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# Fairview Community Primary School

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## Weekly newsletter – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025

We are a nut free school – Please do not send your child into school with anything that contains nuts

### Head teacher's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a brand-new school year!

I want to take a moment to share just how proud I am of all our children. They've returned with such positivity, enthusiasm, and a clear commitment to our school values — making a truly wonderful impression on their new teachers.

A very special mention must go to our new Year R children, who have settled in beautifully. Their calm confidence and sense of responsibility have been remarkable — especially in the cloakroom, which is the tidiest I've ever seen! What a fantastic start to their school journey.

As we begin the term, here are a few simple ways you can support your child's learning and wellbeing at home:

- Talk about their day: Ask open-ended questions like "What was the best part of your day?" or "What did you learn today?" to encourage reflection and conversation.
- Celebrate effort, not just results: Praise perseverance, kindness, and curiosity — these are just as important as academic achievements.
- Establish routines: Consistent bedtimes, reading together, and a calm morning routine can make a big difference in how children feel and learn.
- Stay connected: Keep in touch with your child's teacher and check in on any updates or messages from school.
- Model our school values at home: Whether it's showing respect, responsibility, or resilience, children learn best when they see these values in action.

I'd also like to extend a huge thank you to our PTFA, who held their AGM this week. It was wonderful to see some new faces joining the team, and they already have lots of exciting events planned for the children. Their dedication and creativity make such a difference to our school community — thank you!

Thank you for your continued support. With your partnership, we're looking forward to a year where every child feels confident, challenged, and proud of what they achieve.

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Mrs Tillett

Headteacher

## **Whole school attendance and punctuality**

**The whole school attendance target is 96% set by the Department for Education. Our attendance for the year, so far, is 97.3%.**

**Please report all absences via Parentmail.** If we do not receive a reason for absence, we will call you to find out why your child is not in school, following this up with a Parentmail.

You will receive a letter reminding you of the importance of school attendance this week, we are obliged to send this to all parents each year at this time. If you have any concerns regarding your child's school attendance please do hesitate to contact our Attendance Lead, Liz Hewkins or our Family Support Manager, Danielle Hind.

### **Important information...**

#### **Snacks - Grapes & Cherries**

Please can we remind parents that snacks such as grapes and cherries do pose a choking risk. We would advise parents to please ensure anything that could lodge in a child's throat is cut in half and any fruit stones removed.

#### **Celebration assembly**

Celebration assembly takes place every Friday morning at 9am. During this assembly each class celebrates that week's 'star'. Parents of these child are invited to attend and these invites are sent to parents, via parentmail, on the Friday before the assembly. We will no longer be chasing non-attendees on the morning of the assembly, the children will still be awarded their certificate in parents' absence.

#### **Casual cleaner vacancy**

We have a great team of in house cleaners at Fairview, but if ever any of the team is off sick this puts additional pressure on our whole site team. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in a zero hours contract as a cover cleaner who we can call on at short notice as necessary, please phone the school office to speak to Julie Trundle, School Business Manager. Any hours worked are paid on claim at an hourly rate of £12.65, and are generally after school between the hours of 4:00pm and 7:30pm.

#### **Wetter/colder weather**

Please can we remind parents that children will need a coat if the weather is wet, children will not be able to play outside in the wet weather without a coat.

### **Staff car park**

The car park is for staff and official visitors only. If you need to use our staff car park, you **park in lined bays only**, and that you do not park in the disabled bays unless you display a valid, disabled badge. If no lined bays are available, please park outside of school. Pick up from after school clubs is notoriously bad and unsafe for your children. Please be considerate.

### **Correct PE kit**

Please can we remind you that children wear the correct PE kit to school. The full list of kit can be found on our website.

Children are not permitted to wear short cycling shorts, i.e. Nike Pro.

Please also ensure that the correct t-shirt is worn, below are pictures of acceptable t-shirts (with or without our logo and house name) and a selection of links where these can be purchased, t-shirts can be purchased elsewhere as well.

[Fruit of the Loom Plain Childrens Yellow T Shirt All Ages \(Age 7-8\) : Amazon.co.uk: Fashion](#) (other colours available)

[House Colour PE T-Shirts - Brigade Clothing, LTD](#)

[www.threadsprinting.co.uk](http://www.threadsprinting.co.uk)

[Buy Green Plain School Sports T-Shirts 2 Pack 4 years | PE kits | Tu](#) (other colours available)

[2pk Unisex Pure Cotton School T-Shirts \(2-16 Yrs\) | M&S Collection | M&S](#) (other colours available)



### **Time out of school & appointments in school time**

We ask that you are always honest when reporting your child absent from school, regularly parents are not truthful regarding why their child is off school, BUT their child usually is! So, when you take them away on holiday or off on days out and you tell us they are poorly, we do tend to know that they aren't. By doing this you are also preventing your excited child talking about their experiences with their friends and teachers.

We are always fair, consistent and work with our attendance policy when responding to families who request time away from school, and we will always do the same if we suspect a holiday.

We are also seeing an increase in children being collected early from school. Whilst we appreciate these appointments cannot be avoided sometimes, we do ask that where possible you book appointments outside of school hours. Please can you also provide us with booking confirmation/appointment letters when notifying school.

### **Medicines in school**

We are always happy to administer prescribed medicines, when necessary, once a day. If you require us to do this, please come to the office to fill out a consent form.

Please **DO NOT** send any medicines into school with your child. This poses a risk to all children.

### **Children's birthdays**

Don't forget children can wear their own clothes to school on their birthday, or if their birthday falls in a holiday or weekend, on a day in the school week closest to it.

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September we will be taking part in the Macmillan Coffee Morning to raise money for the Macmillan Cancer Support charity. Children can wear green to school on the day and bring in a small shop bought cake.

### **PTFA**

The PTFA are running a very exciting drawing competition to find a new logo for the PTFA. Please see poster attached. Entries must be given to the office or e-mailed directly to the PTFA via their e-mail address: [fairviewptfa@gmail.com](mailto:fairviewptfa@gmail.com)

### **Community News**

We love sharing the children's (and parent's) achievements outside of school, if there is anything you'd like us to share please send it to [office@fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk](mailto:office@fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk)

### **Football Achievement**



We are very proud to share that Theo was awarded Under 5's Trainer of the Year with his Little Ballers football group. This award recognises not only his enthusiasm and commitment but also his impressive football skills at such a young age. Well done Theo!

### **Medway Small Steps Drop in Sessions**

Please see the attached flyer for details of Medway Small Steps Drop-In sessions.

Join us for a relaxed and friendly session where you can:

- 🤝 Connect with other parents and carers
- 💬 Chat to the Small Steps team about any questions or concerns you have regarding your child/young person's behaviour
  - ☕ Enjoy free tea, coffee, and refreshments
  - 📄 Pick up free visual resources to use at home
  - 🌿 Take a break in a calm, welcoming space

No need to book—just drop in!

You don't need a diagnosis to attend, and all parents and carers are welcome.

We look forward to seeing you there!

The Medway Small Steps Team

### **Good Gnus, a Musical Comedy**

St Matthew's DCC are showing the Good Gnus, a musical comedy act. Please see flyer attached, along with a direct link for booking tickets.

### **Medway Music Association**

Join our MMA's Saturday Music Centre which starts again on 27th September.

For pupils in Year 1 - 13. Groups available for those with no experience to those more advanced young musicians. Full details including how to sign up can be found at

<https://www.medwaymusicassociation.co.uk/saturdaymusiccentre>

Join our FREE Weekly Online Music Technology Sessions - Start again on Tuesday 23rd September

For pupils in Year 5 - 13. For those with no experience to those who have experience on Bandlab. Participants will need a laptop or desktop.

Full details including how to sign up can be found at

<https://www.medwaymusicassociation.co.uk/onlinemusictechnology>

## Star Pupil of the Week



Caterpillars	
Ladybirds	To commence on 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept.
Bumblebees	To commence on 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept.
Dragonflies	To commence on 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept.
Kingfisher	Race
Doves	Ella
Robins	Oliver C
Lions	Ada S
Leopards	Ryan D
Tigers	Isabelle T
Wolves	Sarah
Hedgehogs	Henry K
Foxes	Savannah
Dolphins	Rufus
Otters	Huxley
Turtles	Jayden
Owls	Louis
Ravens	Evalyn
Hawks	Rosa J
Crocodiles	Fearne
Zebras	Mason G
Elephants	Lois

## Key dates and times for Events

Below you will find dates for term 1, we are still finalising dates for further on in the year and we will share these with you soon.

**This section will be continually updated over the course of the year and may be subject to change.**

<b>September 2025</b>	
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	<b>Staff development day</b>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Secondary school Sept. 26 applications open
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Primary school Sept. 26 applications open
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b>Staff development day</b>
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Additional transition afternoon (Invite only)
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>Term 1 starts for children (Years R to 6)</b>
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Term 1 starts for Nursery</b>
Week commencing Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept & Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Meet and greet parents meeting (Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> – Year 3, Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> – Year 4, Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> – Year 2, Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Year 6, Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Year 5 & Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Year 1)
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	PTFA AGM – 7pm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Parent request for harvest donations
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September to 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Swimming – Owls and Ravens
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Medway Test – Year 6
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Medway Test (Special arrangements) – Year 6
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	VR Workshop (Years 5&6)
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Family trust (2.30pm – KS1 & 3pm – KS2)
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Macmillan cake sale week
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Harvest assembly (2.30-2.50pm – KS1 & 3-3.20pm – KS2)
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Book Look – Year 6 – 3pm
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Book Look – Year 4 – 3pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Book Look – Year 5 – 3pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Book Look – Year 3 – 3pm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Book Look – Year 1 – 3pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Odd Socks Day
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Book Look – Year 2 – 3pm
Week commencing Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent consultations – See letter for details & times
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Medway Test result day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	House tag day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of term 1

## Term Dates for September 2025 – July 2026

<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Staff Development Day</b>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September
	<b>Staff Development Day</b>	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September
	<b>Year starts for children</b>	<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>
	Last day of term 1	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Autumn Break</b>		<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Term 2 starts for children</b>	<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>
	Last day of term 2	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Christmas Break</b>		<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b>
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Staff Development Day</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
	<b>Term 3 starts for children</b>	<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>
	Last day of term 3	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>February Break</b>		<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>
<b>Term 4</b>	<b>Term 4 starts for children</b>	<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>
	Last day of term 4	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April
	Good Friday	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April
<b>Easter Break</b>		<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>
<b>Term 5</b>	<b>Staff Development Day</b>	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April
	<b>Term 5 starts for children</b>	<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>
	<b>Early spring bank holiday</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May
	Last day of term 5	<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>
<b>Late Spring Break</b>		<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Term 6</b>	<b>Staff Development Day</b>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June
	<b>Term 6 starts for children</b>	<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>
	Last day of the academic year	<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>