



# Fairfields Primary School Newsletter

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Dear parents and carers,

We have had an enjoyable week in school and the children continue to work hard with their learning. We have spoken this week about 'super sitting' when we are working in the classroom so that we can do our best work and, much like 'fantastic walking' which we introduced recently, 'super sitting' is now a Fairfields expectation.

We love to celebrate the children's achievements in school, but also their achievements outside school too. If your child has done something outside school, we would love to hear about it and celebrate it on our school website. Please feel free to send in any photos you are happy to have shared and we can add them to our website celebration page.

Can I remind everyone that we are a nut free school and ask that you do not bring any nut products onto the school site. We have several children in school who have severe nut allergies so it is vital that we can work together to keep our whole school community safe.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and thank you for your continued support.  
Mrs Vicky Hopkins



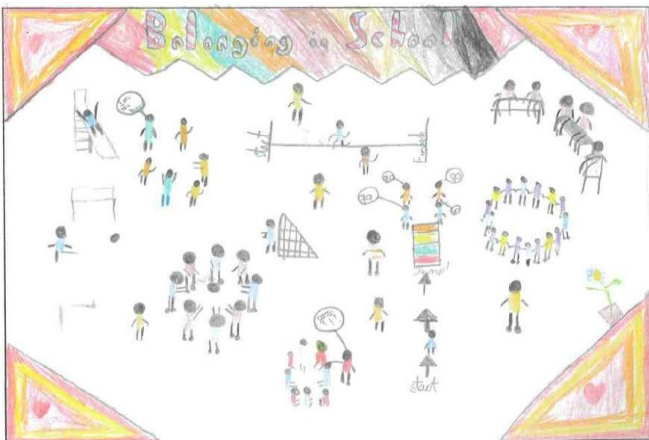
Whole school attendance (year to date): 95.3%

National average (year to date): 94.6%

Our target: 96%

## Competition winners: 'Belonging'

Congratulations to Ekaansh in London class and Shraman in Ottawa class for winning the belonging competition. The House Captains looked at all the entries and decided together which designs best represented 'belonging'. They designed two wonderful images to help us represent our new school value and these will be put up in all classrooms soon. Well done!



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## Starting school in September 2026

If your child has been offered a place to start with us in Foundation Stage in September 2026, please bring their ID documents (birth certificate or passport AND proof of address) into the school office as soon as possible to accept their place and collect your information pack.

## Deadline for ordering class photos

The deadline for ordering photos with free delivery to school is **Sunday 26th April**. We expect photos to arrive at school around the middle of May and they will then be sent home with your child. Photos can be ordered after this deadline but you will need to pay the delivery charge.

## Donations needed!

We would be very grateful for good quality donations of the following items.

**Spare uniform:** school trousers, pants and shorts in sizes to fit children of either gender between ages six and nine.

**Prayer mats:** spare mats for children taking part in Friday Prayer.

Thank you for your support.

## 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.

Odd one out! Which of these words, that describe the jungle, is the odd one out? Make sure you explain your answer.  
beautiful    mind-blowing    calm

## What am I?

I grow on trees.  
I am red or green.  
I am crunchy.



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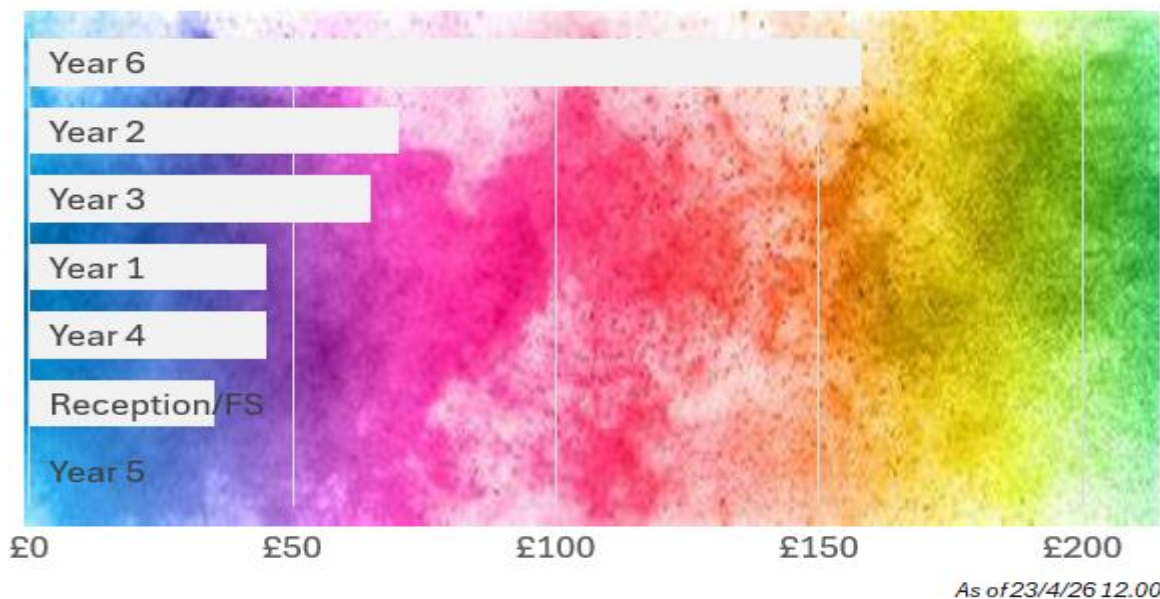
## PTA update

**Colour Run** - 5th June - ***Year 6 still in the lead to win an ice cream party and non-uniform day!***

We are very excited for this event and so pleased the first teachers have signed up to volunteer! To take part your child needs to raise £5 in sponsorship. This can be completed **online [here](#)** or **hand cash into the office** (make sure you add child's name and Year).

Additional items will be included for higher sponsorship amounts: £10: Colour Run t-shirt, £20: Extra Colour powder packet, £30: Sunglasses, £50: Splash Blaster. You do not need to pay it all in one payment. If you are unsure how much your child has raised so far, you can ask the school office or email [pta@fairfields.hants.sch.uk](mailto:pta@fairfields.hants.sch.uk).

YEAR GROUP COMPETITION: Year 6 is in the lead but still plenty of time for other years to catch up... So, ask your family and friends for support! You can [download a sponsorship form here](#) to share with family and friends or send them [this link](#)



**Fishbowl Coin Drop**: Mondays and Fridays @ drop-off and pick-up from 6th-22nd May.

**Save your coins** now to try your luck to get the coin into the cup in the fishbowl and **win 50 house points!** See more detail [here](#) and watch a video of how the game works [here](#)



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## Year group updates

**Foundation Stage** have been continuing their 'Growing' topic. In Drawing Club, they have been looking at the 'Roadrunner' cartoon and drawing the main character from the story whilst practising their sentence writing. They have been enjoying playing outside and learning how to grow flowers and other plants. In Maths, the children have been securing numbers within 20, working on doubles and one more/one less. At Forest School, the children have been continuing to make their own insects out of clay. Well done, Foundation Stage! Have a lovely weekend!

This week in **Year 1**, we have been writing about and describing the aliens from our story *Field Trip to the Moon*. In maths, we have been practicing place value of numbers up to 100. We have also started our science experiment to measure the amount of rainfall in spring. A quick reminder - homework books, library books and reading books are due back in school every Wednesday. Our PE day is Thursday (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 to Rome class for winning the bubble monster last week!

Well done **Year 2** on a good week in school. Your child should have bought home an exciting letter about our upcoming trip to Newbury Living Rainforest, an immersive experience for your child to take part in, walking through the rainforest environment, discovering the different plants and animals that live there. If you can help on this visit, please let Miss Bradley or Miss Facey know. Please note we may not be able to take all parent volunteers. A reminder that our PE day is now Monday - there were still quite a few children not in PE kit this week. Have a lovely weekend.

**Year 3** have been enjoying the story of *Skeleton Keys* by Guy Bass, which has inspired us to write a diary entry as the main character. Pupils have been working really hard at comparing fractions using visual diagrams to help them and we are very pleased with their progress on this tricky topic. The swimming information has been sent home so please do hand back the medical and consent form as soon as you can.

We have had a great week in **Year 4**; we wrote our persuasive letters about deforestation in English, learned about electrical safety in science, and explored how music has changed over time. We would like to invite you to join us on our **geography walk** as part of our parent presentation on **Wednesday 6th May**. During the walk, we will be sharing our posters and carrying out a survey linked to litter in our local area. We will leave the school at 9:30am and aim to return by 10:30am. If you are able to join us, please meet us outside the school office. We look forward to seeing you there! Have a great weekend.

This week, **Year 5** have continued to learn about the Industrial Revolution. They are now learning skills of persuasion before writing to Prince Albert - so watch out at home when they



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are negotiating bed time! We have also started to learn green screen techniques so that we can produce videos about Industrial Revolution machinery. The letter for our final paid trip has been sent out to year 5 parents.

**Year 6** have had a fantastic week, and we are very proud of their enthusiasm and effort. Your child will have come home this week with a letter regarding our cinema trip on **Tuesday 19th May**. Please could all reply slips be returned as soon as possible. If you are able to volunteer to accompany us on this trip, please indicate this on the form or let your child's class teacher know. A reminder that **SATs breakfast orders** need to be placed by **Friday 1st May** via **Arbor**. Unfortunately, orders cannot be placed after this date.





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Dates for your diary	
Friday 1st May	Reports issued (years 1 to 6)
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday Monday- school closed
Friday 6th May	Year 4 Parent Showcase, 9.30am – 10:30am
<b>NEW!</b> 8th May – 22nd May	PTA fishbowl coin drop (Wednesdays and Fridays during drop off and pick-up)
Thursday 7th May	FS trip to Finkley Down Farm
Monday 11th May -15th May	Safeguarding week (PANTS)
<b>NEW!</b> Friday 15th May	Year 5 trip to Hampton Court Palace
Monday 18th May - 22nd May	Walk to School week
<b>NEW!</b> Tuesday 19th May	Year 6 cinema trip
Wednesday 20th May	Year 1 Parent Showcase, 2.30pm
Thursday 21st May	Year 5 Parent Showcase, 2.40pm
Monday 25th May – 29th May	Half-term (school closed)
Friday 5th June	PTA colour run (after school)
Monday 1st June	Inset day (school closed)
Wednesday 17th June	Sports Day
Thursday 18th June	Back-up Sports Day (in case of bad weather on 17th)
<b>NEW!</b> Friday 26th June	Year 2 trip to Living Rainforest
Tuesday 7th July	Year 2 Parent Showcase (time tbc)
Friday 10th July	PTA Summer Fair (please note there will be no ACE (after school) club on this day)
Monday 20th 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: Thursday (outdoor)

Year 2: Monday (outdoor)

Year 3: Tuesday (outdoor) and Thursday (indoor)

Year 4: Monday (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](mailto: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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