



Newsletter

Friday 9th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school, and a very Happy New Year to all of our Fairford families! We have kicked off 2026 with our Superstarts, and the children had a fantastic day exploring their new topics. We absolutely loved seeing all of the creative costumes too!

We hope that all of the children enjoyed receiving their personal postcards before returning to school. A huge thank you to our parents and carers – your support is already making a difference. This week, we had fewer children arriving late, and at one point our attendance reached an incredible **98%**! Let's aim to maintain that next week – every minute really counts!

As the weather has turned very cold recently, please ensure your child comes to school dressed appropriately with a coat, hat, and scarf. If children take their coats off during the day, we are reminding them to put them back on to stay warm.

If you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with a member of the leadership team. We will always aim to respond within 5 working days.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. We look forward to seeing everyone at 8:40am on Monday!

Best Wishes,

Ms. Aujla

Head of School



Dates for your diary

Monday 12th January 2026	Tuesday 13th January 2026	Wednesday 14th January 2026	Thursday 15th January 2026	Friday 16th January 2026
KS2 French Club Nicole's Dance Club	Lions Swimming YR5&6 Netball Club YR3&4 Colouring Club YR4&5 Violin Club YR3 Choir Club	KS1 French Club Young Voices Club	YR3&4 Cinema Club YR1&2 Bell Ringing Club Girls Football Club YR5&6 Recorder Club YR3 Violin Club PTA Meeting 7pm	

*All Clubs finish at 4:15

Attendance % & Number of Children Lates

W/E 9th January

Ladybirds	94.0%	2
Butterflies	94.4%	1
Dragonflies	96.4%	4
Owls	95.5%	4
Squirrels	96.8%	5
Koalas	97.0%	4
Kookaburras	97.4%	1

Narwhals	97.8%	8
Penguins	100.0%	5
Dolphins	97.5%	2
Sharks	95.7%	4
Whales	100.0%	3
Giraffes	98.6%	2
Lions	98.5%	4
Zebras	98.0%	4
Eagles	98.8%	2
Falcons	94.7%	4
Hawks	98.9%	1

Challenge– Let's hit the 96% mark for all classes. Those classes who have had the biggest



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

Winnie the Pooh Theme Day

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 Sesame 6 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk 8 Fish 9 Egg 10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celeriac/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Oat 16 Gluten 16 Barley 16 Gluten VG 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

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

ESSENTIAL ONLINE SAFETY

Children and young people use the internet every day to learn, play, and connect, but the online world is not always safe. For adults, it can be hard to keep up with the risks, including harmful content, cyberbullying and scams. These 10 tips provide clear and practical advice to support safer and healthier digital habits, helping young people to make informed, secure choices when using technology.

- START EARLY CONVERSATIONS**
Begin talking about online behaviour from the moment children start using devices. Use age-appropriate language and revisit topics regularly, making clear they can speak to you about anything that upsets or confuses them. Keeping these chats open helps build trust, as children are more likely to come to you when needed.
- PROMOTE SAFER SHARING**
Children can overshare without understanding the risks. Remind them that photos, locations, or messages can be copied or shared beyond their intended audience. Explain how even private messages or group chats can be saved and/or misused. Talk about what is appropriate to post, message, and who it is safe to share with.
- ENCOURAGE DIGITAL BALANCE**
Many apps and games are designed to keep users engaged through rewards, likes, or constant updates. These features can make it hard for children to switch off. Talk openly about how these systems work and help children recognise when it's time to take a break. Building in tech-free routines supports a healthier balance and awareness of their screen time.
- CREATE A SAFE SPACE FOR CONCERNS**
When children come to you with a concern, respond with interest and care, rather than with alarm. Keeping your reactions measured, or helps them feel safe and supported. This doesn't mean ignoring serious issues: it means showing that you're there to help. When children trust that they can speak openly, they're more likely to feel supported through unpleasant online experiences, and to ask for help in future.
- STAY INFORMED AND CURRENT**
With emerging technologies like AI, mixing and changing so quickly, it's important to stay updated on how children are using new platforms, apps and games. Ask them to show you what they use and let them take the lead as you explore together. This opens up valuable conversations and helps you stay ahead of emerging risks and trends.
- TEACH CRITICAL THINKING**
Talk to children about how to recognise unreliable information or scams online. With AI-generated videos, photos, and stories becoming easier to spot, help children question what they see and encourage them to look for evidence, check sources, and ask questions. These skills will help them avoid risks, make smart choices, and develop healthy habits for the future.
- SET CLEAR BOUNDARIES**
Involve children in conversations about digital rules such as screen-time limits, age-appropriate apps, and no devices in bedrooms overnight. Use parental controls to block or filter harmful content and explain that rules are there to protect and support them, not to spoil their fun.
- LEAD BY EXAMPLE**
Children often copy the behaviour of adults around them. Show them what balanced, respectful, and mindful use of technology looks like, such as avoiding scrolling during family time and speaking kindly in messages. If you expect certain behaviour from them online, make sure your own habits reflect the same standards.
- EXPLORE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER**
Show children how to use privacy tools on apps, games and websites. Teach them to use strong passwords, block or report others in response to problems, and avoid sharing personal details. Explore settings together so they feel confident and in control, and explain that these features are there to help them stay safe online.
- KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP**
Familiarise yourself with tools and organisations that support online safety. The National College offers online safety guides and webinars which provide tips on staying safe. Websites like Report Inappropriate Content and CSOP can be used to report when something goes wrong. Show children how to report or block users, and where to go if they feel unsafe. Make sure they know that asking for help is always the right thing to do, and be prepared to support them.

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NOURISH

WINNIE THE POOH DAY

Pooh's Pizza Lunch (Cheese and Tomato) 1,3,7 v
Kanga's Vegetable Sausage vg
Roo's Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Fillings 7,8,9
Piglets Herby Diced Potatoes
Rabbits Mixed Vegetables
Pooh's Honey Cake 1 v
Christopher Robin's Chocolate Cookie 1 vg
Eeyore Fruit Pots VG

15 JAN



Dishes marked with any of the following numbers contain the matching allergen:
1 Wheat 2 Crustaceans 3 Soybean 4 Mustard 5 Sesame 6 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk 8 Fish 9 Egg
10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celeriac/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Oat Gluten 16 Barley Gluten V Vegetarian VG Vegan

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

Sign of the Week



happy new year!

If you would like to speak to a member of the leadership team please contact:
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