



Fairfields Primary School Newsletter

Friday 28th November 2025

Dear parents and carers,

It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas.... the school is buzzing with fair preparations, nativity rehearsals and the practicing of Christmas songs which we will be sharing with you on the evening of our fair. We also enjoyed a trip to Church Cottage with the choir this week who sang Christmas songs at their Christmas community event. Well done choir- you were brilliant! With all this excitement in the background, the children are also continuing to work hard in class and we are very proud of their efforts.

Important Information

We continue to have issues raised linked to children's inappropriate use of mobile phones outside the school setting. Please can I remind parents that this is something which school have very little control over as these issues are happening when children are not in our care. As a school who are promoting a Smartphone Free Childhood, we will advise parents to consider whether children need smartphones at this age, and I would like to remind our whole school community that apps such as WhatsApp have minimum age of use requirements. On the WhatsApp website it states 'you must be 13 years old to register for and use WhatsApp'. Please do check this guidance around apps your child uses, if they have access to these, so that you can safeguarding your child outside school.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend and thank you for your support.

Mrs Vicky Hopkins



Whole school
attendance:
95.3%

National
average: 95%

Our target:
96%

Are your details up to date?

Please take a few moments to log in to Arbor and check the following:

Contact details

Ensure your personal information—such as postal address, email address, and emergency contact phone numbers—is correct. If anything has changed, please update it in Arbor or contact The Office for address changes (proof of your new address will be required).

GP details – have you provided details of your child's GP practice?

Consents

Have you completed all of the consents? These permissions allow us to provide first aid, take your child on local walks, use their photo on the school website, and more. You can accept or decline each consent individually. Completing this helps us quickly understand what your child can and cannot do.



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Year 4 Ufton Court residential

If your child will be attending the Ufton Court residential, payment must be completed by Monday 5th January. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the payment, please do not hesitate to speak to us. We are happy to work with you to agree on a suitable timescale if needed. **If full payment is not received by 5th January and we have not heard from you, your child's place will be cancelled from our booking as we need to make full payments by then.**

Over the next few weeks, please contact us to discuss your child's food requirements (including allergies, aversions, or medical conditions) so that we can submit the necessary information to Ufton's caterers. We will also hold a Zoom meeting on Monday 12th January at 5pm to discuss timetables, menus, and kit lists.

Meeting ID: 362 636 7161

Passcode: Ufton

National Primary Mathematics Challenge

Well done to those Year 6 pupils who succeeded in completing the National Primary Mathematics Challenge. We are really proud of how they answered some incredibly tough reasoning questions in the hope of making it through to a final bonus round. We have celebrated in school this week and the pupils received their certificates in recognition of their achievement.



Well done to Andrei, Michelle, Jay, Nicolas, Edward, Ibrahim, Chloe C, Kanyasri, Franek and Vihaan!

A special mention to the following pupils:

- Gold level: Andrei
- Silver level: Vihaan and Edward
- Bronze level: Jay

'Best Start in Life' campaign

We would like to share the communications toolkit for the Best Start in Life campaign, which aims to increase awareness of the importance of early years in a child's development and the role of early years education. The [Best Start in Life website](#) brings together trusted advice, support and guidance for parents. There is also a video you can watch which celebrates the journey of early childhood, highlighting the vital role parents play in their child's lives and the support available: ['The Story of You'](#)





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TT Rockstars

We have now completed our Top of the Rocks times tables battles against other schools and we are pleased to announce that Fairfields has won this term!

PTA update

Christmas Fair 11th December, 4.30pm-7pm

Non-Uniform Day, 5th December (for tombola donations)

If you are able to, please bring in Tombola donations on 5th December (FS, Year 1, 2, 3: wrapped chocolate (no nuts), biscuits (no nuts), wrapped sweets, dairy-free (no nuts) and Year 4, 5, 6: alcoholic or non-alcoholic bottles.

We are also looking for good quality second hand toy donations. These can be brought in from Monday 1st December.

Thank you to all Volunteers! We have now filled most volunteer slots, which is great to see! A few more slots are open. You can sign up [here](#). As a thank you each volunteer will get a hot or cold drink and queue jump for Santa Grotto (with valid ticket).

Online Christmas Raffle! We now have over 30 prizes worth over £1,300! Have a look at the prizes and purchase your tickets [here](#).

Early Bird ending this week! Get 10% OFF on every [10 Christmas Fairs 2025 Tokens](#) until 30 November for games, activities, food and drink. You can also book for [Meet the Santa tickets](#). Note these are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment.

We will be holding token and Meet Santa ticket sales on Fridays at drop-off and pick-up over the coming weeks.

Quiz Night update

Thank you to everyone who came to the Quiz night! You raised over £200! All whilst having a lot of laughs and a few drinks...





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Year group updates

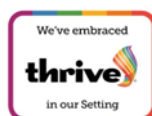
In **Foundation Stage**, the children have been continuing their Nursery Rhymes topic. In Drawing Club, the children were introduced to a cartoon from the past, Willow the Wisp, which they thought was very funny. They drew Evil Edna from the cartoon clip. In maths, the children have continued to look at numbers within 10. Nativity practise is going well. Please help your children to learn their spoken words (if they have them) and the words of the songs. Thank you. Well done, Foundation Stage and have a super weekend!

It has been another busy week in **Year 1!** We have been learning all about the past tense and adding the suffix 'ed' to verbs in our sentences. We wrote about our local area walk and the things we saw along the way. In maths, we have been using our known facts to add and subtract up to 20. On Monday, we planned our science experiment to find out which material would make the best windows for the Three Little Pigs' new house and made our predictions. We have also been practicing and learning Makaton for our song for the Christmas Fair on the 11th December. Well done to Rome class who won the Bubble Monster last week for the class with the most house points! On the last week of term, we will be making the Three Little Pigs' houses. Please bring in a selection of materials to make some small houses (cardboard, twigs or anything you think that might be useful for house building). Thank you!

Year 2 have had another fantastic week in school. In science, we have started to investigate if the shape of boats impacts their ability to float. In maths, we have continued to work on identifying multiplication and division facts linked to arrays. We have also explored the relationship between addition and multiplication. In writing, we have started a new learning journey. We will be writing non-chronological reports about the *Titanic*, where we can share all of our Titanic facts. Next week, we will begin our end of term testing. This will be at 9am on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please ensure your child is in school on time on these days to give children enough time to complete the test. Anyone not in school on these days will have to catch up the tests on other days, meaning they will miss other learning. Have a nice weekend!

Year 3 had a fantastic time at QMC on Friday, exploring a range of exciting scientific concepts! The children particularly enjoyed creating their own fossils as part of the hands-on activities. Due to the trip, the weekly spelling test will take place on Monday instead of Friday. Children will still receive their new spelling words as usual to learn at home as part of their homework. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered or offered to do so. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Year 4 have been busy making our Viking pouches in DT and cannot wait for you to join us on our sewing adventure during our Parents' Showcase on Thursday 11th December at 2.30pm. This week we began our testing and have been very impressed with the children's focus and determination – well done to them all! Please may we ask that if you have not yet





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returned your QMC Christmas letter, please do so at your earliest convenience. Finally, please look out for the Ufton Court residential email we have sent out this week with some information. Have a nice weekend.

Year 5 had a very enjoyable trip to Costello on Wednesday, where they had a tour of the school and a PE lesson. We were proud of how they represented Fairfields and they were very interested in how a secondary school works. On Thursday 4th December, we plan to take the children to the school allotment for some outdoor learning. We won't go if it is pouring with rain but please send them in with wellies if you are concerned about shoes getting muddy. We will be painting with acrylic paint so you may wish them to wear an old coat on that day. Thank you for returning the cinema forms. We can now announce that the film we will be watching on 10th December is *A Muppet Christmas Carol*, which is a Christmas-themed film that is rated 'U'.

Year 6 have had a fantastic week! We have been so impressed with their enthusiasm and determination during the practice SATs papers – every single child gave it their very best effort! Please note that, due to the FS Nativity performance taking place on Friday 5th December, the Year 6 Parent Showcase will now be held on Monday 15th December at 2.30pm. We would love to see as many of you as possible! During the showcase, the children will share some of their writing, DT projects, and artwork inspired by our class novel *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*. They are incredibly excited to show you all the hard work they've put in this term.



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Dates for your diary	
Thursday 4th December	FS Nativity – performance to parents of children in London class, 2pm
Friday 5th December	FS Nativity – performance to parents of children in Paris class, 2pm
Friday 5th December	Non-uniform day and tombola donations
Wednesday 10th December	Year 5 cinema trip
Thursday 11th December	Year 4 Parent Showcase, 2.30pm
Thursday 11th December	PTA Christmas Fair, 4.30pm-7pm
Thursday 11th December	Year 2 trip to Sea City Museum
Friday 12th December	Year 5 Parent Showcase, 9am
CHANGE OF DATE! Monday 15th December	Year 6 Parent Showcase, 2.30pm
Tuesday 16th December	Year 2 Parent Showcase, 2.40pm
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas Dinner Day/Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 18th December	PTA reindeer visit
Friday 19th December	Last day of term
Monday 5th January	Inset day – school closed
Tuesday 6th January	First day of Spring term
NEW! Monday 12th January	Year 4 Ufton Court Zoom meeting for parents, 5pm
Tuesday 13th January	Year 1 trip to QMC
Thursday 15th January	Applications close for Year R admissions for September 2026
Wednesday 4th February – Friday 6th February	Year 4 residential to Ufton Court
Friday 20th March	Year 1 trip to Marwell Zoo



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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 are as follows:

FS: No PE this term
Year 1: Tuesday (outdoor)
Year 2: Thursday (outdoor)
Year 3: Monday (indoor) and Tuesday (outdoor)
Year 4: Monday (outdoor)
Year 5: Friday (outdoor)
Year 6: Wednesday (outdoor) and Thursday

Absence guidance and procedures

Illness

When 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 unauthorised 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**.

Medical/dental appointments

If you are unable to obtain an appointment outside of school hours, please call the School Office on 01256 473886 to inform us of the time and date of your child's appointment.

