



## Newsletter

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Summer Term 1!

The children have transitioned back so well, and it has been wonderful to see such a positive start across the school. Our *Super Starts* were fantastic – it was lovely to see the children so enthused, engaged, and ready to learn from day one.

As many of you are aware, last term we said farewell to Dr M, who has moved on to work in another area. This week, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Kowalewska, our new Deputy Head. Many of you may have already seen her on the front gate in the mornings, wearing her orange hi-vis and greeting families.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding SEN support, please do come and speak to me. I will be your main point of contact as SENCo for the summer term and am always happy to help.

A special good luck to the Cline-Deckers who are running the marathon this Sunday – we are all cheering you on!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday at 8:40am, every minute matters.

*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 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2026
YR 2 VR Workshop  YR6 Swimming  Nicole's Dance Club	YR5 & YR6 Swimming	YR4 Swimming  Centre Stage Drama Club	YR3 Swimming PTA Meeting <b>Boys</b> Football Training	YR4 & SRP Swimming

Please note that we are closed for polling day Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026

## Attendance % & Number of Children Lates

### W/E 24th April

Ladybirds	90.0%	5
Butterflies	86.8%	1
Dragonflies	91.9%	2
Owls	96.0%	4
Squirrels	92.9%	1
Koalas	99.1%	1
Kookaburras	99.1%	5

Narwhals	99.5%	6
Penguins	92.0%	0
Dolphins	96.6%	1
Sharks	98.0%	2
Whales	91.0%	1
Giraffes	95.7%	0
Lions	99.0%	1
Zebras	96.7%	3
Eagles	95.4%	3
Falcons	95.7%	4
Hawks	99.1%	1

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
15	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
16	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
17	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
18	26	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**   **POLLING DAY**

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



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

**AVAILABLE DAILY**

# Information

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about IMAGE-ALTERING FILTERS

From playful puppy ears on Snapchat to 'beauty mode' on TikTok, image-altering filters are now a routine part of how young people communicate online. While many are harmless, others subtly reshape people's faces and bodies. This can blur the line between reality and edited content, potentially influencing how children and young people see themselves and others.

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

- ALTERED BEAUTY STANDARDS**  
Many beauty filters enhance skin, reshape facial features, or whiten body imperfections. Over time, repeated exposure to these filters can shift a child's idea of what is normal or desirable, leading to unrealistic expectations about their own and others' appearance.
- HIDDEN ADVERTISING**  
Some filters are linked to beauty products or brands, subtly promoting their goods. Children and young people may not recognise this as advertising, and be more persuaded to buy products they see on social media.
- PRESSURE TO LOOK PERFECT**  
Beauty filters can often affect how we see each other's faces. This can encourage children and young people to use an editing tool to gain online approval, rather than being confident in their natural appearance.
- BLURRED REALITY**  
As filters become more advanced and realistic-looking, it can be difficult for children and young people to distinguish between content that has been edited and what they see in real life.
- LOW SELF-ESTEEM**  
Regularly viewing beauty filtered images can lead to comparisons with unrealistic images. This is linked to low self-esteem, particularly among children and teenagers.
- SEXUALISED EDITS**  
Beauty filters can make users appear older or more attractive. This may affect children and young people's understanding of consent, and expose young people to unsafe situations.

### Advice for Parents & Educators

- START OPEN CONVERSATIONS**  
Talk regularly about filters, such as how they work and why people use them. Ask children and young people if you see any filters they like and encourage them to discuss their choices.
- CHALLENGE 'PERFECT' POSTS**  
When sharing content together, gently point out the signs of editing, filters, or posing techniques. This helps build a healthy understanding of how children and young people create online images.
- REINFORCE WHAT'S REAL**  
Help children and young people understand that filtered images are digitally created and are not an accurate reflection of real life. Encourage them to post only content that is honest and authentic.
- PROMOTE OFFLINE CONFIDENCE**  
Encourage children and young people to engage in activities that build self-esteem and confidence, such as sports, hobbies, and creative interests. Use these activities to build a sense of their worth to others.

Meet Our Expert  
Parent Koor is a digital parenting expert and founder of Kids n Clicks, a platform dedicated to helping parents navigate the online world alongside their children. She is an expert contributor for several outlets, offering practical guidance on emerging online safety issues. Her insights have been featured by the BBC, The Telegraph, BBC News, and other major media outlets, supporting families across the UK.

**WakeUpWednesday** The National College

**FAB National Numeracy Day**  
WEDNESDAY, 20TH MAY

## COUNT ON YOUR COMMUNITY

# COMMUNITY CAREERS FAIR

FAIRFORD ACADEMY PRESENTS: A Day for 458 Aspiring Minds

## Local Elections

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

School will be open again on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May** for all year groups.

Attached is #WakeUpWednesday's guide to image-altering filters, exploring their impact on young people's self-image and offering practical safety advice.

## Sign of the Week

Little finger makes partial outline of a country

# EARTH

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