



Fairfields Primary School Newsletter

Friday 25th April

Dear parents and carers,

We hope you had a wonderful Easter break and welcome back for the summer term at school.

The children are refreshed from the holidays and have been working hard. It has been lovely to walk around the school and see them immersed in their new topics this week. Thank you to the staff for planning some wonderful 'hook' days to get the children excited about their new learning this half term.

We have launched our new PSHE topic this week on 'Relationships' and started with an assembly on 'what ingredients make a good friend?' The children were great at identifying these and linking them to our core values.

With the weather due to improve next week, please send your child to school with a named hat for break and lunchtime. We look forward to seeing the sun but want to keep the children comfortable and protected.

Wishing you a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Best wishes

Mrs Vicky Hopkins



Whole
school
attendance:
94.8%

National
average:
94.5%

Our target:
96%

VE Day Celebrations on Thursday 8th May 2025

Please join us after school on Thursday 8th May for Victory in Europe Day to celebrate 80 years since World War II ended in Europe. On this day, children may come to school wearing a uniform they have e.g. Scouts or Brownies, etc or they may come to school wearing red, white and blue. After school there will be music and you are welcome to bring along a picnic to eat with your children on the school playground. Please bring your own food snacks and a picnic blanket/portable chairs. There will be fun activities for children to complete and we look forward to seeing you there.

If you have a military background and would like to come into school to speak to the children during an assembly on Wednesday 7th May, please speak to Mrs Hopkins.

Maths textbook sale

After school on Monday 28th April, parents are welcome to make a donation to have their own copy of the Abacus maths textbooks. These provide learning for pupils working between year 3 and year 6. We no longer use these in our daily lessons, but they are still accurate to the maths curriculum and provide fantastic tasks and homework-style questions to support your child in their maths.

Football club

Football club will start on Tuesday 29th April for all members. A selection of members will take part in a match on Thursday 1st May. A fixture list will be sent shortly to parents.



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PTA update

Need a break from the kids? Join us for a *Parents' Night Out – Paint & Sip 2025!* On Friday, May 2nd from 7pm to 11pm.

Tickets are just £15, and you'll enjoy a creative evening while sipping prosecco, cocktails, or any non-alcoholic beverages (including tea, coffee, and mocktails). Once the night is over, you'll get to take your canvas home with you. Make new friends, share lots of laughs, and enjoy the experience, no art skills needed! Book your ticket here: <https://fairfieldspta.uk/product/paint-and-sip-ticket/>

This price includes a canvas and paint supplies. Bring your friends, partners, and family for a fun-filled evening at Proteus Creation Space!

Year group updates

Foundation Stage have had a great week back at school after the Easter holidays. They really enjoyed their trip to the QMC Science Centre where they were engaged in lots of fun activities about minibeasts. They went on a minibeast hunt, made a lifecycle of a ladybird, learnt all about newts and made a wormery after learning about earthworms! They have been busy de-weeding the flower beds at Forest School and planting some fruit and vegetable seeds too! Well done, Foundation Stage! Have a lovely weekend!

Year 1 have had a great start to the term. The children did some amazing sketching of the school looking at lots of the building's features. We also loved our first cricket session on the field. Reminder: Forest School on Monday 28th April. Please bring in wellies and a coat.

Well done **Year 2** on settling back into the school routine so quickly after the holidays. We hope you all enjoyed your trip on the cruise ship on Tuesday morning- even if you did get shipwrecked and left to survive on a desert island! A reminder that our PE is now outdoor PE on a Thursday. Please ensure children are in full PE kit for this. Have a nice weekend.

Year 3 have had an exciting time discovering what their skeleton can do, when pupils took part in several boot-camp style challenges and an obstacle course. Tuesday's learning was all centred around the science of bones and we were impressed by how well pupils could use the correct terminology for important parts of the human skeleton and organs. We will continue building on this knowledge as our topic is centred around 'Energy' this term. Please do check what the topic homework tasks are; we look forward to seeing these at the end of the half-term.

Year 4 had an exciting start to the summer term. We had two scientists from UK Health Security Agency visiting us to teach us about pathogens and microorganisms. As part of this workshop, we learnt about the importance of personal hygiene linked to the spread of viruses and bacteria. Please look out for an email with information about our upcoming DT



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project and the zoom date for our Ufton Court residential trip. We would also like to invite parents and guardians to join the children on our summer term parent event where we walk around the local area surveying litter as part of our geography lesson. This will be on Thursday 8th May at 9:45am. If you can make it, please meet us at reception. Have a lovely weekend.

This week in **Year 5**, we have introduced the Industrial Revolution to the children. We have recreated the experience of working in a Victorian carpet factory and also produced pop-up books to display the move from countryside to cities. Thank you so much for sending in so many cereal boxes! We started football this week on Thursday and will continue this for half a term. Please could you make sure that we have received the permission slip for Hampton Court Palace by Tuesday 29th April. Any requests for school lunches after this date will be too late. We are also collecting forms for the year 6 residential.

We're delighted to share that Year 6 have had a fantastic first week back! They've really enjoyed diving into our exciting new topic exploring Ancient Greece and the concept of legacy. Looking ahead to next week, just a reminder that our new PE days are **Mondays and Wednesdays**. **Mondays** will be cricket on the field, so please ensure children come to school in appropriate outdoor PE kit, including trainers suitable for the field.

Wednesdays will continue to be indoor dance as usual.

SATs week is fast approaching, and we'd like to thank all the parents who were able to join us for the recent Zoom information session. If you weren't able to attend, the slides have been emailed to all Year 6 parents for your reference. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Finally, if your child would like to order a SATs breakfast option for any of the four SATs mornings, bookings can be made via Arbor until **Friday 2nd May**.

Thank you for your continued support!

Dates for your diary	
Thursday 8th May	Year 5 trip to Hampton Court
NEW! Thursday 8th May	Year 4 local area litter survey, 9:45am
Friday 9th May	Annual reports issued (years 1 to 6)
Monday 12th May-Thursday 15th May	Year 6 SATs week
NEW! Tuesday 13 th May	Year 4 Zoom meeting regarding Ufton Court residential, 5pm



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Friday 16th May	FS trip to Finkley Down Farm
Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May	Half term – school closed
Monday 2nd June	Inset day – school closed
Wednesday 18th June	Sports day
Thursday 19th June	Sports day (back up day)
Friday 20th June	PTA summer fair
Wednesday 9th July-Thursday 10th July	Year 4 residential trip to Ufton Court
Tuesday 22nd July	Last day of summer term
Monday 22nd September – Wednesday 24th September	Year 6 (current year 5) residential trip to Runways End

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 are as follows:

FS: Tuesday (outdoor)
Year 1: Thursday (outside)
Year 2: Thursday (outdoor)
Year 3: Monday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor)
Year 4: Monday (outdoor) and Thursday (indoor)
Year 5: Tuesday (indoor)
Year 6: Monday (outdoor) and Wednesday (indoor)