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# Fairview Community Primary School

Check out our website: <https://www.fairviewprimary.co.uk/>

## Weekly newsletter – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 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 Term 5! I hope this letter finds you well and ready for an exciting term ahead. It has been a lovely start to the term, made even better by the beautiful weather we have been enjoying.

The children have dived right into their new topics, building on what they already know so that we can expand their learning further. I am particularly excited to share that Year 2 commenced the term with an engaging VR workshop, where they explored ocean habitats in incredible detail. It was truly an amazing experience, and the children were fascinated by the sights they encountered.

In addition, we had the privilege of welcoming a PSCO from Kent Police who visited our EYFS and KS1 classes. She introduced herself and held an informative session about personal safety and how the police can support our community. It was a valuable experience for the children, reinforcing the importance of knowing how to stay safe.

Sporting events have also kicked off, with Year 5/6 participating in the MYG Netball tournament and Year 3/4 trying their hand at a racket skills festival. Our pupils exhibited great enthusiasm and sportsmanship, and it was wonderful to see them actively engaging in these activities.

Lastly, I'm delighted to inform you that our annual Health and Safety audit was recently conducted by an external provider, Judicium. I am pleased to report that it went exceptionally well, achieving a green rating across all areas. This outcome reflects our commitment to providing a safe learning environment for your children. A heartfelt thank you goes to Mrs Trundle, our School Business Manager, Mr Allen, our Premises Manager, and the entire site team for their tremendous efforts in ensuring compliance with Health and Safety regulations.

I hope you all enjoy the upcoming Bank Holiday weekend!

Best wishes

Mrs Tillett

## **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 95.62%.**

**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...**

#### **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.

#### **Warmer weather (Sun hats, Water bottles, sunglasses & sun cream)**

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. Also, with children eating lunch on the school field a sun hat might be beneficial.

- 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.
- For children in years 1 to 6, please ensure that your child has a high factor sun cream applied before they come to school. Children do not need to bring sun cream into school to top up during the school day unless they have a medical need.

### **Forest School/PE Timetable**

The week of the 19<sup>th</sup> May and 14<sup>th</sup> July were missed off of the timetable. That week is an odd week so it will be PPA for Year 5, 4 and 2. The last full week of term: 14<sup>th</sup> July there is no PPA so no Forest school for that week.

### **Eco Squad Amazon wish list**

Mr Hammett & our Eco Squad work tirelessly throughout the year tending to the school grounds and the needs of the wildlife who visit our site. If you would like to contribute to the Eco Squad supplies, we have an Amazon wish list, they would be really grateful for any contribution.

<https://amzn.eu/8oJPV8Y>

### **Tempest Class Photos – Years N to 5**

A reminder that Tempest will be in school to take class photos on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Please can we ask that children are wearing school uniform on this day. If your child has PE/Forest school please can they bring trainers/wellies in a spare carrier bag.

### **Year R hearing and vision checks**

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> of May 2025 at 9am the school nursing team will be coming into school to do hearing and vision checks for Year R children. If you would like to opt out you will need to complete the online form:

[School health screening - opt out form - Medway Community Healthcare](#)

### **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.

### **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.

## Lunchtime news

### Packed lunches

Please could you ensure that children do not bring sweets/chocolates in their lunch boxes, we would encourage you to provide a healthy, balanced lunch. Please can you also cut grapes in half; whole grapes are one of the most common foods that children choke on.

### Outside dining

Many children have been enjoying eating their packed lunches outside this week in the warmer weather. Children will be taking out their water bottles at lunchtime which will be stored in class trays. With the number of children in school (680!) it is imperative that they are named.

A named hat should also be worn while the weather remains warm.



## Sports News...

### Racket Skills Festival



Some of our Year 4's took part in the Racket Skills Festival at Avenue Tennis on 1 May. This gave the team the chance to have a go at three different racket sports. We had a great time practicing a range of badminton, table tennis and tennis skills during the afternoon. Our squad was: Emilia W, Alice W, Olivia B, Evie M, Rowan D, George R-K, Elliot S, Ella W, Brody H, Joel K, Joshua T, Rosa L.

### MYG Netball Plate Tournament



Players: Abigail, Pearl, Poppy, Harry, Edward, Darcey and Chloe

#### **Game 1 – against Oaklands**

First Half: Starting strong, Edward played centre with brilliant passes to Pearl. Advancing towards the goal, Poppy showed some excellent footwork leading to a goal for Fairview. With help from Abigail, Pearl scored. Harry who made some brilliant interceptions caused the other team to not score in the first half. Score: 2-0 to Fairview

Second Half: With a good start from Darcey and amazing pass from Chloe across the court, that landed straight into another team mate's arms. Which executed in an incredible pass yet again to Chloe, which led to a great goal from Harry assisted by Edwards's super making and space finding. Score: 3-0

### **Game 2 – against Thames View**

First Half: The opposing team started well but luckily Poppy came in with great marking and intercepted the ball within the first minute. During the first half, there was some incredible passes from Pearl and Edward, good Sportsmanship from Harry and some amazing interceptions from Chloe but unfortunately ending in a score of 0-0.

Second Half: Beginning with great defending from all of the team, Pearl made some great passes with Darcey doing some great shots but sadly missed. Edward did some great catches and passing the ball to Abigail. Darcey did some tremendous passes leading to a goal from Darcey. Edward also scored. Score 2-0.

### **Game 5 – Hoo St Werburgh**

First Half: Edward started off in centre with a powerful pass to Poppy. Chloe and Poppy did some terrific teamwork and space finding. Abigail and Pearl made some outstanding passes to one another, leading to 2 goals sadly being disallowed. Score: 0-0

Second Half: We started off the second half strong but annoyingly the other team scored. Harry did some great defending with Chloe helping along the way. The team did some great marking helping Edward and Darcey score leading to a 3-2 defeat. Final Score 3-2 to the opposite team.

At the end of the day, we all showed great determination and perseverance winning 5 out of 8 of our games. At the end of each game, we all made sure to shake hands even if we lost.

Written by Abigail and Chloe (Crocodiles) and Darcey (Zebras)

## **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)

### **2025 Shield winners**



During the holiday Phoenix Joshua and Rowans football team won the final with a score of 6-1. This was a huge achievement for their team and they wanted to share with the school. Well done boys!

### **Gymnastics Competition**



Last weekend Elena and Evie-Bow travelled to London for a gymnastics competition. They both did incredibly well with Elena bringing home gold for her beam event and Evie-Bow a gold for her floor routine. Evie-Bow then got a silver award for vault and finished third overall for all her events with Elena finishing second overall. Well done girls!!! We are incredibly proud of you.

### **Gillingham FC Mascots**



On Monday 21st April Blakely, Charlie and Tommy were all Mascots for Gillingham Fc. They got to tour around the stadium, meet all the players, play some football on the pitch and then walk out with all the players before the match started. It was even shown on sky sports tv. Luckily Gills also won 1-0.

## Child Friendly Medway - Dockyard Lego Brick Wrecks Sunken Ships Exhibition

Child-Friendly Medway will be hosting our 9th City Hall on Thursday 22 May after school at the Chatham Historic Dockyard with FREE access to the LEGO® exhibition: 'Brickwrecks: Sunken Ships in LEGO® Bricks' as well as LEGO® themed games and activities. We will be joined by the Leader, Councillor Vince Maple and Richard Hicks, Chief Executive, of Medway Council for a special Q&A for children and young people. To hear from our youngest residents on what it's like growing up in Medway. To hear their ideas on how to make Medway even more child friendly!

This FREE event will include:

- FREE access to the LEGO® exhibition: 'Brickwrecks: Sunken Ships in LEGO® Bricks' 🧱
- A FREE buffet
- LEGO® themed games and activities for families
- And much more...

This event is taking place at The Historic Dockyard, Main Gate Road, Chatham, ME4 4TZ on Thursday 22 May, with doors opening at 4:00pm, and the event taking place 4:30pm-7:30pm. This FREE ticketed event is recommended for children 5+. Flyer attached.

If you would like to attend, please email [childfriendly@medway.gov.uk](mailto:childfriendly@medway.gov.uk) to book your place now

### Brigade Clothing

Brigade Clothing has a May Bank Holiday offer for parents ordering online:

Offer: 10% Discount on all orders

Date: Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Promo Code: BANKHOL10 Website: <https://www.brigade.uk.com/parents/>

#### PLEASE NOTE OUR IMPORTANT SUMMER DEADLINES BELOW:

**SCHOOLS** – 13<sup>th</sup> June (delivery before end of term) / 18<sup>th</sup> July (delivery beginning of September)

**DIRECT TO SCHOOL** (parents online delivery to school) – FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE (delivery to school before the end of term)

**PARENTS DIRECT** (parents online delivery to home) – FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JULY (delivery before the start of term)

## Star Pupil of the Week



Caterpillars	Haisley & Cecil-James
Ladybirds	<a href="#">Cash</a>
Bumblebees	Lylah
Dragonflies	<a href="#">Zayan</a>
Sparrows	Maisie
Doves	<a href="#">Malakai</a>
Robins	Ernie
Lions	Savannah
Leopards	<a href="#">George</a>
Tigers	<a href="#">Mia</a>
Wolves	<a href="#">Rufus</a>
Hedgehogs	<a href="#">George C</a>
Foxes	<a href="#">Stanley</a>
Dolphins	Maxwell
Otters	<a href="#">Edward</a>
Turtles	<a href="#">Esme</a>
Owls	<a href="#">Betsy</a>
Ravens	Lottie
Hawks	Miya
Crocodiles	Ben
Zebras	<a href="#">Saran</a>
Elephants	<a href="#">James</a>

## Key dates and times for Events

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

<b>May:</b>	
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Bank holiday</b>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 Phonics screening parents meeting – 3pm
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Class photos (Excl. year 6)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	RBLI Dress for Victory day
WC 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May to Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July (excluding 25 <sup>th</sup> June)	Swimming – Wolves & Hedgehogs
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	RMGS visiting year 6 children for transition
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	MYG - Tag Rugby (Championship)
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 Educational trip to Riverside Country Park
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Tooth Fairy visit to Caterpillars
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year R trip to Tyland Barn
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	MYG - Tag Rugby (Cup and plate)
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bluebell Federation 'Sing off' (Choir only)
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> & Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year R Vision and hearing screening
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	House tag day
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Last day of term 5</b>
<b>June:</b>	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Staff development day
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>Term 6 starts for children</b>
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	MYG – Football (Championship)
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	MYG – Football (Cup and plate)
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	PTFA Fathers day gift sale
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Inclusion week
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Multi Skills Festival
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	PGL 2025 parent meeting (Yr 6 parents)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Kent Life trip
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Educational visit to Wingham Wildlife Centre
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Make music day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports day (Yrs R-6)
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	PTFA Summer Fayre
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Residential and activity week for those children not attending
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	MYG – Cricket (Championship)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	MYG – Cricket (Cup and plate)

Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Educational visit to Wildwood
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	PGL 2026 parent meeting (Yr 5 parents)
<b>July:</b>	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Additional swim session
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve sports day (Yrs R-6)
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 'It's your move' – St Matthews Church
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	MYG – Athletics
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Top up swim session
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 performance to parents - 2pm & 5pm
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Additional swim session
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	House tag day
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 leavers disco
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 leavers service at St Matthews Church – 2pm
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Whole school picnic – No parents
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>Last day of year 6</b>

## Term Dates for September 2024 – July 2025

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

	<b>Term 6 begins for children</b>	<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>
	Term ends for children	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July

### 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>