



Newsletter

Friday 14th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fabulous week we have had here at Fairford Academy Barnehurst!

We began the week by celebrating the start of Anti-Bullying Week, with most taking part in Odd Socks Day. It was wonderful to see such a colourful array of socks across the school, all reminding us that we are unique and that kindness matters. The children have taken part in thoughtful discussions and activities around friendship, respect, and standing up for others.

During the week, we also gathered together for an assembly focused on our school values of ambition, resilience, respect, and teamwork. The children reflected on what these values mean in their everyday lives and how they can demonstrate them both in school and beyond. It was inspiring to hear their ideas and to see how these values shine through in all they do.

On Tuesday, we also paused to mark Remembrance Day with a moment of silence to honour those who have served and sacrificed. The children showed great maturity and respect during this time, and we were incredibly proud of them.

To round off the week, we enjoyed the excitement of Children in Need on Friday. The school was full of smiles, spotty outfits, and generosity as we came together to raise money for such an important cause. Thank you for your continued support and contributions—it truly makes a difference.

It has also been a joy, as Executive Head Teacher, to visit all of our classes this week and see the wonderful learning taking place across the school. The enthusiasm, creativity, and determination shown by the children have been fantastic. It has also been lovely to catch up with so many parents and carers during the week. If you would like to arrange a meeting or catch-up, please email the school office at fairfordadmin@illuminatemindstrust.org

It has been a joyful and meaningful week in school, filled with learning, reflection, and community spirit. We are so proud of our children for embracing each event with such enthusiasm and empathy.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Mr Robinson
Executive Head Teacher/ Director of Standards
Illuminate Minds Trust



Dates for your diary

Monday 17th November 2025	Tuesday 18th November 2025	Wednesday 19th November 2025	Thursday 20th November 2025	Friday 21st November 2025
KS1 French Club	Zebra's swimming	Choir Club KS2 French Club		Flu Vaccination Catch Up

Attendance % & Number of Children Lates

Week Ending 14.11.25

Ladybirds	3	94.0%
Butterflies	6	97.4%
Dragonflies	4	93.0%
Owls	6	98.8%
Squirrels	8	99.1%
Koalas	2	97.7%
Kookaburras	3	97.4%

Narwhals	6	92.8%
Penguins	3	96.6%
Dolphins	2	94.8%
Sharks	5	88.3%
Whales	4	90.4%
Giraffes	1	97.4%
Lions	4	99.6%
Zebras	9	86.8%
Eagles	3	94.1%
Falcons	9	90.3%
Hawks	3	99.7%

Challenge– Let's hit the 96% mark for all classes. Those classes who have had the biggest improvement will win a prize!



Term dates & Lunch Menu

Illuminateminds Trust - Term Dates 2025/26

September 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
36	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
37	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
38	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
39	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
40	29	30					

October 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
40			1	2	3	4	5
41	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
42	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
43	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
44	27	28	29	30	31		

November 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
44						1	2
45	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
46	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
47	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
48	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

December 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
49	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
50	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
51	15	16	17	18	*19	20	21
52	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	29	30	31				

January 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
1				1	2	3	4
2	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
3	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
4	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
5	26	27	28	29	30	31	

February 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
5							1
6	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
7	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
8	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9	23	24	25	26	27	28	

March 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
9							1
10	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
11	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
12	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
13	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
14	30	31					

April 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
14			1	2	3	4	5
15	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
16	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
17	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
18	27	28	29	30			

May 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
18					1	2	3
19	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
21	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
22	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

June 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
23	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
24	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
25	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
26	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
27	29	30					

July 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
27			1	2	3	4	5
28	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
29	13	14	15	16	*17	18	19
30	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
31	27	28	29	30	31		

August 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
31						1	2
32	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
33	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
34	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
35	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
36	31						

INSET DAYS

HOLIDAYS

*School finishes at 1pm on 19/12/25 & 17/07/26



NOVEMBER TO MARCH 2026

NOURISH



WEEK ONE

3 Nov
24 Nov
15 Dec
19 Jan
9 Feb
9 March
30 March

MONDAY
Chicken Pie 1 Pesto & Pea Pasta 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Crushed Potato Cauliflower, Carrots
Strawberry Mousse 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG

TUESDAY
Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V Bean Biryani VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Rainbow Pasta 1 Seasonal Vegetables
Toffee Apple Pudding 1 VG & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG

WEDNESDAY
Roast Gammon & Gravy Broccoli Tot 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Rustic Roast Potatoes, Cabbage, Peas
Fruit Jelly VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

THURSDAY
Beef Bolognese Pasta Bake 1,7 Loaded Bean Chilli Wedges VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Green Beans Grated Carrots
Parsnip Brownie 1 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

FRIDAY
Pork Sausages 1,6 Vegetable Sausage VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Chips, Sweetcorn, Baked Beans Cucumber Sticks
Oaty Cookie 1,15 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG

WEEK TWO

10 Nov
1 Dec
5 Jan
26 Jan
23 Feb
16 March

MONDAY
Caribbean Brown Chicken Tomato Spaghetti 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Rice, Carrots, Peas
Chocolate Ice Cream 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG

TUESDAY
Cheese & Broccoli Pasta Bake 1,7 V Buffalo Cauliflower Wings & Wedges VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Seasonal Vegetables
Plum Pudding 1VG & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG

WEDNESDAY
Roast Chicken & Gravy Ratatouille Puff 1,3 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Rustic Roast Potatoes Broccoli, Carrots
Crispy Cake 1,3,7,16 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

THURSDAY
Beef Stew & Dumpling 1 Pesto Pasta Bake 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Cauliflower, Green Beans
Apple & Cinnamon Pinwheel 1 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

FRIDAY
Salmon Bites 1,8 Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Chips, Peas, Coleslaw 9
Marble Cookie 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG

WEEK THREE

17 Nov
8 Dec
12 Jan
2 Feb
2 March
23 March

MONDAY
Macaroni Cheese 1,7 V Sweet Potato & Chick Pea Curry VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Rice, Green Beans, Mixed Salad
Peach Crumble 1 VG & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG

TUESDAY
Chicken Noodles 1 BBQ Vegetable Burrito 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Sweetcorn, Peppers
Chocolate Rice Pudding 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG

WEDNESDAY
Roast Pork & Gravy Vegan Sausage Roll 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Rustic Roast Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots
Fruit Jelly VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

THURSDAY
Beef Cottage Pie Herby Tomato Pasta 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Seasonal Vegetables
Beetroot Cake 1 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

FRIDAY
Fish Fingers 1,8 Cheese, Carrot & Tomato Swirl 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Grated Carrot
Caramel Flapjack 1,7,15 V Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Primary 3

1 Wheat 2 Gluten 3 Crustaceans 4 Soybean 5 Mustard 6 Sesame 7 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 8 Milk 9 Fish 10 Egg 11 Peanuts 12 Molluscs 13 Celeriac/Celery 14 Nuts 15 Oat 16 Gluten 17 Barley 18 Gluten 19 Vegan V Vegetarian

AVAILABLE DAILY

Selection of Salads 9, Homemade Bread 1,3. Some of our schools may use pre prepped potatoes or vegetables on occasions. These may contain sulphites and celeriac. Please discuss with your manager.



Information

Attention Parents/Guardians

Some Arbor registration emails are going straight to your spam boxes.

Another way of logging on is to download the Arbor App onto your phone or search for Arbor on your PC or iPad.

Enter your email address and click forgotten password. It will then ask you to verify your child's date of birth and you should then be in.

Admission to Reception in September 2026

Children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 will be due to start in Reception in September 2026. The application period will be open on 1 September 2025 and the closing date is 15 January 2026.

Apply on line at:

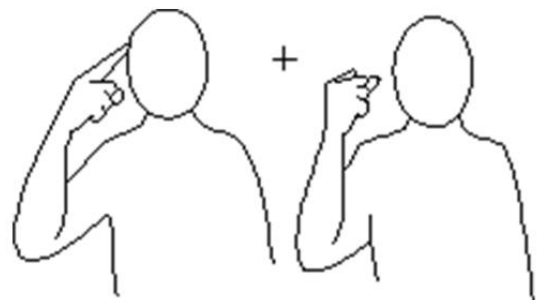
<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

More information visit:

<https://www.bexley.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/primary-schools/starting-primary-school>

Remember to
book your Parents
Evening on Arbor
By Friday 21st

Sign of the Week



Remember

Information

Every last Thursday of the month

Worship for you!

FAMILY HUB DELIVERED BY FAMILY WELLBEING INVITES YOU TO

Coffee Morning

THURSDAY 27th NOVEMBER
10am - 12noon
Family Hub, 105 West Street.
Erith. DA8 1AW



NOVEMBER TOPIC: BEHAVIOUR

Enjoy a warm drink, connect with others, and take part in relaxed discussions on topics that matter most – from parenting and wellbeing to local family support

IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN, SHARE, AND BUILD CONNECTIONS IN A SUPPORTIVE SPACE. OUR FAMILY WELLBEING KEYWORKERS WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE MORNING TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS, OFFER ADVICE, AND PROVIDE ONE-TO-ONE CONSULTATIONS ABOUT ANY SPECIFIC CONCERNS YOU MAY HAVE.

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ONLINE SLANG

Slang moves fast – and for many young people, it's not just how they talk, but how they share their identity and feelings. Learning key terms helps adults connect and show understanding, even if the lingo seems baffling at first.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

Words like 'vibe' or 'slaps' can be misunderstood by adults, leading to awkward conversations or a breakdown in trust. These phrases often carry subtle social meanings among young people.

RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Slang changes quickly. A term like 'bop' might sound innocent one week and be repurposed the next. This makes it tricky for adults to not believe and for children to mislead.

SHIELDING BULLYING OR EXCLUSION

Inside jokes and trending terms like 'slaps' or 'bop' can be used to mock or exclude others. What looks like harmless fun might actually reinforce social divisions or bullying.

PERFORMING FOR THE ALGORITHM

Slang often reflects what's popular on platforms like TikTok. Young users might engage or act out for likes, creating online personas that don't match their real selves.

CONTENT MODERATION WITH CODED SPEECH

To avoid content filters, young people sometimes use slang or emojis to hint about serious topics – for example, saying 'vibes' instead of other death-related terms. This makes harmful content harder to spot.

LONG-TERM DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

A slang-filled post might seem funny now but could have long-term implications – possibly out of context, but still being seen.

Advice for Parents & Educators

KEEP UP, DON'T CATCH UP

Follow youth culture pages or ask your child about new slang. Staying informed shows that you're engaged and open to understanding their world.

FOCUS ON CONNECTION OVER CONTROL

Being someone your child can talk to is more valuable than using strict filters or monitoring apps. Openness builds trust.

ASK, DON'T INTERROGATE

Use open questions to invite conversation. You're not quizzing them – just trying to learn more about their activities.

ENCOURAGE CRITICAL MEDIA LITERACY

Talk about where slang comes from, how it spreads, and how it can impact others. This helps young people use language more thoughtfully.

ONLINE SLANG CHEAT SHEET – The following slang terms are common examples – please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list and both meaning and prevalence can change swiftly.

COMMON SLANG	POTENTIALLY CONCERNING SLANG
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sigma – Independent, self-reliant (often male) mindset; proud outsider status. Often collected in motivational memes. Skebab – Nonsense word from the viral 'Skebab Toilet' meme; expresses chaos or fun, usually harmless but pervasive. Chat – The collective audience or group of viewers (e.g. on a livestream). Used when addressing followers directly. Lock in – To focus, commit or get serious (e.g. before gaming or sports). Positive encouragement to concentrate. Cooking – Doing something exceptionally well or gaining momentum. Opposite of 'looking'. Flip – Confidence or flirting ability (short for charisma). Can probe social confidence. Aura or aura farming – one's perceived 'energy' or 'vibe'; 'burning' means manufacturing a vibe. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mag – An adult content creator (e.g. OnlyFans). Indicates exposure to 18+ material. Spicy or grrt – Insulted exclamation about someone's bedside. Objectifies appearance. Trollaxes trollax / bombardina crocodile / lung tung tung taha – Spammy references to AI-generated creatures with 'trollax-sounding' names. Can incite shaming, denial discussion, and harass others. Slacking – Overpraising or obsessively defending a streamer or celebrity. Crack ball – To lose control, give up or have a meltdown; sometimes refers to self-harm. Cooked – Ruined, exhausted or in serious trouble; sometimes mental health-related. Slideshow – Euphemism for death or suicide; used to avoid content filters. MFC – Used to suggest someone is lacking independent thoughts or is repetitive and predictable.

Meet Our Expert

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Wake Up Wednesday | The National College

Attached with this week's Newsletter is the Wake-Up Wednesdays guide on "Online Slang"

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

Come to the

BOOK FAIR

and earn FREE BOOKS for our school!

24th & 25th November



FAB PTA

Please email our.fab.pta@gmail.com if you are interested in helping at the Christmas Fair

WE NEED YOU!



Donations Needed

- Soft Toys
- Filled/Empty Jars
- Filled Bottles

FAB PTA'S

Christmas Fair

Friday 5th December
15:00-17:00

Support our school and
create lasting memories
at our Christmas Fair!

Family Event
Free Entry

A collection of festive Christmas items including gingerbread cookies, candy canes, star-shaped ornaments, and small jars, arranged at the bottom of the flyer.

If you would like to speak to a member of the leadership team please contact:
fairfordadmin@illuminateminds.org

