



Fairview Community Primary School

Website: <https://www.fairviewprimary.co.uk/>

Weekly Newsletter – Friday 29th November 2024

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,

I am delighted to share some updates from our school community.

Firstly, I would like to extend a huge congratulations to our Year 1 children, who recently participated in a balance bike competition. We are thrilled to announce that they came second and were awarded a silver medal during assembly today! Their hard work and determination are to be commended.

Additionally, our NSPCC Number Day Workshop was a fantastic success. The children engaged in various activities that not only enhanced their numerical skills but also reinforced the vital message of keeping safe.

In Year 3, students enjoyed an engaging workshop focused on the Stone Age, which helped to further their understanding in a fun and interactive way. It is always rewarding to see our children so eager to learn!

A group of Year 5 and Year 6 students had the opportunity to participate in the badminton MYG event, promoting teamwork and healthy competition. We are proud of their effort and sportsmanship!

I also want to highlight Mr Halls, who took a group of enthusiastic children from the film club to the cinema for a film festival. The children were actively involved and wrote thoughtful reviews on several films, showcasing their creativity and critical thinking skills.

A special shout-out goes to our fantastic Year 6 tour guides, who did an exceptional job showing prospective parents around for Reception 2025. Their professionalism and enthusiasm were impressive,

and the feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive. They truly are a credit to our school.

Lastly, I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the PTFA Christmas Fair this Sunday afternoon. A huge thank you goes to the PTFA for all their hard work before, during, and after the event. Your support significantly contributes to our school community.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Karin Tillet

Headteacher

PTFA Christmas Bazaar

It's the Christmas bazaar this weekend on Sunday 1st December 2024. Venue: The KS1 & KS2 halls. 1pm – 4pm.

Flu Spray – Years R to 6

Just a reminder that children in Years R to 6 will be having their flu spray on Wednesday 4th December 2024.

Christmas Lunch Day

On Thursday 12th December children can come into school wearing school uniform with a Christmas jumper.

On this day if you haven't pre-ordered a Christmas lunch you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch. There will be no other options available on this date.

Storytime After School Club

Just a reminder that there are no more sessions of Storytime after school club this term.

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 96.43%.

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.

#kindness

Please can we remind parents that we do not tolerate any abuse towards our staff. If you would like to speak to a member of staff about any issue this is to be done during the working day or during an agreed meeting time after school.

Bird feed donations – Eco Squad

Autumn & Winter is the time to feed birds, our Eco Squad members are really keen to ensure our visiting birds are well fed! We would really appreciate any donations of bird feed (Suet balls, Sunflower seeds, Bird seed & Mill worms, but nothing containing nuts) – If you would like to donate, there is a box in the school reception.

2025-2026 Term dates

These are now finalised and can be found below.

Mud kitchen donations

If you are getting rid of any pots, pans etc the KS1 mud kitchen would love them!

Medway Early Talkers

**Star Pupil of the Week
Awarded on 29th November**



Caterpillars	Blossom & Sara
Ladybirds	Jesse D
Bumblebees	Archie
Dragonflies	Lillie
Sparrows	George P
Doves	Harry E
Robins	Dana
Lions	Sonny G
Leopards	Eadie
Tigers	Tehya
Wolves	Lucas B
Hedgehogs	Isla W
Foxes	Charlie
Dolphins	Hayden
Otters	Eliza
Turtles	Stanley W
Owls	Megan T
Ravens	Mason T
Hawks	Ava A
Crocodiles	Joshua J
Zebras	Henry
Elephants	Tiana

Christmas Performances

Please check the Christmas events at Fairview parentmail that was sent out on the 15th November for details on upcoming class performances.

Water Bottles

Please send your child into school with a named bottle. We do not have spare cups.

Tissue donations

As the weather is getting colder, and colds & coughs increase we would be really grateful for donations of boxes of tissues – If you would like to send in a box of tissues please drop them at the office.

Suitable Clothing

With the wet and colder weather now approaching, please can you ensure that you send your child into school with a suitable coat. We have noticed an increase in children coming to school with no coat on wet days.

Key dates and times for Events

Attached to the newsletter are the key dates & times for the academic year. Please keep an eye on these dates as they can be subject to change.

Musical achievement

From Mrs Gutsell-Thompson:

On Saturday 23 November, Krum Owls class, competed against a highly talented group of predominantly older children at Maidstone Music Festival Grade 4 Piano category...

and won!
He also gained 2nd place in the intermediary category. His performances were outstanding.
Krum puts a lot of time and hard work into his piano practice, which clearly pays off!

Well done Krum!

Please have a look at the following link <https://medwayearlytalkers.co.uk/>

This is a new website called Early Talkers, it is a free site that has been created for parents and carers of children aged 1 – 5 to encourage better speaking and listening skills

School uniform donation

We are always very grateful for your kind donations of school uniform, however, where you have been so amazing, we now have lots of uniform. Temporarily, we will be unable to take anymore donations but we know Street Angels are always very happy to take donations.

Earrings

Please can we remind parents that earrings cannot be worn during PE. If your child has had their ears pierced, please can you remove earrings before school or practice with your child at home so that they can do it themselves.

Healthy snacks & lunches

Can we please remind you that we are a healthy school. Children should only bring in a healthy breaktime snack. Lunches should only contain healthy foods, no sweets! Can we ask you to remind your child/children that they should not share or swap their food with other children.

Car Park

Just a friendly reminder that the car park is for **staff only**. This is both car parks. There is also a one way system when driving around the car park.

Sports News

MYG Badminton Tournament Cup Team



The report of Mini Youth Games Badminton Contest. We entered 2 teams and they both played amazingly. Our first game for Fairview United was against Bligh Bears and James and Jimmy lost against them 7-15 but they both had some excellent shots. In the next game we were against Wainscott and Naila and Ava won against them with some fabulous shots, just over the net. After a little break watching the other team play (Fairview Wanderers) we then played Warren Wood with Abigail and Ava doing some excellent shots that took up the whole court but they sadly lost. In our next game we all had positive vibes as we won the fixture against Miers Court with some fantastic shots from both Elise and Joseph. We then went on to win another 5 games and ended with a win to Fairview. We all showed respect to our opponents, and after every game we shook their hands even if we lost drastically as we didn't mind that much.

Overall, we came 16 out of 27 teams and we were very happy about it. In the end St Margarets of Troy Town came first and Balfour Broncos got Fair Play Award.

Report by Abigail H

House Captain for Victory.

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MYG Badminton Tournament Plate Team



On Thursday the 28th of November Fairview wanders (plate team) attended the mini youth games for badminton. They showed great perseverance, collaboration and all of our school values. The team consisted of Bertie, Emily, Pearl, Immi, Callan, Ethan, Max and Elsie who was our sports reporter. 8 games were played, 4 were won and 4 were lost. It was a great effort from the plate team who demonstrated good sportsmanship and amazing skills. They worked in teams of 2, boys vs boys, girls vs girls and mixed, however they achieved highest in the mixed.

Great effort from Fairview again well done!

Report By Elsie M

Sports News

MYG Badminton Championship



Well done to our Championship badminton team. Some fabulous shots played and fantastic collaboration between the pairs throughout the day.

They kept the spectators on the edge of their seats with some thrillingly close matches!

Well done to Emily B, Ruby G, Freya, Isaac, Ben W, Ben M and Myles. We are super proud of you all. 😊👏🎯

Year 1 Balance Bikes



Introducing our year 1 Balance Bike Team! 🚲🚲

We had so much fun at the Balance Bike Festival on Thursday. We were whizzing round the race track and weaving in and out of obstacles. We got really good at it too. The team finished in 2nd place!

We are so proud of our little superstars! 😊👏

Key dates and times for Events

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

October:	
Thursday 3 rd October	Sports organising crew
Monday 7 th October	Book looks – Year 4 – 3pm
Tuesday 8 th October	Mini Youth Games (MYG) – Hockey (Championship) Years 5 & 6
Tuesday 8 th October	Book looks – Year 6 – 3pm
Wednesday 9 th October	Reception 2025 Open day – 9.30am & 1.30pm
Wednesday 9 th October	Book looks – Year 3 – 3pm
Wednesday 16 th October to Wednesday 27 th November	Swimming – Hawks & Elephants
Thursday 10 th October	Mini Youth Games (MYG) – Hockey (Cup and plate) Years 5 & 6
Thursday 10 th October	Book looks – Year 2 – 3pm
Friday 11 th October	Book looks – Year 1 – 3pm
Monday 14 th October	Parent consultation – 9am-12pm (Caterpillars, year 6 & year 4)
Monday 14 th October	Book looks – Year 5 – 3pm
Tuesday 15 th October	Parent consultation – 9am-12pm (Caterpillars & year 1)
Tuesday 15 th October	Parent consultation – 4-7pm (All years)
Wednesday 16 th October	Parent consultation – 9am-12pm (Year R & year 2)
Wednesday 16 th October	Medway Test results to parents
Thursday 17 th October	Parent consultation – 9am-12pm (Year 3 & year 5)
Thursday 17 th October	House tag day
Friday 18 th October	PTFA tag day
Friday 18th October	Last day of term 1
Friday 25 th October	PTFA Fireworks
Monday 28th October	First day of term 2
Wednesday 30 th October	Smoothie bike visiting years 3 & 4
Thursday 31 st October	Deadline for submission of Year 7 2025 applications
November:	
Tuesday 5 th November	Individual photos by Tempest
Tuesday 5 th November	MYG – Basketball (Cup)
Wednesday 6 th November	Cross country – Fixture 1 (Medway Park)
Friday 8 th November	Year 2 Educational trip to Durham Woods & Soar
Friday 8 th November	RBLI tag day – Wear your pyjamas to school
Friday 8 th November	KS2 Disco (Information & booking link sent separately via Parentmail)
Monday 11 th November	Year 5 Ancient Greeks workshop
Tuesday 12 th November	Year R Phonics stay & play – 3-3.20pm
Tuesday 12 th November	MYG – Basketball (Championship)
Tuesday 12 th November	Odd socks day – Wear odd socks to school
Thursday 14 th November	MYG – Basketball (Plate)
Thursday 14 th November	Year 6 Educational visit to the RE Museum, Gillingham

Friday 15 th November	Children in Need tag day
Thursday 21 st November	Year R & Year 6 Weight and height check
Friday 22 nd November	PTFA quiz night/Race night
Monday 25 th November	Year 3 Living History Stone Age workshop
Tuesday 26 th November	MYG – Badminton (Championship)
Wednesday 27 th November	Reception 2025 Open day – 9.30am & 1.30pm
Thursday 28 th November	MYG – Badminton (Cup and plate)
Thursday 28 th November	PTFA Processo and wreath making master class
December:	
Sunday 1 st December	PTFA Christmas Fayre
Monday 2 nd December	Road Safety Day – Year R
Tuesday 3 rd December	Choral Festival at Rochester Cathedral (Years 3 – 6) – Invite only
Wednesday 4 th December to Wednesday 22 nd January 2025	Swimming – Crocodiles & Zebras
Wednesday 4 th December	Year R to Year 6 Flu immunisation
Wednesday 4 th December	Year 5 Christmas experience – St Matthews Church (No parents)
Monday 9 th December	Year 1 & 2 Christmas performance to parents (year 1 at 9.30am and year 2 at 2pm)
Tuesday 10 th December	Cross country – Fixture 2 (Cliffe Woods Primary School)
Tuesday 10 th December	Caterpillars & Ladybirds Christmas performance – 9.30am
Tuesday 10 th December	Years 3 & 4 Christmas performance to parents (year 3 at 1.30pm and year 4 at 2.30pm)
Wednesday 11 th December	Year 5 Christingle – 2pm at St Matthews Church
Thursday 12 th December	Dragonflies & Bumblebees Christmas performance – 9.30am
Thursday 12 th December	Christmas lunch (Yrs R-6)
Thursday 12 th December	Christmas jumper day
Friday 13 th December	PTFA Christmas gift sale
Friday 13 th December	Choir to Osbern Manor care home (No parents) – 2pm
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas class party (Year 5 only)
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas class party (All years except year 5)
Friday 20 th December	House tag day
Friday 20th December	Last day of term 2
January:	
Monday 6 th January	Staff development day
Tuesday 7th January	Term 3 starts for children
Wednesday 8 th January	Cross country – Fixture 3 (Brompton Westbrook Primary School)
Friday 10 th January	Pantomime (AM – Years 4, 5 & 6) (PM – Years R, 1, 2 & 3)
Thursday 16 th January	MYG – Swimming (Championship)
Thursday 16 th January	Year 3 Egyptian workshop
Friday 17 th January	MYG – Swimming (Cup)
Monday 22 nd January	Year R Early Learning Goals parents meeting – 3pm
Wednesday 29 th January to Wednesday 13 th March	Swimming – Turtles & Otters
Friday 31 st January	Year R Sciencedome visit

February:	
Wednesday 5 th February	MYG - Table Tennis (Championship)
Wednesday 5 th February	Year 1 Road safety walks
Thursday 6 th February	MYG – Table Tennis (Cup and plate)
Friday 7 th February	NSPCC Number Day
Wednesday 12 th February	Cross country – Fixture 4 (Capstone Park Country Park)
Thursday 13 th February	Bounce fitness with Donna
Friday 14 th February	Bounce fitness with Donna
Thursday 13 th February	House tag day
Friday 14 th February	PTFA valentines tag day
Friday 14th February	Last day of term 3
Monday 24th February	First day of term 4
Friday 28 th February	Science day
March:	
Monday 3 rd March	Year 7 September 2025 offer day
Wednesday 5 th March	Cross country – Fixture 5 (Medway Park)
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 20 th March	Year R Maths stay & play – 3-3.20pm
Wednesday 20 th March to Wednesday 7 th May	Swimming – Dolphins & Foxes
Friday 21 st March	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 26 th March	Bounce Beyond – Mini trampoline day (Years R-2)
Friday 28 th March	Deadline to accept/decline year 7 2025 September school place
Friday 28 th March	PTFA Year R & KS1 party (Year R – 1pm, Year 1 – 2pm, Year 2 – 3.30pm)
April:	
Wednesday 2 nd April	Year 6 Easter experience – St Matthews Church
Friday 4 th April	House tag day
Friday 4th April	Last day of term 4
Monday 21 st April	Re-allocation of year 7 September 2025 begins
Tuesday 22 nd April	Staff development day
Wednesday 23rd April	Term 5 starts for children
Thursday 24 th April	MYG - Netball (Plate)
Friday 25 th April	Year 2 VR workshop
Tuesday 29 th April	NYG - Netball (Championship)
May:	
Monday 5th May	Bank holiday
WC 12 th May	Year 6 SATS
Wednesday 14 th May to Wednesday 25 th June	Swimming – Wolves & Hedgehogs
Tuesday 20 th May	MYG - Tag Rugby (Championship)
Tuesday 20 th May	Year 3 Educational trip to Riverside Country Park
Thursday 22 nd May	MYG - Tag Rugby (Cup and plate)
Friday 23 rd May	House tag day
Friday 23rd May	Last day of term 5

June:	
Monday 2 nd June	Staff development day
Tuesday 3rd June	Term 6 starts for children
Tuesday 3 rd June	MYG – Football (Championship)
Thursday 5 th June	MYG – Football (Cup and plate)
Monday 9 th to Friday 13 th June	Sports Inclusion week
Monday 9 th June	PGL 2025 parent meeting (Yr 6 parents)
Monday 16 th June	Year 1 Educational visit to Wingham Wildlife Centre
Thursday 19 th June	Make music day
Friday 20 th June	Sports day (Yrs R-6)
Saturday 21 st June	PTFA Summer Fayre
Monday 23 rd June to Friday 27 th June	Year 6 Residential and activity week for those children not attending
Tuesday 24 th June	MYG – Cricket (Championship)
Thursday 26 th June	MYG – Cricket (Cup and plate)
Thursday 26 th June	Year 3 Educational visit to Wildwood
Monday 30 th June	PGL 2026 parent meeting (Yr 5 parents)
July:	
Wednesday 2 nd July	Additional swim session
Friday 4 th July	Reserve sports day (Yrs R-6)
Monday 7 th July	Year 6 'It's your move' – St Matthews Church
Tuesday 8 th July	MYG – Athletics
Wednesday 9 th July	Additional swim session
Monday 14 th July	Year 6 performance to parents - 2pm & 5pm
Wednesday 16 th July	Additional swim session
Friday 18 th July	House tag day
Friday 18 th July	Year 6 leavers disco
Monday 21 st July	Year 6 leavers service at St Matthews Church – 2pm
Tuesday 22 nd July	Whole school picnic – No parents
Tuesday 22 nd July	Last day of year 6

Term 1	Staff development day	Monday 2nd September
	Staff development day	Tuesday 3 rd September
	Term 1 begins for children	Wednesday 4th September
	Term ends for children	Friday 18 th October
Autumn Break		Monday 21st October to Friday 25th October
Term 2	Term 2 begins for children	Monday 28th October
	Term ends for children	Friday 20 th December
Christmas Break		Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January
Term 3	Staff development day	Monday 6 th January
	Term 3 begins for children	Tuesday 7th January
	Term ends for children	Friday 14 th February
February Break		Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February
Term 4	Term 4 begins for children	Monday 24th February
	Term ends for children	Friday 4 th April
	Good Friday	Friday 18 th April
	Easter Monday	Monday 21 st April
Easter Break		Monday 7th April to Friday 18th April
Term 5	Staff development day	Tuesday 22 nd April
	Term 5 begins for children	Wednesday 23rd April
	Term ends for children	Friday 23 rd May
	Early May bank holiday	Monday 5 th May
	Spring bank holiday	Monday 26 th May
Late Spring Break		Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May
Term 6	Staff development day	Monday 2 nd June
	Term 6 begins for children	Tuesday 3rd June
	Term ends for children	Tuesday 22 nd July

Term Dates for September 2025 – July 2026

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