



Fairfields Primary School Newsletter

Friday 22nd May 2026

Dear parents and carers,

I can't quite believe that we are at the end of another half term! The weeks are flying by as we quickly approach the end of the school year.

We were delighted to see so many of your faces at the Junior Parkrun on Sunday. Fairfields definitely made it clear that it was a 'Fairfields Takeover' week! The children were brilliant and we loved cheering them on. Well done to all the parents who ran too!! Thank you to Miss Bradley for coordinating the event, and to the parents and staff who volunteered their time at the weekend. If you have not been before, the Junior Parkrun is held every Sunday morning and is a great event to engage children in fitness, and a great community to be part of.

As we end the half term, I want to celebrate all the achievements of all the children so far this year. It is amazing watching them grow and progress. Thank you to all the staff for all their hard work in making this happen, and for caring for your children. They really are the most wonderful team who go above and beyond! Thank you to you all for all your help too. We truly appreciate all your support and kindness.

We hope you all have a wonderful half term break, and enjoy the sunshine! The school is closed to pupils on Monday 1st June for our final INSET day of the school year, so we look forward to seeing you all back on Tuesday 2nd June.

Best wishes
Mrs Vicky Hopkins



Whole school attendance (year to date): 95.4%

National average (year to date): 94.7%

Our target: 96%

Toys in school

We have noticed an increase in children bringing toys in from home and we would like to remind you that we discourage this for a number of reasons. We know from experience that when children bring in toys this can lead to arguments between children, upset if a toy is lost or damaged and disruption during lessons. Children also get upset when they 'swap' toys like football or pokemon cards, or figures, and then change their mind and want them back. If your child brings a toy into school, it may be taken by their teacher and returned to them at the end of the day.

We have recognised that Rubix Cubes have become an interest and can see that the children have sensibly been using these on the playground at lunchtimes and breaktimes to teach each other. We are happy for this to continue but we can not take responsibility if these are lost or broken and do not allow these in the classroom.

Some children have a 'focus' toy which they may access during lesson time. These are provided by the school and Miss Moore, our Inclusion Manager, will have made you aware if your child has one of these. Focus toys are kept in the classroom and must not be brought onto the playground.



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Oracy corner

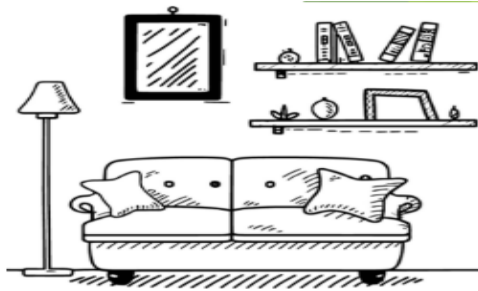
Here's this week's oracy activity to enjoy at home. Remember, you can find lots more ideas and guidance on our website in the Oracy Workshop presentation. These small, simple conversations make a big difference in helping children build confidence, vocabulary, and clear communication.



Pictionary!

Describe this picture to your child while they draw it on their paper. Make sure you include a lot of detail in your explanation.

Banned words: big and soft



Which one does not belong? Why?



Nut-free school

A reminder that we are a **nut-free school** and therefore children must not bring in any foods containing any type of nut. We have a number of children with severe allergies and the presence of nuts has the potential to trigger a severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis).

If you are unsure if a food item contains nuts, please check the ingredients list or replace it with an item that you are sure does not contain nuts.

Free school meals – are you eligible?

[Free school meals](#) are available to pupils whose parents/carers are in receipt of certain means-tested benefits, such as Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, or Universal Credit with a household income of under £7,400 a year after tax. Eligibility also extends to those receiving Child Tax Credit (without Working Tax Credit) with a gross annual income of no more than £16,190.

To check if you are eligible, please call into the Office where we will be able to give you a form to complete and return. We will then be able to let you know if you meet the criteria.

All children in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 are automatically entitled to free school meals, but by registering for free meals **we can also raise an extra £1,320 per child from central government for your child's primary school, to fund valuable support and resources in the classroom.**



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PTA update

 [Colour Run](#) - 5th June – Sign-up via Sponsorship has now closed 

You can still [buy a ticket](#) to take part in the run wearing their own white/light t-shirt and get covered in colour powder for £5 [here](#).

We will be publishing the winners of the non-uniform day and ice cream party after half-term.

[NEW World Cup 2026 Sweepstake!](#)

Win a **Happy Days beer & snack hamper** by predicting most accurately: Circle the Group Winners, World Cup Winner, Runner-Up, Third Place, Most Goals Scored, Top Goalscorer, Earliest Red Card, Highest Scoring Match.

Only £2 per entry — enter as many times as you like! Enter [online here](#) or [download this form](#) and hand cash into school office. Thank you to our sponsor www.happydaysdrinks.co.uk!

Help us make our PTA banner extra special!



We are planning to have a large banner with information about upcoming events, funds raised and donated to school. A standard background seems too boring to us. So, we need your help creating a display using children's self-portraits!

- Step 1: Grab a white piece of paper
- Step 2: Grab a 400g (diameter 7.5cm) can of beans or other pulses your choice
- Step 3: Use colourful and thick marker pens and draw a circle around the can
- Step 4: Give your child(ren) colourful marker pens and ask them to create a self-portrait using the circle as their face shape (see examples above)
- Step 5: Hand it into the school office or take a picture and email it to fairfieldspta@gmail.com.

We are so excited to see the results!

[Volunteer Sign up for Summer Fair 10th July is now open!](#)

As always, we rely on volunteers to make events happen. So please have a look if you can help out and sign up [here](#).



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Year group updates

Foundation Stage have been busy creating and continuing their learning on animals this week. To celebrate World Bee Day this week we started making mini honeycombs using pasta. They look brilliant! In Drawing Club, they studied the story *Dear Zoo* and drew and wrote about the different animals in the story. In maths the children have been continuing their work on numbers beyond 20. Please can we remind parents to check what their children are bringing into school. We have had a lot of toys from home and sweets coming into school in bags and these are not appropriate for the school day. Have a lovely half term break and we'll see you all again soon!

Happy Half Term **Year 1!** This week, we have been looking at different stories and their morals in RE. In one of our Thrive Time sessions this week, we have made our own 'proud clouds', celebrating things we are proud of. It was lovely to see the topic homework on Wednesday, well done year 1! The latest phonics assessment has been sent home this week. Don't forget to keep reading over half term, Sora and Oxford Owl are always available online with log ins in the back of homework books. Our War Memorial Park visit is on Tuesday 23rd June (AM) and parent volunteers are needed - please let us know if you can come. After half term, **our PE day is changing to Monday** (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.

Well done **Year 2**, you have worked hard this week to complete your poems about the sea. We are very impressed with some of the children's rhyming skills! In maths, we have been consolidating skills we have learnt this term. Please continue to practice telling the time with your child - **all** children need to be able to identify o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past on an analogue clock. **Most** children should be able to read the time to the nearest 5 minutes (5 past, 10 to etc..) on an analogue clock. We enjoyed sharing children's topic homework in school this week, thank you for supporting your children to do this at home. A reminder that permission slips for the Rainforest Trip are due back on Friday 5th June. If you need a new form, or require support with paying for the trip, please contact Miss Facey or Miss Bradley and we will be happy to help. Have a lovely half term and enjoy the sunshine!

Year 3 have worked on improving their handwriting and we have seen some lovely joined up letters when we published our story endings based on the book *Skeleton Keys*. Hopefully this will lead to some handwriting pen awards soon. Pupils have learnt about symmetry in shapes and are getting confident naming the properties of 3D shapes. Thank you for your support creating some brilliant topic homework this half-term! After half-term we will be launching our new book *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* which will include taste testing different chocolates. If you do not wish your child to take part or they have a food allergy we are not already aware of, please let us know. Have a restful and sunny holiday next week.



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Year 4 have had a great final week of the half term. They have completed their standard task – writing a descriptive narrative about *Cogheart*. They have also enjoyed learning about creation stories in RE and comparing stories from many religions. We hope you enjoy the head torches that they have brought home. For safety reasons, please ensure the children do not wear them on their heads for long periods of time. We have checked that they are secure, but the battery can become warm. Next term, we will be completing a new art topic using wires. If you are able, please consider making a donation to the school to help cover the cost of materials. We are suggesting a £1–£2 contribution, which can be paid via Arbor or in cash at the office. Also next half term, Year 4's PE day is changing to Thursday. It will still be cricket on the field. Please ensure the children come dressed appropriately for the weather, with a water bottle, sun hat, and sun cream applied before school. Have a wonderful half term.

We have had another busy week in **Year 5**. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our parent showcase: we shared our letter and poetry writing, video editing with green screen, drama, art and Athletics success. We have focused on poetry this week, writing the tale of a plastic bag making its way to the sea and the children have been producing some super poems. The children also had a workshop teaching the skills of video editing and have created videos using green screen techniques. Congratulations to Jan, Anahita, Donnell and Aarsh for having their revolution letters selected to send to Oxford University, King Charles and the Prime Minister.

The children have brought home a chart to record their family's screen time for a week as part of our PSHE topic. We are not asking them to bring this back in and it is entirely up to you if you do it. We are just encouraging the children to think a little more about how much time is spent looking at screens and how this can affect them physically and mentally.

Year 6 have had another fantastic week and have been working incredibly hard with their *Harry Potter*-themed writing. They have shown just how creative and imaginative they can be, and we have been very impressed with their efforts. We hope everyone has a very restful and fun half term break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back for the Summer 2 term. Please could any reply slips for the party be returned as soon as possible when we return to school.





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Dates for your diary	
Monday 25th May – 29th May	Half-term (school closed)
Monday 1st June	Inset day (school closed)
Week beginning 1st June	Safeguarding week (PANTS)
Friday 5th June	PTA colour run (after school)
NEW! Monday 15th June	Year 6 Bake Sale on the playground after school
Wednesday 17th June	Sports Day
Thursday 18th June	Back-up Sports Day (in case of bad weather on 17th)
Tuesday 23rd June	Year 3 Parent Showcase, 2.40pm
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
Friday 17th July	Year 6 Leavers' Party, 5pm-6.30pm
NEW! Monday 20th July	Year 6 Graduation ceremony
Tuesday 21st 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: 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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