



Newsletter

Friday 1st May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another lovely week here at Fairford. As we head into the long weekend, here is a quick look at what's been happening and what is coming up.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils who attended their Brilliant Club graduation at Goldsmiths University this week. Accompanied by Mr Guildford and Miss Gentry, the children had a fantastic time celebrating their hard work in a formal university setting.

PTA News: Summer Inflatables Event

Mark your calendars! The PTA is hosting a **Summer Inflatables Event** on **Thursday 2nd July** straight after school until 5:00pm.

We need your help! In order for the PTA to continue running these wonderful events, we desperately need more parents to join the team. PTA funds have recently provided our new school football kit and donated money to every year group for their summer fun activities. If you can spare some time to help, please speak to Mrs Laver.

SEND Update

As mentioned last week, I am now overseeing SEN provision. It has been a pleasure meeting many of you recently.

- **SEN Surgeries:** If you would like to discuss your child's provision, please enter your preference for a SEN Surgery via this link <https://forms.gle/df9phddqExRuHezJA>.
- **Edukey logins:** These will be sent home again by the end of next week so that you can see what support is in place.

Future Clubs & Feedback

We want to ensure our after-school clubs reflect what the children enjoy most so please complete Mr Guildford's questionnaire regarding future clubs - we would love to hear your suggestions! <https://forms.gle/muZCvJ1FWdu1pZPq9>

Good luck to Johnnie who is representing England playing Ice Hockey!

Finally, a reminder that school is closed this Monday. We hope you have a wonderful, relaxing bank holiday weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday.

Ms. Auja

Head of School



Parents and carers are reminded that children should be supervised before school until class doors open, and again at the end of the school day.

Dates for your diary

Monday 4 th May 2026	Tuesday 5 th May 2026	Wednesday 6 th May 2026	Thursday 7 th May 2026	Friday 8 th May 2026
SCHOOL CLOSED BANK HOLIDAY	YR5 & YR6 Swimming YR3 Choir Club YR 4&5 Violin Club	YR4 Swimming KS1 Drama Club KS2 French Club Forest School Club	SCHOOL CLOSED POLLING DAY	YR4 & SRP Swimming KS2 Bell Ringing Club KS2 Pokémon Club

Please note that we are closed for polling day Thursday 7th May 2026

Attendance % & Number of Children Lates

W/E 1st May

Ladybirds	90.0%	7
Butterflies	93.6%	2
Dragonflies	91.5%	5
Owls	94.4%	5
Squirrels	94.3%	4
Koalas	92.1%	2
Kookaburras	96.2%	6

Narwhals	96.7%	6
Penguins	92.2%	2
Dolphins	94.1%	3
Sharks	95.2%	3
Whales	92.0%	0
Giraffes	96.1%	5
Lions	95.8%	3
Zebras	90.4%	0
Eagles	92.6%	2
Falcons	92.4%	5
Hawks	99.3%	2

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
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3	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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5	26	27	28	29	30	31	

February 2026							
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8	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9	23	24	25	26	27	28	

March 2026							
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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
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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
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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
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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** **POLLING DAY**

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



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE	Beef Bolognese Pasta 1 Cheese & Pesto Swirl 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Baked Wedges Seasonal Vegetables Ice Cream 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Macaroni Cheese 1,7 V Chick Pea & Spinach Biryani VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Carrots Mixed Peppers Toffee Tart 1,7 & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Roast Gammon & Gravy Meatfree Meatballs & Gravy 6 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rustic Roast Potatoes Cabbage Swede Fruit Jelly VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Chicken Korma Herby Tomato Pasta 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rice Green Beans Carrots Chocolate Orange Cake 1 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Fish Fingers 1,8 Wrap Stack 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Chips Sweetcorn & Peas Coleslaw 9 Lemon Drizzle Biscuit 1,6 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG
WEEK TWO	Cheesy Cauliflower Pasta 1,7 V Vegetable Burger in a Bun 1,5,6 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Baked Wedges, Carrots, Peas Honey Cake 1 & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Minced Beef Curry Pesto & Pea Pasta 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rice Seasonal Vegetables Summer Trifle 1,7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Roast Chicken & Gravy Samosa Puff 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rustic Roast Potatoes Broccoli Carrots Cornflake Cookie 1,7,16 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Chicken Fajita 1 Tomato Spaghetti 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rice Tomato Salsa Green Beans Carrot & Orange Cake 1 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Salmon Fish Cake 1,8 Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Chips, Peas, Grated Carrot Oaty Biscuit 1,15 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG
WEEK THREE	Mild Chilli Beef Tomato & Herb Penne Pasta 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rice Peas Mixed Peppers Jam Roly Poly 1,6 VG & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Chicken Pie 1 Vegetable Stir Fried Noodles 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Crushed Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables Ice Cream 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	BRUNCH Pork Sausage & Bacon 1,3,6 Or Vegetable Sausage 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Brunch Hash Potatoes Baked Beans Mushrooms & Tomatoes Fruit Jelly VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V Loaded Cajun Bean Wedges VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rainbow Rice Sweetcorn Coleslaw 9 Sultana Cake 1 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Fish Fingers 1,8 Cheese & Bean Parcel 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Chips, Peas, Baked Beans Cucumber Sticks Caramel Cookie 1,7 V Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

1 Wheat Gluten 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 VG Vegan V Vegetarian

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.



Champions in the Making

A massive shout-out to our incredible students who competed in sporting events this week.

We are so proud of your hard work!



Well Done to Sharaf (YR5) who came in 1st Place at his Karate Competition

Good Luck to Johnnie (YR 5) who has been selected to participate at England Ice Hockey Showcase Event



Information



SEN SUPPORT FLOW CHART FOR PARENTS



1 IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS

Speak to your child's class teacher.



2 TEACHER WILL LIAISE WITH THE SENCO

The teacher will share your concerns with the SENCo.



3 SEN SUPPORT & EDUKEY ACCESS

- The strategies used to support your child will be recorded on their SEN Passport on Edukey.
- The class teacher will provide you with login details.
- You can access this at any time and message us directly.



4 MONITORING MEETING

The SENCo will arrange a meeting with you after approximately 6 weeks to review progress and discuss next steps.



5 EARLY INTERVENTION TEAM MEETING

If concerns remain, and with your consent, your child may be discussed at an Early Intervention Team meeting. This helps us consider additional support and possible referrals.



6 EXTERNAL REFERRALS (IF NEEDED)

If a referral is made (e.g. to Oxleas for Speech & Language, ADHD or ASD assessment, or to CAMHS), you may be asked to complete parent questionnaires within a set timeframe.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Educational Health Care Plans (EHCPs) require all of the above steps, along with significant evidence gathered by the school before an application can be made. We must follow this process.



QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, please speak to Ms Aujla at school.

Information

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about APP & PLAY STORES

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Since the introduction of Apple's App Store and Google's Play Store, an estimated two trillion apps have been made available on each. Over a 2019 research study of 11,000 report states that more than half of all parents aged between 18 and 44 use apps of their own. In the same study, 11.4% of children are playing games on their mobile phones. This guide will help you ensure that children use the app stores and their content safely.

MALICIOUS APPS WITH MALWARE

Although Apple and Google both have strict security measures in place, malicious apps can still be downloaded. These apps can steal personal information, spy on users, and even damage devices. Some apps may also contain malware that can spread to other devices on the same network.

PREDATORY IN-APP PURCHASES

Some apps are designed to encourage in-app purchases, which can be a significant expense for children. Some apps may also use deceptive tactics to encourage purchases, such as offering a free trial that automatically renews.

ADDICTIVE BY DESIGN

Many apps are designed to be addictive, using techniques such as notifications, rewards, and social features to keep users engaged. This can lead to excessive screen time and other negative impacts on children's health and well-being.

UNOFFICIAL COPYCAT APPS

Some apps are copied or modified without the permission of the original developer. These apps may not be as secure or reliable as the original and may contain malware or other harmful content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some apps may contain inappropriate content, such as violence, sexual content, or hate speech. This content can be harmful to children and may also be illegal in some jurisdictions.

ADVICE FOR PARENTS & EDUCATORS

ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS FOR APPS

Both Apple and Google have strict parental control options for their app stores. These controls can help you manage what your child can download and use on their device.

LOOK BEYOND THE REVIEWS

App reviews can be helpful, but they can also be misleading. Some apps may have a high number of reviews, but many of them may be fake or from bots. It's important to look for reviews from trusted sources and to read the full review text.

DO YOUR RESEARCH

Before downloading an app, it's important to do some research. Look for information about the app's developer, its privacy policy, and any potential risks. You can also look for information about the app's content and whether it's appropriate for your child.

TALK TO YOUR CHILD

It's important to talk to your child about the risks of using apps and to help them understand how to use apps safely. Encourage them to talk to you if they have any questions or concerns.

Meet Our Expert: Steve Marshall, an experienced technology journalist who has written for the likes of BBC, Huffington Post, and other leading tech and business publications.

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FAB National Numeracy Day

WEDNESDAY, 20TH MAY

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COMMUNITY CAREERS FAIR

FAIRFORD ACADEMY PRESENTS: A Day for 458 Aspiring Minds

Illustrations include: a chef, a nurse, a construction worker, a scientist, a teacher, and a student. Math symbols like %, +, -, x, /, and numbers like 1.20, 7, 2, 1/3 = 5, 21:00, 21:30, 11m are also present.

SCAN TO REGISTER INTEREST

via Google Forms

Local Elections

Our school building will be in use on **Thursday 7th May** for local elections. Therefore, school will be closed for all year groups.

School will be open again on Friday 8th May for all year groups.

Attached is #WakeUpWednesday's guide to helping children use app stores safely, covering key risks and simple steps to support safer downloading habits.

Sign of the Week

To Love
To Love

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