



# Fairfields Primary School Newsletter

Friday 12th June 2026

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a super week in school, with lots of Bike to School fun including some amazing 'Bling your Bikes' this morning!! Well done everyone who took part.

I wanted to say a huge thank you to one of our parents, Shannon, and to all the other staff and parents who helped with the Colour Run last Friday. It was great fun and has raised £3000 for school! Thank you so much- this makes so much difference to us and we are so grateful! It was worth getting covered in powder and being blasted with a super-soaker, and then driving home down the M3 looking rather colourful!

We are looking forward to Sports Day next week- the weather is looking dry and not too hot! We look forward to seeing you there but please can I ask, as always, not to share any photos taken with other children's faces on in any social media for safeguarding purposes.

Can I remind all parents if your child will be away on holiday, please can you inform us beforehand by completing an absence request form. We have had a number of incidents recently where we have had to call parents to find out where children are, and do home visits because we are unable to get in contact with families. This can then result in us contacting children's services if you are not contactable and we do not know where your children are, as it is a safeguarding concern. Also, can I ask that you are open with us about the reasons for your child being absent. A number of children have told us this year that they have been on holiday, when we had been told that they were off ill. This creates difficult conversations between school and parents which we don't really want to have. In positive news, our school attendance data is creeping up towards national levels which is exciting as we are judged on this as a school, so thank you for your support!

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

Mrs Vicky Hopkins



Whole school  
attendance  
(year to date):  
95.3%

National  
average (year  
to date): 94.6%

Our target: 96%



## Please help us win £1,000 for our school library!

Nominate our school to win one of five huge prizes. Plus, you could win a £100/€120 National Book Token for yourself!

All you need to do is visit the Book Tokens website or scan the attached QRC code. It takes just one minute. You just need to give an email, the school name and postcode (RG21 3DH). The more nominations we receive the better our chance of winning!

## Healthy Lives Week

Healthy Lives Week starts on Monday 15th June. The children will have lots of activities throughout the week, including completing a daily mile. **Please send your child into school in PE kit every day next week.**



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## Sports Day reminder

Sports Day is scheduled for Wednesday 17th June. On this day, children can wear their PE top or a top in their house team colour. Key Stage 2 (years 3 - 6) are in the morning from 9am – 12pm. Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 (years 1 -2) are in the afternoon from 1 - 3pm. Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children will need to be collected from the school field at 3.10pm.

## Year 5/6 cricket tournament

Well done to the Year 5/6 cricket team who competed against five other local schools on Tuesday.

The team included: Bence, Jay, Lola, Sophia and Izzy W from Year 6 and Pardhu, Puneeth and Roo from Year 5. They represented Fairfields brilliantly and although we didn't win any games, they remained competitive and gave a hundred percent! We hope they enjoyed the experience and will continue to play Dynamo Cricket.

## Parking

Can we remind all parents to be considerate when parking at drop-off and pick-up times. We have received a complaint from a local resident whose driveway has been blocked on a number of occasions, causing them to be unable to leave their property for work. You are able to park for free in Castons Car Park between 8.30-8.50am and 3.05-3.25pm provided you leave a note on the dashboard stating that you are dropping off/picking up from Fairfields.

## Year 6 Bake Sale

We are excited to let you know that on Monday 15th June at 3.15pm, we'll be holding a Bake Sale on the top playground to raise money for the Year 6 Leavers' Party. All money raised will go towards giving our wonderful Year 6 children the fantastic send-off they truly deserve. The Year 6 children will be bringing in donations for the sale, and some of them will be helping to run the stalls alongside their teachers. If you would like to donate some baked goods (homemade or shop-bought), we would be incredibly grateful. Please bring any contributions to the school office on the morning of Monday 15th June. To keep everyone safe, we kindly ask that all items are nut-free. Vegan, dairy-free and gluten-free treats are also very welcome.





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## PTA update



We raised a fantastic £3,000 with this year's colour run! Thank you all for your support. Please see attached the final numbers by year group.

## Summer Fair 10th July 3.30-6.30pm - Early Bird Token Sales open 10% off!

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the summer fair! We have over 8 performers lined up including our school choir as well as **15 games & activities alongside a bouncy castle and fairground ride**. By popular demand, the **waffle van** is back and we will have also a **Fish and Chips van** (also offering vegan options).

You can now take advantage of the [Early Bird Token Sales here!](#)

## Summer Raffle - Drawn 17th July

Thank you so much to [Oakwood Climbing Centre](#), [Inside Out Health & Fitness](#), [Stagecoach](#) and [Basingstoke Sports Centre](#) for donating vouchers! For your chance to win, buy tickets online [here](#) for just £1 per ticket. We expect to add many more prizes over the coming weeks...

## Looking for volunteers!

As always, we do rely on volunteers to make the summer fair happen. Volunteering gives you the opportunity to:

- **make a visible difference for the kids** — your hour of help turns into better equipment, more activities, and the kind of school experience children remember for years;
- **be part of something fun and social** — volunteering is an easy way to meet other parents, feel connected, and enjoy the buzz of a big community event; and
- **feel great about giving back** — it's a small commitment with a big impact, and you walk away knowing you helped make the fair (and the school) better.

We need help with set-up and clean up as well as during the fair (3.30-5pm or 5-6.30pm). So still plenty of time to enjoy the fair with your children! Please [have a look here](#) at the options and to sign up!



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## Year group updates

**Foundation Stage** have had a great week. They have been exploring the start of the World Cup by doing a penalty shootout in Continuous Provision. As part of their space unit, they have had the opportunity to make rockets. In Drawing Club, the children have been learning the story *Way Back Home* by drawing the alien character and a map to help the alien find its way home. Some children started their iRock music lessons and did a brilliant job during their first lesson! Well done, Foundation Stage! Have a lovely weekend!

This week in **Year 1**, we have been writing about Percy the Park Keeper using past tense verbs, adding the suffix -ed. We have been carefully watering the beans we planted last week and they have started growing! In art, we have been practicing our sketching skills and sketched a tree. Next week is Healthy Lives Week- children can come in PE kit all week and Sports Day is on Wednesday 17th June. Our War Memorial Park visit is on Tuesday 23rd June (AM). Parent volunteers are needed - please let us know if you can come. Our PE day is now Monday (outdoor), and children need to come to school in PE kit. They will need a coat if it is rainy/ cold and a sunhat if it is sunny.

Well done **Year 2** on a good week in school. We are looking forward to healthy lives week next week - please make sure children wear PE kit everyday as we are doing some PE every day! On Monday, children will be talking about people they love and respect as part of our PSHE lesson. Please can children bring in a small picture or item that reminds them of that special person. Have a nice weekend!

**Year 3** have had a fantastic week. In maths, the children really enjoyed taking part in practical lessons where they explored measuring capacity using a variety of hands-on activities. In English, they have been loving our class text *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, showing great enthusiasm and imagination during discussions. Inspired by the story and the artist Andy Warhol, the children have also been designing their own creative 'Wonka sweets', using bright colours and repeated patterns to produce some wonderful pop art-style work.

**Year 4** have had a wonderful week back. The children have really enjoyed their shape work in maths and their descriptive writing in English. We are learning about habitats and biomes in science and geography. Next week is Healthy Lives Week. The children should wear their PE kit all week, as we have sports activities planned for most days. In the next few weeks, we will be completing our final Year 4 assessments. We wish you a restful weekend.

This week in **Year 5** we have enjoyed completing our DT and computing project. Having put a lot of work into building our trapdoors with wood and card, we then operated the doors using Lego WeDo motors that we connected to our computers and put together instructions so it would open and close. By the time you read this, Cairo will also have visited Queen





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Mary's College to watch a musical presentation. We are also busy writing our Scarlet Pimpernel stories.

We've had a fantastic week in **Year 6**, filled with energy and creativity. The children took part in a range of fun activities, including some informative workshops and an exciting session of potion making! Looking ahead to next week:

- Sports Day takes place on Wednesday. Children can wear their PE kit all week and your support would be greatly appreciated on the day to cheer on their final races here at Fairfields.
- Our Bake Sale is on Monday. We would love any contributions, whether shop-bought or home-baked, ensuring that they are all nut-free! Gluten-free and vegan bakes would also be hugely appreciated, to ensure that we have something for everyone. All funds raised will support Year 6 leavers' events.
- A reminder that parents have been emailed a link to purchase a Year 6 Leavers Hoodie. This link is only open until 11pm on Wednesday 17th June, so please make sure to place your order promptly if you would like one.



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Dates for your diary	
Week beginning Monday 15th June	Healthy Lives week
Monday 15th June	Year 6 Bake Sale on the playground after school
Wednesday 17th June	Sports Day
Thursday 18th June	Back-up Sports Day (in case of bad weather on 17th)
Tuesday 23rd June	Year 3 Parent Showcase, 2.40pm
Thursday 25th June	Transition days at Costello and Cranbourne schools (current year 6s only)
Friday 26th June	
Friday 26th June	Year 2 trip to Living Rainforest
Tuesday 7th July	Year 2 Parent Showcase, 2.40pm
Friday 10th July	PTA Summer Fair (please note there will be no ACE (after school) club on this day)
Friday 10th July	Year 3 trip to Cholderton Farm
Friday 17th July	Year 6 Leavers' Party, 5pm-6.30pm
Monday 20th July	Year 6 Graduation ceremony
Tuesday 21st July	Open evening
Monday 20th July – Wednesday 22nd July	Transition mornings (FS to year 5)
Wednesday 22nd July	Last day of Summer term
Tuesday 1st September	Inset day (school closed)
Wednesday 2nd September	Inset day (school closed)
Thursday 3rd September	Start of the Autumn term



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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 Summer term:

FS: Monday

Year 1: Monday (outdoor)

Year 2: Monday (outdoor)

Year 3: Tuesday (outdoor) and Thursday (indoor)

Year 4: Thursday (outdoor)

Year 5: Friday (indoor)

Year 6: Wednesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)

## Absence guidance and procedures

### Medical/dental appointments

If you are unable to obtain an appointment outside of school hours, please call the School Office on 01256 473886 or email [admin@fairfields.hants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@fairfields.hants.sch.uk) to inform us of the time and date of your child's appointment.

### Illness

If 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 planned absences, please speak to our Attendance Officer, Tracey Deemer, 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**.



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