



Newsletter
Friday 27th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely week it has been here at Fairford!

Today, Year 1 enjoyed a fantastic visit to the London Eye and had a truly memorable experience. Whenever our children go out on visits, we consistently receive such positive feedback about their behaviour, and we are incredibly proud of them. As always, a huge thank you to all parents and carers who volunteer to support these trips - we couldn't do it without you.

Looking ahead to next week, the last day of term is Tuesday 31st March. On this day, children are invited to come to school in their own clothes, with each year group wearing a different colour of the rainbow.

We are excited for the last day of term on Tuesday, when we will have our Easter bonnet parades, followed by welcoming parents from 2:15pm onwards for our learning showcase in the afternoon. We look forward to seeing you all there!

There will be a Year 6 violin performance in the KS2 hall, and Squirrels will be sharing their learning from Forest School. All of the other classes will be in their classrooms, teachers will send out details on Class dojo.

Children will return to school on Monday 20th April, when swimming resumes for the week for all of Key stage 2.

Please keep an eye out for a special postcard, arriving over the Easter break!

We wish you all a wonderful and restful Easter break when it comes.

We look forward to seeing you Monday morning, please remember the clocks go forward this Sunday.

Ms. Auja

Head of School



Dates for your diary

Monday 30 th March 2026	Tuesday 31 st March 2026	Wednesday 1 st April 2026	Thursday 2 nd April 2026	Friday 3 rd April 2026
Nicole's Dance School	Rainbow Own Clothes Day Easter Hat Competition Whole School Showcase	SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY	SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY	SCHOOL CLOSED EASTER HOLIDAYS

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

Attendance % & Number of Children Lates

W/E 27th March

Ladybirds	86.9%	5
Butterflies	85.6%	3
Dragonflies	90.0%	6
Owls	92.8%	4
Squirrels	85.2%	1
Koalas	89.3%	2
Kookaburras	90.7%	2

Narwhals	93.3%	2
Penguins	94.5%	1
Dolphins	91.0%	2
Sharks	94.2%	1
Whales	95.0%	2
Giraffes	89.6%	2
Lions	93.3%	1
Zebras	96.4%	2
Eagles	90.4%	1
Falcons	95.9%	3
Hawks	96.0%	0

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							October 2025							November 2025							December 2025										
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January 2026							February 2026							March 2026							April 2026										
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May 2026							June 2026							July 2026							August 2026										
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INSET DAYS **HOLIDAYS** **POLLING DAY**

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



NOVEMBER TO MARCH 2026

NOURISH WHAT'S ON THE MENU

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE	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	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	School Closed	School Closed	School Closed
WEEK TWO	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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 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

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

OWN CLOTHES DAY
31st March 2026
Theme: Rainbow Years

EYFS - Violet
Year 1 - Indigo
Year 2 - Blue
Year 3 - Green
Year 4 - Yellow
Year 5 - Orange
Year 6 - Red

This can be a whole outfit or a small item within their outfit

£1 Donation

Collection buckets will be at gate entrances



FAB National Numeracy Day
WEDNESDAY, 20TH MAY
COUNT ON YOUR COMMUNITY
COMMUNITY CAREERS FAIR
FAIRFORD ACADEMY PRESENTS: A Day for 458 Aspiring Minds



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Join us for
EASTER HAT PARADE
31st March 2026

1ST, 2ND & 3RD PRIZES
PER YEAR GROUP

PLEASE BRING IN ALL COMPETITION ENTRIES ON
THE MORNING OF 31ST MARCH 2026

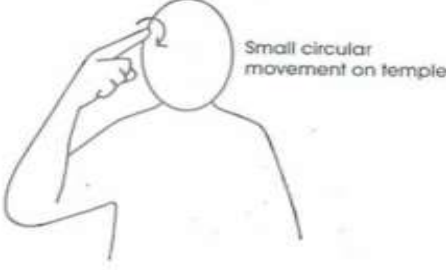
Local Elections

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.



Sign of the Week



Small circular movement on temple

THINK

Information



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about STREAMING SERVICES

Streaming services are platforms that allow users to watch cartoons, documentaries and movies online immediately (often referred to as SVoD: streaming videos on demand). Ofcom reported that children and young adults prefer streaming services to traditional TV. With two-thirds of UK households subscribing to at least one streaming service, parents must understand how to manage screen time, set age restrictions and ensure safe viewing.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- COSTLY**
Subscription services can be costly. As the main source of entertainment, most households have at least one streaming platform, and each platform has its own monthly subscription fee. Services are charging more for better viewing and better quality and resolution; however, there is a cheaper option with adverts. Due to price increases, Netflix and Disney reported a drop in users subscribing to their ad-supported tier in 2023.
- EXCESSIVE SCREEN TIME**
Excessive screen time contributes to sedentary behaviour and can negatively impact physical and mental health. Ofcom found that 4- to 11-year-olds averaged 2.8 hours per day across all video-sharing platforms, not including gaming. The vast range of content available, combined with features such as autoplay, makes it easy for children to watch for extended periods of time.
- BINGE WATCHING**
Features such as autoplay make it easy for viewers – especially young people – to continue watching episodes without a break. This can foster unhealthy and addictive patterns, such as consuming a vast amount of content in one sitting. With binge watching comes a lack of social interaction, lack of physical exercise, and often late nights and sleep disruptions which impact their mental and physical wellbeing.
- HARMFUL STEREOTYPES**
Many platforms track viewing habits, time consumed, and preferences, and generate recommendations to encourage your child to keep watching. This results in your child being in a loop whereby they think the 'recommended' shows would be something they would enjoy rather than thinking critically for themselves. This can shape their beliefs, values, and understanding of the world from a young age without even realising it.

ILLEGAL STREAMING

Sharing passwords or using modified file links to access streaming content without permission is illegal. Most streaming services have new put measures in place to detect account sharing. When account sharing is identified, platforms will offer an opportunity to pay for an added member or ask the user to verify who they are.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most streaming platforms allow users to set up a profile for each family member, with the option of putting specific restrictions in place. These include adding a profile lock or PIN, controlling display of previews and next episodes, and limiting content based on age ratings. Nonetheless, these restrictions aren't foolproof. Content which is rated as suitable for an age group may still include themes, language, or images which children and families find inappropriate.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- SET UP INDIVIDUAL PROFILES AND ADD PINS**
Almost all streaming services allow users to set up individual profiles where each family member can have age restrictions put in place for the content they can view. Adult profiles can be protected through the use of PINs. Keep the profiles, use the options of putting specific restrictions in place such as controlling autoplay of previews and next episodes, and limiting content based on age ratings.
- TALK ABOUT ALGORITHMS**
Talk to your child about how streaming services track what they watch, and how adverts and recommended shows/movies are generated. Encourage them to critically think about whether the recommendations are suitable and how they want to spend their time. Discuss stereotypes with your child and challenge them to think about what they watch and how this may influence their beliefs.
- MONITOR AND TALK OFTEN**
Discuss with your child what they are watching, find out which programmes are trending, and watch them yourself! Have a little look at their watch history to check the content of what they're watching. Some platforms have been known to recommend or autoplay older or graphic content after a child's movie has been played. While some TV shows or movies may have a suitable age rating, your child may still find the content scary, or it may explore themes you don't want to explore with your child yet.
- SET TIME RESTRICTIONS**
Many streaming services offer the opportunity to buy movies, or add additional features to your subscription such as sports channels, as well as play games. This can increase the amount of time young people spend sitting in front of the screen. Some platforms (e.g. Apple TV) allow you to set screen time restrictions. If the streaming service doesn't allow you to set screen time limits, set a family rule and stick to it.

Meet Our Expert
Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator, and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government, comparing internet use and texting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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Attention Year 5 Parents CLOSES ON TUESDAY 31ST

Bexley selection test registration is now open and **closes on 31st March**. If you would like your child to take this test, please register here

<https://www.bexley.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/selection-tests/register-secondary-selection-test>.

Attention for Nursery Applications CLOSES ON MONDAY 6TH

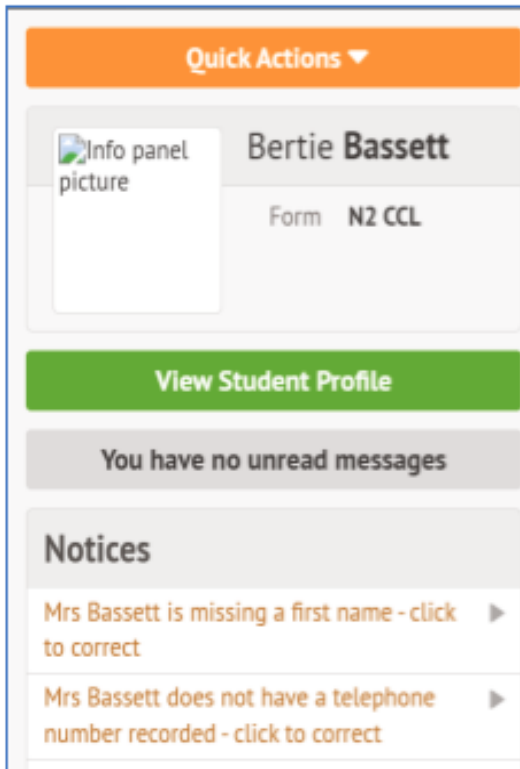
Bexley Nursery applications for September 2026 are now open and **closes on 6th April**. If your child was born between 1st Sept 2022 and 31st Aug 2023, please apply here

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

Attached is #WakeUpWednesday's guide to helping children stream safely, covering costs, content risks and healthy screen habits.

Information

Using the Arbor App for updating student details



Once you have logged into the Arbor App or Parent Portal you can see and update the information the school holds for your child/ren.

Please take a few minutes to check this, especially your address and phone details and amend if needed.

We must have up to date contacts in the event of an emergency, with at least two emergency contact details listed.

Missing information will be highlighted as a **'Notices'**, which you can click on to amend.

You can also add or amend information by going to the child's profile **'View Student Profile'** and clicking anywhere you see an arrow icon on the right-hand side.

Once you have confirmed any changes, the school will be notified and will need to accept the change. Any pending changes will show on your Parent Portal.

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