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Fairview Community Primary School

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Weekly newsletter – Friday 21st March 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 Guardians,

I hope this message finds you well. It has been lovely to see the children enjoying the recent sunny weather while engaging in outdoor play without their coats on.

Over the past fortnight, we have had a busy and productive time at school. Year 6 participated in an informative Mayan workshop, which greatly enhanced their understanding of the curriculum.

Our KS2 Choir had the privilege of taking part in a choral festival at Chatham Central Theatre, alongside six other schools. It was truly uplifting to hear their beautiful voices and to observe the confidence they exhibited on stage.

Additionally, we celebrated Red Nose Day with a variety of engaging activities, and the children actively contributed to raising funds for this worthwhile charity. We are grateful for your support with these events.

Our dedicated parents have been highly involved as well. We recently hosted open mornings for our Caterpillar Nursery, providing an excellent opportunity for parents and their children to learn more about our setting for September. Furthermore, Year 4 parents attended a workshop focused on the Multiplication Times Table, where we detailed the forthcoming test, and we welcomed parents into school to view their children's books together.

Lastly, we extend our sincere gratitude to our wonderful PTFA for organising an exceptional Mother's Day Shop, where the children were able to select thoughtful presents for the special women in their lives. The quality of the gifts continues to impress each year.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Mrs K 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 95.70%.

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.

Important information...

Warmer weather (Water bottles & sunglasses)

Hopefully the warm weather will stay, can we remind parents that children need to bring a water bottle into school with them every day. We have a very limited supply of cups, but do sell water bottles should you need one.

Sunglasses are not to be worn, unless your child has a documented medical condition that requires them to wear them. If they do, please pop to the office and we can ensure the correct care plan is in place.

Grapes

If you are going to provide your child with grapes for a snack or as part of their lunch, please can we suggest that these are cut, ideally, in half lengthways. Grapes are the third most common cause of death in food-related accidents (Guardian newspaper). The size and shape of them can completely block a child's airway.

KM My Mum 2025

The KM will be printing their special Mother's Day supplement **on 27th March 2025**. Special drawings from children in Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 will be found in the supplement in newsagents as well as online.

You can also get a digital copy of the supplement and all pictures inside, plus My Mum and My Dad supplements from previous years. And to celebrate the supplement parents of children taking part in My Mum can take advantage of an exclusive offer just for you. You can get a full year's worth of access to KentOnline premium, our app, and all of our digital newspapers and supplements for just £20, that's better than half price, by using the offer code **MYMUM** at www.kentonline.co.uk/subscribe/

Tissues donation

It's the time of year for coughs and colds, and we are getting through boxes of tissues like they are going out of fashion! We would be really grateful for any donations of tissue boxes.

Before school and after school on the playgrounds

Please can we remind you that before school starts and after school, children are not to play on any equipment or play ball games. The playground areas are busy and some children are not supervised, therefore these activities are not appropriate at this time.

Appointments

We are 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.

Royal Engineers Museum – Bridge building

On Tuesday the 4th of March a team of year fives (Ollie, Scarlett, Holly, James and Elia) all went to the Royal Engineer's Museum for a bridge building competition.

We took part in many workshops. The very first thing we did was when someone from the Rochester Bridge Trust gave us a presentation of different bridges and told us why we use different designs for different bridges to suit their purpose. When we had the presentation, we got to see the Victoria cross award that gets awarded to remarkable people who did something amazing during the war.

One of the workshops we did was looking at military equipment. We tried on army backpacks which were very heavy we also held their armour and guns. Another fun part of the morning was building a model of a Bailey bridge with other schools. We did another activity where we had to spot 11 hidden objects that may have given evidence of the enemy - some examples are like a flash of a mirror or a dropped battery. At the end a well camouflaged soldier stood up from the bushes and none of us had seen him. We also used metal detectors to try to find what the soldiers had hid. They said that they used these to find mines in the ground.

In the afternoon we had the competition against other schools. We had 10 minutes to plan our design and 50 minutes to make it. We were given materials like cardboard, lolly-sticks, string and other resources. We all had to work together to make our bridge come alive. Some of us decorated while the others made the bridge and when our fifty minutes were up all of the bridges got tested. Our bridge held 3 and a half kilograms. It was a very fun experience!

By Scarlett and Ollie (Year 5)





Sports News...

Swindon Regional Football Finals Southern



Yesterday, the boys faced a new challenge by travelling two hours and thirty minutes to Swindon for a Tournament. The grand prize is to play at the home of football (Wembley.)

We started off well but playing against our closest rivals Bromley, tackles came flying in. However, we went 1-0 down at halftime. Despite the goal, we pushed on and were rewarded with a penalty. Jared stepped up to take and slotted it home to equalise. Full time came and we kept our respect and maintained it into are next game. Our next game was against the home team, Swindon. In This game, yet again we went 1-0 down but we pushed on and seconds later Swindon had an unfortunate own goal to equalise before half time. We carried on and eventually we scored thanks to a goal from Isaac. Full time came and we were soon to play MK Dons. The first half was goalless as both teams struggled. On the other hand, the second half was full of drama and unfortunately, our opponent slotted one in the back of the net. As time was ticking, we began to get desperate and sadly the whistle blew. That was the first time we lost as a team. The last game was against Newport County in which we needed a win to lock a place in the semi-final. 4th minute in and Jared scored again but they were knocking on the door and they scored just as half time came. Early in the second half, Gillingham ran riot and scored 3 goals in 4 minutes with Freddie's incredible solo goal sealing the win for us.

In the semi-finals we faced our hardest opponent yet, AFC Wimbledon.

In the first seconds they scored to go 1-0 up, 4 minutes later they scored again. Half time came and we kept on pushing and pushing but sadly nothing came. In defence of our players, their team was equipped with 3 Chelsea academy players. However, all the staff were very proud as we played so well and have and tried our best.

Well done to our team: Ethan, James Pi, James Pl, James M, Riley, Myles, Jared, Isaac and Freddie.

Written by Henry P and Farley P

They also made the local press!

<https://www.kentonline.co.uk/medway/sport/gillingham-team-go-close-in-school-competition-321707/>

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

The Little Princess Trust fundraising



Jessica in owls class had been raising money for The Little Princess Trust who provide wigs for children who have lost their hair through cancer.

Jessica had over 15 inches cut off her hair at the hairdressers and will be sending this off to the charity along with her £321 made via her Just Giving page, which is not closing for a few weeks. Here is the link:-

https://www.justgiving.com/page/jessica-hunt-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=WA#sharePage

Meningitis Now Charity

Kaiden in year 4 is taking on a massive climb to reach the summit of Ben Nevis on June 28th for Meningitis Now charity.

Kaiden developed Meningitis back in 2023 and said he wanted to raise money & awareness for children who are suffering or who have had Meningitis in the past.

Kaiden is going to be blogging and sharing his experience during his fight back to good health and also the preparations and the actual climb itself. As a school we are very proud of Kaiden and wish him well on his climb.

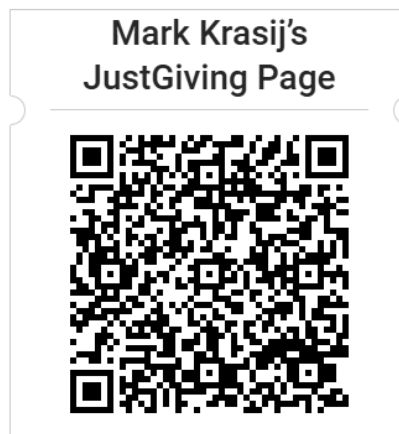
If you would like to support Kaiden please click on his just giving donation link that has been set up for his donations.

[Kaiden Smith is fundraising for Meningitis Now](#)

London Marathon 2025

A dad of one of our Fairview children is running this year's London Marathon, raising money for Young Lives vs Cancer. If you would like to donate to this amazing cause, the links are below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/mark-krasij-1729664516649>



Race Day at Milton Creek Country Park

There is a charity's running event happening on June 1st at Milton Creek Country Park, Sittingbourne, which includes a 5k, 10k and Family 2k Fun Run.

Did you know that 1 in 7 babies born in the UK will require care from a NICU department? The Oliver Fisher Special Care Baby Trust (Reg charity number 292375) is dedicated to supporting the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Medway Maritime Hospital. Ours is a Level 3 NICU meaning that the sickest and most premature babies come into our care, not just from Medway and Swale, but from across Kent. In fact, the Oliver Fisher NICU admits over 1200 patients each year, giving life-saving treatment to babies and support to their families at a time of immense difficulty.

To help raise awareness and ever needed funds, we have organised our Race Day. The 5k and 10k are governed by athletic rules, which means the 5k can be entered by over 11year olds and 10k, over 15. However, the Family Fun Run is open to all from age 0-99 - last year our youngest participant was 6 months old, and her dad carried her in a sling around the route. The run will be at Milton Creek Country Park and is a nice flat course so should be great fun. Whilst participants can choose to fundraise, there is no requirement for that; we just want this to be a truly successful event in popularity. For entrants to the 5 and

10K, there will be electronic chip timing and finishers t-shirt. For every runner, there a bespoke finishers medal marking the 40th birthday of the charity.

The sign up link is: <https://www.nice-work.org.uk/e/oliver-fisher-10k-and-5k-10040>

HAF Sports Camp

Please find attached to this newsletter a flyer for HAF Sports Camp. This program is free for children eligible for free school meals and includes 10 additional paid spaces for those who don't qualify but would still like to participate.

The camp will offer a range of Sports activities, coaching, and fun games to keep children active and engaged during the holidays. It's a great opportunity for students to develop skills, stay healthy, and enjoy time with friends in a structured environment.

Steve Coleman
MKA Martial Arts and High Halstow Sports Camps

PSA Football Academy – Easter Soccer Schools



Pro Soccer Academy will be hosting their Easter Soccer Schools this Half Term in Gillingham & Lenham.

Their discount code will be **PSACOMMUNITY10** which will provide a 10% discount on all dates for their Soccer School. This can be applied at the checkout on the dates you select.

[April Soccer School 2025](#)

Star Pupil of the Week



Caterpillars	Harvey & Jude M
Ladybirds	Kylen
Bumblebees	Arley
Dragonflies	Isla
Sparrows	Blimi
Doves	Isabella
Robins	Hasavi
Lions	Thea P
Leopards	Joey N
Tigers	Theo M
Wolves	Xanthe
Hedgehogs	James
Foxes	Elliott
Dolphins	Alana
Otters	Hannah W
Turtles	Hope
Owls	Gracie
Ravens	Daisy D
Hawks	Darcy
Crocodiles	Lily P
Zebras	Luis
Elephants	James

Key dates and times for Events

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

Wednesday 19 th March to Wednesday 7 th May	Swimming – Dolphins & Foxes
Monday 24 th March	Chicks arriving in Foundation Stage
Monday 24 th March to Thursday 27 th March	Year 6 Mock SATS
Wednesday 26 th March	Bounce Beyond – Mini trampoline day (Years R-2)
Thursday 27 th March	Year 5 Art workshop
Thursday 27 th March	MYG Football – Year 6 girls
Friday 28th March	Deadline to accept/decline year 7 2025 September school place
Friday 28 th March	PTFA Years 3, 4 & 5 Disco
Monday 31 st March	Caterpillars, year 2 & year 6 Parents meetings – 9am to 12pm
April:	
Tuesday 1 st April	Year R, year 1 & year 3 Parents meetings – 9am to 12pm
Tuesday 1 st April	MYG Netball (Championship)
Wednesday 2 nd April	Caterpillars & year 4 Parents meetings – 9am to 12pm
Wednesday 2 nd April	Year 6 Easter experience – St Matthews Church
Thursday 3 rd April	MYG Netball (Cup)
Thursday 3 rd April	Year 5 Parents meetings – 9am to 12pm
Thursday 3 rd April	All years Parents meeting – 4pm to 7pm
Friday 4 th April	House tag day
Friday 4th April	Last day of term 4
Wednesday 16 th April	Year R September 25 Offer day
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
Wednesday 23 rd April	Year 2 VR workshop – Date change
Thursday 24 th April	MYG - Netball (Plate)
Thursday 24 th April	Year 6 SATS Parents meeting
Friday 25 th April	Year 2 VR workshop
Tuesday 29 th April	NYG - Netball (Championship)
May:	
Monday 5th May	Bank holiday
Thursday 8 th May	Class photos (Excl. year 6)
Friday 9 th May	RBLI Dress for Victory day
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 Dates for September 2024 – July 2025

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 18th 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