



Fairfields Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6th March 2026

Dear parents and carers,

We have had an enjoyable Book Week in school. We are sorry that the weather has delayed our book swap after school today (we will rearrange this for next week) but we really enjoyed the activities throughout the week, especially seeing the children's costumes on Thursday. We hope your child enjoys the book they brought home too, and thank you to the PTA for funding this.

The week has been full of celebrations with our Chinese New Year activities after school last Friday and our Holi event this week. Thank you to all the parents and staff who made these events so much fun and helped us to celebrate the diversity across our community. We look forward to Eid and Easter celebrations in the coming weeks.

Next week we look forward to more fun with our science week in school!

Have a lovely, restful weekend and we will see you all on Monday.

Kind regards
Mrs Vicky Hopkins



Whole school
attendance
(year to date):
95.2%

National
average (year
to date): 94.6%

Our target:
96%

Oracy workshop - invitation to all parents

As part of our ongoing school development work, we want to invite parents and carers in to school to share the oracy work which is supporting the development of language in the school. Oracy refers to the development and use of oral or spoken language skills. It involves the ability to express yourself fluently and coherently and is vital to support children's literacy. We would like to invite you in to see oracy in action in your child's classroom and then bring you to the hall to find out how you can support this work at home to help your child's language and vocabulary development, which will support their writing progress.

On Wednesday 11th March, years 3, 4, 5 and 6 parents are invited in from 9.00-9.30. Please come to the office doors for a 9am start for us to welcome you in.

On Wednesday 11th March, Foundation Stage, year 1 and year 2 parents are invited in from 2.30-3.00. Please come to the office doors for a 2.30pm start for us to welcome you in.

Please note that if you are late to a session, you may miss the activity in the classrooms with your child.

We hope to do a further similar event in the summer term around reading.

We hope you can join us then and thank you for your support.



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World Book Day

The whole school enjoyed celebrating World Book Day on Thursday and we saw some amazing costumes and pyjamas in school. Here is a picture of our members of staff joining in with the fun!



Sharing the joy of reading – thank you, PTA!

The children were very excited to bring home their special World Book Day book this week, and we are delighted that every child was able to receive one. These books were funded entirely through the generous support of our PTA, using money raised from recent fundraising events. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all parents and carers for your continued involvement and enthusiasm, your contributions make a real difference to the opportunities we can offer the children.



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Girls' football match

The girls who attend Aim High afterschool football sessions played their first friendly match against St John's Primary this week. The girls played amazingly and showed the school core values throughout with their teamwork and celebration of goals. It was a very close game, and they all played incredibly well with St John's winning 9-6. An amazing effort girls! Well done to Aubrey, Astrid, Ceyda, Cynthia, Dhakshita, Emilie, Emily F, Mabel, Phoebe C, Robiyabonu and Vatsalya.

Warmer weather reminders

Now that the weather is warming up, please make sure that your child brings a named water bottle to school every day. The office can provide a basic water bottle for a charge of £1.50. Please also ensure that any fleeces, cardigans and jumpers are clearly named with a permanent pen as the children are now beginning to remove them when playing outside; it is much quicker to return items to the children when we can clearly see who they belong to. Thank you.

School teams

We have spaces available on the following teams:

Rugby – years 4 to 6 – Thursdays – 8 places

Athletics – years 4 to 6 – Thursdays – 2 places

Year 3/4 netball - Tuesdays – 6 places

Choir – years 2 to 6 - 6 places

These teams are free of charge but do require a weekly commitment from your child. Please contact the School Office to book a place.



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PTA update

Thank you all for joining into our Holi celebration! Holi is celebrated on the last full moon in the lunar month of Phalguna. This Hindu festival celebrates spring, love, and new life. It's a colourful festival, with dancing, singing and throwing of powder paint and coloured water. Holi is also known as the "festival of colours".

It was great to see the children have fun creating colourful pieces and enjoying a few sweets! We hope the weather will allow us to enjoy the now brightly coloured sheets for a bit longer...

Also, a big thank you for everyone that made a [donation](#) to the PTA.



Year group updates

Foundation Stage have had a super second week learning about how to keep themselves healthy in different ways. We talked about how healthy eating (a balanced diet), exercise, sleep and personal hygiene are all very important. In Drawing Club, the children have been looking at the story *The Ugly Duckling*, drawing characters from the story and practising their writing. In maths, we have been looking at 2D shapes and their properties and how to sort them by their properties. We loved World Book Day this week and it was great to share our favourite books with each other. Well done, Foundation Stage! Have a lovely weekend!

Year 1 had a great time this week celebrating Book Week! We talked about what to do when we feel angry like Ravi in *Ravi's Roar* and we have continued to look at the different Colour Monsters. On Tuesday, we spent some time reading our favourite books with year 2. It was great to see the World Book Day costumes and be able to share our favourite books with each other on Thursday. Both classes are very close to completing the 100 books challenge - well done year 1! Next week is Science Week- we are looking forward to doing lots of science activities.





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Well done **Year 2** on another excellent week in school. We have been enjoying doing a few extra reading activities as part of Book Week and loved seeing all the fantastic costumes on World Book Day! Next week we start our end of term testing. Our reading tests will take place on Monday and Tuesday morning. If your child is not in school, they will have to catch up at a separate time so please ensure your child is in school unless they are unwell. Have a nice weekend.

This week has been a wonderful one in **Year 3!** The children looked fantastic in their World Book Day costumes, and they absolutely loved sharing their favourite books and talking about the stories that inspire them. We've also been busy in Design and Technology, exploring how levers work and beginning to plan our own moving mechanisms. Over the next couple of weeks, the children will be using these skills to create a lovely spring-themed card featuring a simple lever—something we're sure they'll be excited to bring home and share with you.

Year 4 had a brilliant week celebrating World Book Week! The children have enjoyed exploring the book *The Creakers*, practising colour-blending in art, starting our new decimal numbers unit in maths, and beginning our science investigation on liquids and gases. Thank you to everyone who attended parents' evening on Monday. If you still need an appointment, please book through the Office or speak to us after school. We'd also like to invite you to our Parent Showcase on Tuesday 17th March, 14:40–15:00, where you can join your child in painting in the style of Paul Goldstein. Have a lovely weekend!

Year 5 have had a busy and exciting time this week as they have been attempting to collect lots of points in Mathletics in our week-long competition. At the time of writing, Cairo is first in the world! Both classes have managed to get children on the national leaderboards too. There are lovely medals on offer and the competition finishes on Sunday evening at 7pm. We had a messy afternoon on Wednesday, as both classes painted their tripod spaceships, inspired by our reading of *War of the Worlds*. This is also providing a stimulus for our story writing. Finally, thank you to the children who have brought in scary stories to share for book week. We are learning some great story writing techniques from them. If you haven't already done so, please send in reply slips for our Science Centre visit on 18th March.

Year 6 have had a great week, and we are really proud of them for their focus and determination during our final set of SATs practice tests. We will aim to share the results of these practice tests with you by the end of the half term. We will also be sending home the practice papers so that the children can use them for revision over the Easter break if they wish. This week, your child will have brought home a letter about our upcoming Spring Walk with our FS buddies. Please could you return the reply slip as soon as possible. If you are





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able to volunteer to join us on the walk, please indicate this on the slip or let your child's class teacher know.

Dates for your diary	
Wednesday 11 th March	Parent oracy workshop and class activity with your child (9.00 KS2 and 2.30 FS and KS1)
NEW! Tuesday 17 th March	Year 4 Parent Showcase, 2.40pm
Wednesday 18 th March	Year 5 trip to Winchester Science Centre
Friday 20 th March	Year 1 trip to Marwell Zoo
Monday 23 rd March	Year 5 Parent Showcase, 2.30pm
Tuesday 24 th March	Year 2 Parent Showcase, 2.40pm
Thursday 26 th March	Year 1 Parent Showcase, 2.30pm
NEW! Thursday 26 th March	Year 4 science trip to QMC (Canberra in the morning, New Delhi in the afternoon)
Thursday 26 th March	Last day of term
Friday 27 th March	Inset day – school closed
Monday 13 th April	Start of the Summer term
Friday 1 st May	Reports issued (years 1 to 6)
Thursday 7 th May	FS trip to Finkley Down Farm
Monday 11 th May -15 th May	Safeguarding week (PANTS)
Monday 18 th May - 22 nd May	Walk to School week
Monday 25 th May – 29 th May	Half-term (school closed)
Monday 1 st June	Inset day (school closed)





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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 are as follows:

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 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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