forward to in Year 2. Thank you for an amazing year. We are so proud of all your achievements and hard work this year. Have a fantastic summer. From everyone in the Year 1 team.

Well done **Year 2**! We are so proud of how well you embraced transition week and it is lovely to see how excited you are for year 3! This week has also been art week, and your artwork is excellent! We look forward to spending the final 2 days of year 2 with you next week. On Monday afternoon, we will be having a bonus PE lesson. Please make sure your child is wearing PE kit and comes to school wearing sun cream and with a hat and bottle. Have a nice weekend!

Year 3 had a fantastic time during their transition morning into Year 4, settling in confidently and getting to know their new teacher. It's been wonderful to see their excitement and growing confidence as they prepare for the year ahead. In the afternoons, children showed great enthusiasm and creativity, especially during Arts Week, where they explored new textures and imaginative ideas. Well done year 3!

Year 4 have had a fantastic final full week! They really enjoyed their transition sessions and meeting their new teachers. The children also worked hard on their multimedia art pieces, creating beautiful underwater scenes as part of our arts week. On Monday, the children will be bringing home all their old books and test papers from this year. Please ensure they bring a bag to school to help carry everything home. Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

After our enjoyable afternoon on the field painting trees last week, **Year 5** this week turned their attention to Art Week activities. The children have created painted papers using different implements such as forks and straws to create the background of their picture and they have learnt vector drawing using PowerPoint to create some beautiful flowers for the foreground. Four pictures are to be selected for a special school display. The children have also enjoyed spending three mornings with their new teacher.

We are excited to share some important details about the upcoming events for **Year 6** students!

Leavers Celebration - Monday, 21st July:

The Leavers Celebration will be held from 5pm to 7pm. We ask that students arrive by 4.30 pm to allow time to get into their costumes for the event. Please ensure your child arrives in a plain white t-shirt and black trousers or leggings, along with trainers or PE footwear.

Shirt Signing & Teddy Bear Picnic - Tuesday, 22nd July:

Children are welcome to bring a spare white t-shirt and pens on Tuesday for signing shirts. Please note that shirts being worn cannot be signed. During the day, Year 6 will also enjoy a fun teddy bear picnic with their FS buddies. Children may bring one teddy bear or soft toy animal if they wish. There is no need to bring food, as everything will be provided for them.



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Year 6 Leavers parade- Tuesday 22nd July

Please join us after school on Tuesday 22nd July to cheer the year 6 pupils as they leave the building and parade in the playground.

Thank you for your support in making these events memorable for our Year 6 students. We look forward to celebrating with them!

Dates for your diary	
Monday 21st July	Year 6 Graduation (5pm-7pm)
Tuesday 22nd July	Last day of summer term
Wednesday 3rd September	Inset day – school closed
Thursday 4th September	Inset day – school closed
Friday 5th September	First day of Autumn term
Monday 22nd September – Wednesday 24th September	Year 6 (current year 5) residential trip to Runways End
NEW! Friday 3rd October	Year 5 (current year 4) Gilbert White trip
NEW! Monday 27th October – Monday 3rd November	Half term (school closed)
NEW! Thursday 6th November	Individual photos with Fraser Portraits
NEW! Monday 10th November	Parent's evening, 3.40pm-6pm
NEW! Wednesday 19th November	Parent's evening, 3.40pm-6pm
NEW! Friday 19th December	Last day of term
NEW! Monday 5th January	Inset day – school closed
NEW! Tuesday 6th January	First day of Spring term
NEW! Wednesday 4th February – Friday 6th February	Year 4 (current year 3) residential to Ufton Court



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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 autumn term will be confirmed in the first week back in September.