



Fairfields Primary School Newsletter

Friday 14th November 2025

Dear parents and carers,

It has been another exciting week with lots of super learning across the school. It was great to see so many people at parents evening, and we look forward to welcoming everyone else into school on Wednesday next week for our second session. It is wonderful to share your child's successes with you.

The temperature is due to drop significantly next week so can we please ask that you bring a named coat to school for your child. We will still try and get outside at every opportunity.

Our attendance is creeping up as a school, and I am so pleased as this is an area we are measured on in terms of school improvement. Being in school and on time each morning is essential for children's academic, as well as their social development. Being absent and late can also cause anxiety in children. Thank you for supporting us with this and for having your children in school and on time at every possible opportunity. Our next goal is to increase our attendance above the national average!

We hope you have a wonderful weekend. See you on Monday and thank you again for your support.

Mrs Vicky Hopkins



Whole school
attendance:
95.2%

National
average:
95.2%

Our target:
96%



Remembrance

Thank you to Emily, Mia and Florence for representing the school at the Remembrance Service at the War Memorial Park on Sunday and for laying a wreath on behalf of Fairfields.

On Thursday, the whole school held a two-minute silence to mark Remembrance Day and we were very proud of how respectful the children were in observing this.

Football club

There will be matches at home on Monday 17th November after school for the whole football club. £10 deposits for kit will need to be paid before then and children will wear football kit all day. A fixture list has been sent home with the children and by email with more details. There is no training on Tuesday because of the matches.



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Your Time to Shine: Be Bright, Be Seen!

The 'Be Bright, Be Seen' message is essential for pedestrians and cyclists all year round. However, with the darker evenings now upon us, we are highlighting this message now.

On Friday 21st November, children can come to school wearing bright colours and/or reflective clothing or accessories to promote the importance of being seen in the dark. The brighter the better! See below the difference between wearing something bright and wearing darker clothes; the first image shows how we are invisible to traffic when wearing dark clothes compared to when we are in something bright. **Please discuss these images with your child(ren). What could they wear to make sure they are seen by traffic?**





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Basingstoke Christmas Toy Appeal 2025

Helping local families who will struggle to
buy toys this Christmas

There are almost 4 million children living in
poverty in the UK today.

Can you help us make a difference in Basingstoke?

We are asking for donations of new and unwrapped gifts for
infants, children and young people up to the age of 19

For more information **contact The Community Furniture Project,**
6 Joulé Road, Basingstoke RG21 6XH

01256 320700

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PTA update

Not too late to join our Quiz Night – A Parents Night Out, 21st November, 7pm-10pm

This your chance to have some fun, enjoy a cocktail or mocktail, meet parents and carers all whilst raising money for our school. This is open to the public so feel free to bring family and friends. Entry is £8, please go [here](#) to save your space.

Christmas Fair 11th December, 4.30pm-7pm

Early Bird! 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.

NEW! [Online Christmas Raffle](#)! The prize list is growing! New this week: Meal voucher at Figurati for £50, Red Spider Climbing Session for two children, two-course dinner for two at Bartons Mill, Yoga and Bootcamp with Sarah at InsideOut Health and Fitness.

Volunteers needed! Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered! We do *rely on volunteers* to have a large variety of activities and games, so please have a look to see how you can help with set-up, during or after the event. There are two timeslots (4.30-5.45pm and 5.45-7.00pm), so you can still enjoy time at the fair with your family. Sign-up [here](#) or come and see us at one of the parent evenings next Wednesday to choose a slot and ask any questions.

Year group updates

Foundation Stage have been looking at the story of *The Enormous Turnip* in Drawing Club this week. They have had fun drawing the characters and inventing a new way of pulling the turnip out of the ground! They also chose their characters for the Nativity play too this week. Information on this will be sent out shortly. They have enjoyed starting to learn their lines and songs for the play. At Forest School, the children have been planting daffodils ready for spring and building a nest for an owl. Well done, Foundation Stage! Have a super weekend!

Well done **Year 1** for another great week. This week, we have been looking at different materials and their properties in science and comparing numbers in maths. We have also been writing character descriptions about the big bad wolf. We have our local area walk on Tuesday 18th November. Children will need to wear a warm coat and school uniform as normal. More dates for your diary: parent showcases on Thursday 26th March and Wednesday 20th May from 2pm (timings to be confirmed nearer the time). We had a great time at Forest School last week, we have uploaded some photos to our Year 1 page on the website.





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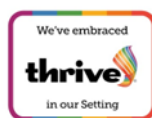
Well done **Year 2**, another wonderful week in school! We have started our learning on multiplication and division. Please support children at home with this by using the language 'groups of' (e.g. 3 groups of 2 = 6) and 'shared into' (e.g. 6 shared into 2 groups = 3). In writing, the children have practiced using conjunctions (and, because), adjectives and adverbs. They will be using these skills to write the end of our class text, *Polar the Titanic Bear* next week. Thank you to all the parents who attended parents evening this week, it was great to have such productive conversations with you about your child's learning. We are looking forward to meeting the remaining parents on Wednesday 19th November. If you haven't signed up for parents evening, please do so via Arbor or through the school office. A reminder that SeaCity letters are due back by 21st November ahead of our trip on 11th December. Have a lovely weekend!

Children in **Year 3** have really enjoyed exploring the expansion of the Roman Empire this week and have loved reading the myth of Remus and Romulus during Guided Reading sessions. It's been wonderful to see their curiosity and engagement with these fascinating stories from ancient history. A quick reminder to parents: if you haven't yet booked your slot for Parents' Evening, please do so before next Wednesday to secure your preferred time.

We've had a great week in **Year 4**! The children have continued reading the epic tale of *Beowulf* and have produced some brilliant character and setting descriptions that really brought the story to life. In art, we explored the work of environmental artist Lind Lang, who will be our inspiration for this term's creative project. A big thank you to all the parents who attended our recent Parents' Evening—it was lovely to catch up and discuss how your child has settled into the new school year. Our next Parents' Evening is scheduled for Wednesday 19th November. Miss Cservenka is fully booked and Miss Young has only one remaining slot so if you have been unable to book an appointment, please feel free to catch us at the end of the day to arrange a meeting. For those parents whose child is attending the Ufton Court residential trip, this is a gentle reminder that the next instalment of £50 is due this Wednesday, 14th November. Please make your payment via Arbor.

Year 5 have continued to study Australian animals. Earlier this week, we had a Teams meeting with Kendra in Australia again and asked her lots of questions about animals. We also started to experiment with Aboriginal-style drawing and have asked the children to bring in any smooth pebbles they have lying around at home as we are going to paint our designs on pebbles. We have also told the children that we will be visiting the cinema on December 10th in the morning - more details to follow. Finally, our parent showcase will be at 9am on Friday 12th December when we will create a live link with Australia for Kendra to announce the winners of our animal writing competition. Parents are invited to join us for this.

Year 6 have had a fantastic week! We have been really impressed with their hard work and focus, particularly in maths, where they have been mastering the order of operations and showing excellent skill in this area. In history, we've begun exploring the fascinating world of





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the Ancient Maya. The children have shown great enthusiasm and curiosity towards their learning so far, which has been wonderful to see. Looking ahead to next week, we are excited for our D.T. Day! The children will be designing and crafting toy shop windows, inspired by the toy booth in our class novel, *The invention of Hugo Cabret*. They will also be incorporating their knowledge of building circuits from our science lessons to light up their creations!

Dates for your diary	
Monday 17th November	Nasal flu immunisations (all years)
Wednesday 19th November	Parent's evening, 3.40pm-6pm
Friday 21st November	PTA Quiz Night at Proteus, 7pm-10pm
NEW! Friday 21st November	Non-uniform day: 'Your Time to Shine' (children can wear bright or reflective clothing)
Friday 5th December	Year 6 Parent Showcase, 2.30pm
Thursday 11th December	Year 4 Parent Showcase, 2.30pm
Thursday 11th December	PTA Christmas Fair
Thursday 11th December	Year 2 trip to Sea City Museum
Friday 12th December	Year 5 Parent Showcase, 9am
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
Tuesday 13th January	Year 1 trip to QMC





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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

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 (indoor)



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