



Fairfields Primary School Newsletter

Friday 10th July 2026

Dear parents and carers,

The weeks are flying by as we quickly approach the end of term. The staff and children have continued to work hard with a week of school trips, visiting guests and workshops, outdoor learning, end of year testing and general fun!

Summer Reading Challenge

This week, a representative from the Discovery Centre visited school to introduce the Summer Reading Challenge to the children. The challenge starts on **Saturday 11th July**, and we encourage all families to visit the discovery centre in Festival Place and take part. Children who complete the challenge can earn certificates and medals, and their new class teachers would love to see these achievements in September! Local schools compete to see how many children from each school can complete the challenge. Let's see if Fairfields can get to the top of the leaderboard again!

Summer Fair

Thank you so much to everyone who has helped the Summer Fair to be such a success. Despite the very warm weather through the whole week, there has been a dedicated team of parents and staff who have worked hard to ensure that the event can go ahead. We are so grateful for your support, and we hope everyone had a great time!

Uniform Swap donations

If you have any unwanted but good quality uniform as we reach the end of term, we would be grateful for it to be donated to the school by Friday 17th July. On Open Evening, on Tuesday 21st July, we will put this uniform out for people to take as part of our annual uniform swap.

Many thanks for your ongoing support- it is truly appreciated.

Mrs Vicky Hopkins



Whole school
attendance
(year to date):
95.3%

National
average (year
to date): 94.5%

Our target: 96%



Science Fayre

Join us straight after school on **Tuesday 14th July** for our exciting Science Fayre on the playground! There will be a variety of fun, hands-on science activities for children and families to enjoy together, from finding your

heartbeat to making circuits and catching bubbles.

We look forward to seeing you there for some scientific fun!

Online safety resource

Please see this [Parent Online Safety booklet](#), which includes an overview of key parental controls.



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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, jumpers and cardigans 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.



Children's Commissioner survey

The Children's Commissioner is asking for as many children as possible to take part in her national survey, '[The Big Future](#)', to have their say on what it is like to be a child in England today. These views will be taken to the Government to help them make life better for children. Please use the link if you would like your child to access this.

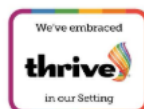
Oracy corner

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

Can you spot the 5 differences?



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PTA update

Summer Fair 10th July

We hope you all had a great time at the fair!

Special thank you to everyone who volunteered or performed at the fair! We know it was hot, so really appreciate your help in making this fair a success!

Summer Raffle - Closing midnight 16th July

We now have **50+ confirmed prizes** to win worth over **£1,500!** These include £100 cash, vouchers for Blue Spider Climbing, 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, Free Zumba session with Greta plus Glass ornaments, several Rainbow Hampers and a BBQ Hamper!

Get your £1 ticket here for a chance to win while *supporting your children and our school!* **Raffle tickets are sold online here.** Draw will be done midnight 16th July automatically by the Peoplefundraising website. Their raffle system picks winners at random and winners will be sent an email. We will also publish the winner list Friday 17th July. If you have not received your Raffle Ticket confirmation email, please check your junk folder and if still not found email pta@fairfields.hants.sch.uk.

Year group updates

Foundation Stage have had a super week this week. They have enjoyed welcoming the new FS children during their Stay and Play sessions or doing some fun activities with Mrs Gallagher. The children have been learning the story *The Night Pirates* in Drawing Club and practising their sentence writing too. Next week, the children will be completing balance bike training with their class teacher. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions. Well done, Foundation Stage! Have a lovely weekend!

This week in **Year 1**, we showed good teamwork in cricket on Monday - taking it in turns to practice batting and fielding. In science, we have been learning about edible plants and which parts of different plants you can eat. We have also learned about landmarks from the four countries of the UK. Next week we will be going to forest school on Friday morning. Pupils will need to wear trainers, sun cream, a sun hat and bring a water bottle. Topic homework can be brought in on Wednesday.

Thank you to all the **Year 2** parents who came and supported the children in their showcase of 'Survival'. The children have worked super hard on their art, design and technology and writing, they really enjoyed sharing these with you! We are looking forward to the final full





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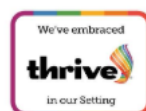
week in year 2 and hope the children enjoy some of the fun learning we have planned. Rest up over the weekend and please come to school with water and fans if you have them on Monday.

Year 3 had a fantastic time on their trip to Cholderton Farm and coped brilliantly with the hot weather throughout the day. The children loved meeting and learning about all the different animals, and they especially enjoyed getting up close to them and finding out how they are cared for. Their hands-on experience at the farm has really helped bring their learning to life and has given them lots of ideas and facts to include in their reports about farm animals. It was a memorable day full of learning, fun and enthusiasm.

Year 4 have had a great week! In English, we have written and performed our own poems inspired by the book *Flotsam*. In Art, we have started creating the final piece of our artwork inspired by Hokusai's *The Great Wave*. Using wire, the children have begun exploring how to create a three-dimensional representation of the famous wave. In Maths, we have started learning about 3D shapes and their properties, identifying features such as faces, edges and vertices. A reminder that next Wednesday is our topic homework share afternoon. If your child has completed any topic homework, please bring it in to share with the class. Have a lovely weekend!

As the year draws to the close, **Year 5** have been busy writing autobiographies pretending that they are Rosa Parks. They have responded really well to our study of this inspirational lady. Now, we are moving on to ask them to predict their own futures and imagine that they become famous. We have started to plot out their imaginary, exciting futures leading to success and fame! They are then going to turn these into autobiographies. It would be great if you could help your child think up imaginary stories of what could happen to them. We have also been focusing on the puberty elements of 'Changing Me' this week so this may lead to further questions at home.

As we look ahead to next week, we have a few important reminders about upcoming **Year 6** leavers' and end-of-year events. On Friday 17th July, Year 6 will be meeting their buddies for a Teddy Bear Picnic in the afternoon. The school will provide a snack, so children do not need to bring their own. If they wish, they may bring one teddy or soft toy to join them for the picnic. Also on Friday 17th July, we will be holding the Year 6 Leavers' Party from 5pm to 6.30pm. Please ensure that children do not arrive before 5pm, and that all children are collected by an adult at the end of the party. No child should walk home from this event. The party will have a beach party theme. Children may dress to the theme or simply wear something comfortable. Please note that swimwear is not permitted, and children must wear safe footwear suitable for the disco.





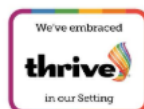
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As part of the celebration, we will take an individual photo of each child as they arrive. These will be printed on glossy photo paper and given to the children the following week as a keepsake. We will also giving the children the opportunity to take fun photos with their friends with our camera. These photos will also be printed for the children to take home.

This means that if your child appears in another child's 'photobooth style' picture, that child may take home a photo with your child in it. If you would prefer that this does not happen, please let us know and we will ensure no photos featuring your child are shared with others. We will also take a Year 6 group photo. If you do not wish your child to be included in this, as it will be shared with all children in the year group, please inform your child's class teacher.

Finally, our Year 6 Graduation and Leavers' Show will take place on Monday 20th July at Carnival Hall from 5pm to 6.30pm. If you have any questions about any of these events, please speak to your child's class teacher.





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Dates for your diary	
Tuesday 14th July	After school Science Fayre on the playground
Friday 17th July	Year 6 Leavers' Party, 5pm-6.30pm
Monday 20th July	Year 6 Graduation ceremony, 5pm-6.30pm
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
Monday 5th October	Parents evening, 3.40pm – 6pm
Wednesday 14th October	Parents evening, 3.40pm – 6pm
Thursday 22nd October	Individual photos (Fraser Portraits)
Monday 26th - Friday 30th October	Half term
Monday 2nd November	Inset day (school closed)
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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