



Fairfields Primary School Newsletter

Friday 26th September 2025

Dear parents and carers,

We have had a super week with the children and I loved sharing and celebrating their class 'proud clouds' from the week with them in assembly. They are working so well in their new class teams!

We were pleased that year 6 has such a super time on their residential trip this week (and dry weather!) A HUGE thank you to all the staff who make this happen and who look after the children day and night when they are there. The staff love the trip, but it is exhausting as you can imagine, and a huge commitment from them to look after your children overnight for three days (which is not a requirement of the job!) We are very lucky to have such dedicated staff at the school!

Harvest Collection

Next week we will be having a Harvest collection for the Foodbank on Friday 3rd October. Please see the attached flyer for more information, but if you are able to donate anything for our local foodbank to help families in our community, we would be so grateful. Please bring donations in the morning to add to our Harvest table.

Have a great weekend, and we look forward to seeing you Monday.
Mrs Vicky Hopkins



Whole school
attendance:
94.4%

National
average:
95.5%

Our target:
96%

Menu change

Please note a change to the menu on **Thursday 2nd October**. The choices will be:

Option 1: Cheese and tomato pizza with potato wedges

Option 2: Macaroni cheese

Option 3: Jacket potato with a choice of fillings

The pudding will be donuts.

Nasal flu spray – consent required

The School Age Immunisation Team will be coming in on Monday 17th November to administer the flu nasal spray to all year groups. Please see the attached document for details on how to give consent or to opt out.

Diwali – parent volunteers needed!

On 21st October it is Diwali! We are looking for parents to help run a small event after school to help us celebrate the festival of light! If you are interested in supporting us and celebrating Diwali with our community please let the school office know as soon as possible.



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Walktober 2025



We are taking part in Walktober 2025! As we head into autumn, it's important that we all keep active and where possible, get outdoors. To encourage this, the My Journey Team at Hampshire County Council has invited schools to celebrate International Walk to School Month by taking part in Walktober. This event is designed to inspire pupils, families and staff to travel actively and sustainably throughout October.

We are hoping as many of our pupils, families and staff as possible travel actively throughout October by walking, wheeling, cycling, scooting, using Park and Stride or public transport to and from school and in their leisure time.

Please see the attached posters for more information and a chance for children to enter a competition and win a prize.

After school clubs

This term, we are offering two school-led clubs which will be available to children in years 1 to 6. The details are as follows:

- Dance club – Tuesdays with Miss Wilson for years 1 to 6
- Knitting club – Tuesday with Miss Masic for years 4 to 6

Both clubs will run for six weeks from Tuesday 7th October until Tuesday 18th November at a cost of £6 for the term. Bookings can be made on Arbor from Friday 26th September at 6pm until Wednesday 1st October at 6pm. Places are limited and you will need to pay the £6 when booking to secure your child's place.

Sports clubs start next week!

- Monday: Year 5 & 6 Netball
- Tuesday: Year 3 & 4 Netball
- Thursday: Athletics & Rugby

There are still spaces available in Athletics, Rugby, and Year 3 & 4 Netball club. If your child would like to join one of these clubs, please sign them up via Arbor.



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Secondary School Open Evenings

Parents and pupils are invited to attend Costello's annual open evening for prospective students on Thursday 2nd October from 5pm to 8pm. Student-led tours will be available and the Head Teacher, Mr Conway, will give a talk. There is no need to book.

Please also see attached the Everest Community Academy Open Day events.

PTA update

Last call: PTA Event feedback survey

When you have two minutes, please complete a short 10-question survey [here](#). We are keen to make our events better for everyone and really appreciate your feedback.

2025/2026 Kick off meeting (AGM) on **6th October**

We like to invite all parents, carers and teachers to our kick off meeting 6th October 7-8pm. We will cover:

- What you helped us raise last year and how you helped school (10 min)
- Committee selection - needs to be done once a year... (10 min)
- What you told us you like, what needs to change and how we are thinking of applying your feedback (10 min)
- Events for this year - aiming for one a month and a few new ones! (15 min)
- Christmas fair - trying new layout and food (15 min)

Dial into Teams using Meeting ID: 348 327 398 859 6 and Passcode: qx7y3JY6.

Year group updates

Foundation Stage have had a great week with a lot more 'firsts'. They started their Drawing Club learning this week with Chicken Licken. Some of the children took part in their first Forest School session of the school year and they had a super time exploring the allotment space. We studied the story *Apple Trouble* and went hunting for things that Hedgehog could have got stuck in her spines. The children picked their own apple from our apple tree too! Well done Foundation Stage. Have a lovely weekend!



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This week in **Year 1**, we've been busy writing about the characters from our story *Lost in the Toy Museum*, and we've started our next maths unit on addition and subtraction. A reminder that our trip to Milestones Museum is coming up next Tuesday, so please make sure your child's trip form has been returned. If you weren't able to attend our 'Meet the Teacher' session, all the information shared is available on the school website. Homework is set every Friday and is due the following Wednesday. You can find links to fun maths games on our year group page to support learning at home. Our library day is Wednesday.

Well done **Year 2** on another successful week in school. This week in maths we have been using our known number bonds to work out new number bonds. The children have this to practice as their homework. In writing, the children have written their own endings to the class text *Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers. A few examples of this writing will be put on the website in the coming weeks. A reminder that on Monday 29th September we have our Year 2 'Meet the teacher' session in school. This will be held in a year 2 class at 3.30pm. Please collect your child as usual and wait outside the office for us to be ready. Also, a reminder that we are going on our walk to the top of town on Tuesday 30th September. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help, we now have enough adults for both classes. Your child needs to be in school uniform and please make sure they have a coat as the weather has turned cooler. Have a lovely weekend!

We have set **Year 3** pupils the challenge of writing a story as the Stone Age Boy and the pupils are really pleased, as are we, with the increase in powerful vocabulary and descriptions about the dangers he faces. We have also been learning the 'Make Ten' strategy in maths which needs pupils to apply their number bonds to ten - any time at home rehearsing these bonds will help pupils get more confident. Parents are welcome to visit year 3 classes after school next Tuesday 30th September for our information talk about what the year ahead will include.

Year 4 have had a wonderfully busy week! We've begun crafting our *How to Train Your Dragon* narratives, and the children have been showing great creativity and imagination in their writing. In art, we've been exploring watercolour techniques — it's been fantastic to see their skills developing. We're also looking forward to our upcoming trip to **Butser Ancient Farm on the 7th October**. Please make sure you've returned the permission slip and medical form so your child can take part.

A big thank you to everyone who attended the Year 4 Information Meeting and the Ufton Court Meeting — it was lovely to see so many of you there. If you have any questions following the meetings, please don't hesitate to come and speak to us. We have put the slides up on the school website. Please take a look for more information.

A quick reminder: the Ufton Court letter and deposit are due by Monday 29th September. On top of this, the **bursary application deadline for the Ufton residential is 6th October**. If this is something you'd like to apply for, forms are available from us or from



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the school office. If you'd like to discuss this further, Tracey in the office is very happy to help — please do pop in and speak to her.

This week, **Year 5** have been producing writing for a standard task. This is an assessment piece to show the skills they have learnt so far. The story is based on *Around the World in 80 Days* which we are enjoying reading together. We have also continued studying the work of J.M.W. Turner, experimenting with oil and chalk pastels. Please remember that our 'Meet the Teacher' session is at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday 2nd October and all year 5 parents and children are welcome.

What a fantastic week it has been for **Year 6**! Firstly, a huge well done to the children who went on the residential trip – they were absolutely brilliant and did the school proud. We hope they had the best time and made memories to treasure. For those who stayed at school, it has also been a wonderful week filled with fun activities, including fire lighting at Forest School and a cricket session – the children threw themselves into everything with great enthusiasm.

Looking ahead to next week, the children will be completing some practice KS2 SATs papers in Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation, Reading, and Maths. These will be taken in test-style conditions, but there is absolutely no need for your child to worry. This is simply a chance for them to become more familiar with the test format and to start building stamina. We will repeat this practice periodically throughout the year to help them feel confident and well-prepared. The results are also a really useful tool for us as teachers to identify strengths and areas to focus on in the coming months.

Another exciting event next week is that the children will be meeting their F.S. buddies on Monday afternoon! This is always such a special opportunity, and we know the children are looking forward to beginning their new roles as buddies to our youngest pupils.

Dates for your diary	
Monday 29th September	Year 2 Meet the Teacher, 3.30pm-4pm
Tuesday 30th September	Year 1 trip to Milestones Museum
Tuesday 30th September	Year 2 walk to Top of Town
Tuesday 30th September	Year 3 Meet the Teacher, 3.30pm-4pm
Thursday 2nd October	Year 5 Meet the Teacher, 3.30pm-4pm
Friday 3 rd October (NEW)	Harvest Festival Collection for the Foodbank



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Friday 3rd October	Year 5 Gilbert White river study trip
Monday 6th October	PTA Annual General Meeting, 7pm-8pm (online)
Tuesday 7th October	Year 4 trip to Butser Ancient Farm
Monday 27th October – Monday 3rd November	Half term (school closed)
Friday 31st October	Deadline for applications for Y7 (secondary school) places (year 6 only)
Thursday 6th November	Individual photos with Fraser Portraits
Monday 10th November	Parent's evening, 3.40pm-6pm
Monday 17th November	Nasal flu immunisations (all years)
Wednesday 19th November	Parent's evening, 3.40pm-6pm
Friday 19th December	Last day of term
Monday 5th January	Inset day – school closed
Tuesday 6th January	First day of Spring term
Wednesday 4th February – Friday 6th February	Year 4 residential to Ufton Court

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: Wednesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)
Year 3: Monday (indoor) and Tuesday (outdoor)
Year 4: Monday (outdoor)
Year 5: Friday (outdoor)
Year 6: Wednesday (outdoor) and Thursday (indoor)