



Fairfields Primary School Newsletter

Friday 12th December 2025

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a wonderful, and very busy, week in school. Christmas is definitely here at Fairfields and we loved enjoying the Christmas fair with you all on Thursday evening. Thank you so much to the PTA for organising such a lovely event, and to all the staff and volunteers who supported in making sure it could all run so smoothly. The money raised is so vital to support the work we do in school, and we look forward to letting you know how much was raised.

We have also had lots of trips this week, and lots of parents in for different year groups showcase celebrations. These events really help to enhance our curriculum and make it special and memorable for the children. Once again, thank you for supporting these, and to our amazing team at Fairfields for organising all these opportunities for our children.

With the last week in sight, we look forward to more fun next week. We are aware that the children, and adults, are very tired- it is a long term! Please do ensure that your child is in school however, unless they are ill. Our attendance is creeping up towards our school target, which we are measured against in terms of school improvement, so we want to maintain this all year round.

Thank you for your support. Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week- and having fun with the reindeers in school!
Mrs Vicky Hopkins



Whole school
attendance:
95.2%

National
average:
94.7%

Our target:
96%

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



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Christmas dinner/non-uniform day reminder: Wednesday 17th December

Please see the attached poster for the lunch options available. Lunches can be ordered in the usual way. The children may wear non-uniform to celebrate the festive season (although they must wear suitable shoes and bring a warm coat).



Music challenge

As a challenge during the weekend or over the winter break, it would be brilliant if parents could share their favourite music with their children provided it is age-appropriate for children.

Mr Bambridge is our Lead for Music and as such is working on children's overall connection to music through the music curriculum. Children are exposed to music in everyday life and it would be helpful to draw attention to the music that surrounds us. If you are in the car and the radio is playing, or you are out and about with your children and there is music playing, please ask them about it. *Do they like it? What do they like about it?* If they do like it, try to share who it is by and what the song is called.

Free online safeguarding session for parents, Monday 15th December at 8pm

Thames Valley Cyber Protect team are inviting parents and carers to join engaging and informative Cyber Security training presentations. These sessions will share easy to implement tips for parents/carers regarding theirs and their family's online behaviours and internet-enabled device usage.

This session covers key topics, including:

- Emails and mobile phones: the art of spotting a scam – lots of hints and tips to share with your children around phishing and other scams.
- Social media safety: the risks around social engineering, disinformation, AI, privacy and hacked accounts.
- Gaming: understand what the risks are to young people when gaming, particularly online, and discover ways to monitor and restrict usage.
- Password mastery and Two-Factor Authentication (2FA): helping you and your family to secure your accounts following best practice.

Please click [here](#) to book.





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PTA update

Christmas Fair

We hope everyone had a great time at the Christmas Fair! It was lovely to see so many smiling and excited faces! We would love to hear about your experience at the fair. Please take a minute to complete this [3 question survey](#).

Christmas raffle

Congratulations to all the winners! Please see the attachment for a list of winners.

Reindeer visit

We are very excited to welcome two reindeers next Thursday. This is a free event funded by the PTA and you can read more about it [here](#).



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Year group updates

Foundation Stage have enjoyed continuing their Christmas/Winter focus this week. They have been playing in the Christmas Role Play extending their learning of Christmas and learning from each other. In Drawing Club this week, the children did their first piece of completely independent writing and they did brilliantly! Well done, everyone! In maths, the children have been adding and subtracting using 'first, then and now' statements using Mary Had a Little Lamb. Well done, Foundation Stage! Have a lovely weekend!

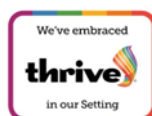
Well done **Year 1** for another brilliant week. We hope you enjoyed the Christmas Fair yesterday. Everyone did really well performing our Christmas song! This week, we have been busy writing about Basingstoke to tell the Country Mouse about all the things he can do when he comes to visit. Well done to everyone who brought their topic homework in on Wednesday, it was great to see the houses, postcards and maps that you have been busy creating. Next week, we have Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner day on Wednesday, and a special reindeer visit on Thursday. We are not issuing new library books now until next term, please can you return any books you may have. Each child has a log in for Sora and Oxford Owl in their homework books which gives them free access to 100s of books at home.

What a week we have had in **Year 2**! Thank you to our parent volunteers who supported us on our trip to the SeaCity museum on Thursday. The children had a brilliant time sharing and gaining new knowledge during the visit. We also really enjoyed sharing the children's topic homework on Wednesday. Thank you to the adults at home who supported the children with this, it is lovely to see them so excited to share their learning. Christmas is starting to creep into our classrooms now, but the children have remained so focussed and determined during learning time, particularly during their reading tests this week- thank you children! We look forward to sharing the children's learning from the entire term this coming Tuesday 16th December at 2.40pm during our parent showcase. The children have worked hard with Tracey to prepare a dance to share with you. To give both classes the opportunity to perform their dance, Budapest will be performing promptly at 2.40pm. Parents will be welcomed into school from 2.35pm to ensure we are ready. Madrid will have other learning to share in class before their dance performance. Have a nice, restful weekend ahead of the final school week of 2025!

Year 3 had a fabulous time at Queen Mary's College, taking part in a range of Christmas-themed art activities that really sparked their creativity! A huge thank you to all the parents and volunteers who helped make the day such a success— your support is greatly appreciated. Back in the classroom, the children have been learning all about the legendary Boudicca and her brave stand against the Romans. They were so inspired that they even wrote their own speeches as if they were Boudicca herself, rallying her tribe for battle!



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We've had a fantastic week in **Year 4**, finishing our data unit in maths, beginning to plan persuasive letters in English, and starting our scientific investigation into how many teeth people have. The children also shared their topic homework, which looked wonderful and clearly reflected the time and effort they put in. It was lovely to see so many of you at our Parents' Showcase on Thursday, and the children thoroughly enjoyed sewing alongside you — thank you to those who were able to join us. Finally, thank you to all the parents who came to support us during our QMC trip on Friday where the children enjoyed making some festive craft. Your support makes such a difference and we truly appreciate it.

Wow, it has been a busy week for **Year 5**! Our cinema trip (which was affected by technical problems at the cinema) will be rescheduled for next week. We are asking for Wednesday, but this will be confirmed in due course. We were so proud of how our pupils handled the disappointment. They were a real credit to the school and we will make it up to them! By the time this is published, we will have held our showcase to parents with a live link to Australia for the results of our writing competition. Twelve pieces of writing have been sent across the world for judging! The children have also been busy designing and making bridges, testing their DT skills.

Year 6 have had a fantastic week of learning! The children have impressed us with their thoughtful and detailed non-chronological reports on the Ancient Maya. Alongside this, they have progressed well through our fractions unit in maths! Looking ahead, next week the children will be completing their RE unit, exploring the theme of *The Warning of the Magi*. Also, a reminder that our Year 6 Parent Showcase will take place on Monday 15th December at 2.30pm. We are very excited to welcome you into our classrooms to share the children's work. This will include examples of the children's writing, artwork, and DT projects linked to the book, *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*. We look forward to celebrating the children's creativity and achievements with you all!





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Dates for your diary	
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
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
Friday 23rd January – Tuesday 27th January	Year 6 Bikeability (details to follow)
Wednesday 4th February – Friday 6th February	Year 4 residential to Ufton Court
Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February	Half-term (school closed)
Wednesday 25th February	Parents Evening, 3.40pm-6pm
Monday 2nd March	Parents Evening, 3.40pm-6pm
Friday 20th March	Year 1 trip to Marwell Zoo
Thursday 26th March	Last day of term
Friday 27th March	Inset day – school closed





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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

Start and finish times are as follows:

- Foundation Stage, years 1 and 2: 8.40am- 3.10pm
- Years 3- 6: 8.45am- 3.15pm

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.

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.

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**.

