

Fairford Academy Barnehurst Newsletter



DATES COMING UP :

June

8th - 12th	YR4 Multiplication Tables Check
8th - 12th	YR 1 Phonics Screening Check
17th	Rock Steady Concert
18th	New Reception intake Stay & Play session with Parents
22nd	Inset Day
25th	Paralympic Games Festival
26th	Sports Day - EYFS (AM) & KS1 (PM)
29th	Sports Day - KS2 (YR3&YR4 AM / YR5&YR6 PM)

July

1st	Secondary Transition Day
2nd	New Reception Transition Afternoon
2nd	PTA Inflatables Event 3-5:30
3rd	Inset Day
8th	New Nursery cohort induction
10th	Learning Showcase 2:15pm
10th	YR6 Leavers Disco 4- 5:30
16th	YR6 Leavers Assembly 1:15pm & 2:30pm
17th	Own Clothes Day
17th	School closes at 1pm



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final term of the school year! It has already been an incredibly busy and exciting first week back at Fairford.

Our Year 6 pupils went on their residential trip to **PGL** this week and had an absolutely fantastic time! They made wonderful memories, challenged themselves, and showed great teamwork. A massive **thank you to the staff** who dedicated their time and energy to make this trip possible.

A big shoutout also goes to the children who remained at school this week, they had an equally enjoyable and productive time participating in fun activities on site!

We have some wonderful news to share! **Congratulations to Miss Maldon**, who gave birth to a healthy baby boy this week. We are delighted to hear that both mother and baby are doing really well.

Sadly, we have had to temporarily close the forest school area this week due to the discovery of Oak Processionary Moth caterpillars on the trees. To ensure everyone's safety, this area is likely to remain out of use for the rest of the term.

On Wednesday, we achieved a brilliant **97% attendance rate across the school!** Let's keep this fantastic momentum going into next week and for the rest of the term. Every day counts!

Have a lovely, relaxing weekend with your families, and we look forward to seeing everyone bright and early at **8:40 am on Monday**.

Best wishes,

Ms Aujla

Shout out to Archie and Esmae who have nurtured their tomato seeds this week, how amazing is this! Well done!



Class	Attendance	Lates
Ladybirds	90.4%	3
Butterflies	90.0%	2
Dragonflies	95.8%	3
Owls	96.4%	1
Squirrels	93.1%	4
Koalas	97.8%	2
Kookaburras	94.6%	3



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



Class	Attendance	Lates
Narwhals	97.5%	4
Penguins	95.8%	0
Dolphins	90.4%	1
Sharks	97.1%	5
Whales	96.0%	3
Giraffes	89.7%	4
Lions	98.9%	3
Zebras	89.7%	4
Eagles	94.2%	1
Falcons	93.0%	4
Hawks	97.3%	2

 School Trips		
YEAR GROUP	TRIP	DATE
1	Danson Park Trip	Tuesday 7th July
2	London Aquarium	Friday 12th June
3	Danson Park Trip	Tuesday 16th June
3	Maritime Museum	Wednesday 8th July
4	Cartouche and Dance Workshop	Tuesday 16th June
5	Imperial War Museum	Tuesday 30th June
6	Transition Workshop	Monday 6th July

Weekly Calendar

Mon 8th June 2026	Tues 9th June 2026	Wed 10th June 2026	Thurs 11th June 2026	Fri 12th June 2026
Dance Club KS1 French Club	Giraffe's Swimming YR4 & YR5 Violin Club YR3 Choir Club	Drama Club KS2 French Club	Boys Football Training KS1 Colouring Club YR3 Violin Club YR4 & YR5 Recorder Club	YR2 Aquarium Trip



DRAW YOUR FAB SCHOOL ADULT!

Can you draw a fantastic adult from our school? It could be a **teacher** or **anyone who helps!** Think about their incredible character and the '**wow words**' you would use to describe them, like **kind** or **brave**. Draw them showing off their **wonderful personality!** Let's celebrate their work. Be as creative as you like!



- Get your design sheet from your teacher.
- All entries to be in by 23rd June 2026.



Term Dates

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
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December 2025

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January 2026

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February 2026

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March 2026

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April 2026

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May 2026

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June 2026

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July 2026

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August 2026

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INSET DAYS

HOLIDAYS

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



↓ NEXT YEAR'S TERM DATES BELOW ↓

Illuminateminds Trust – Term Dates 2026/27

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INSET DAYS

HOLIDAYS

*School finishes at 1.00pm on 17/12/26 & 20/07/27



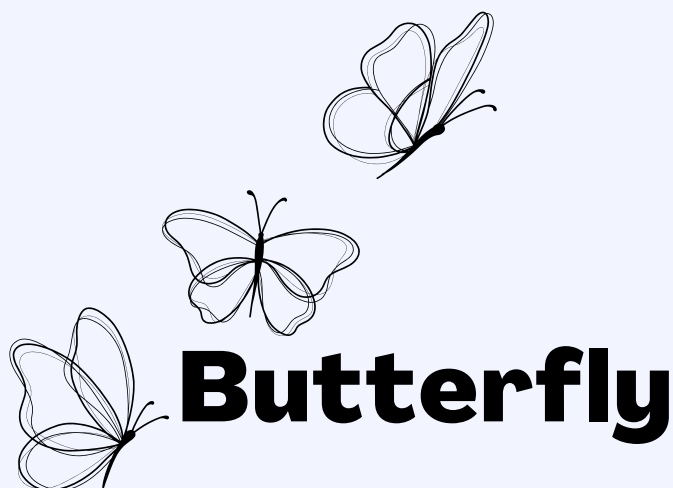
Lunch Menu



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE	Beef Bolognaise 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 prepared potatoes or vegetables

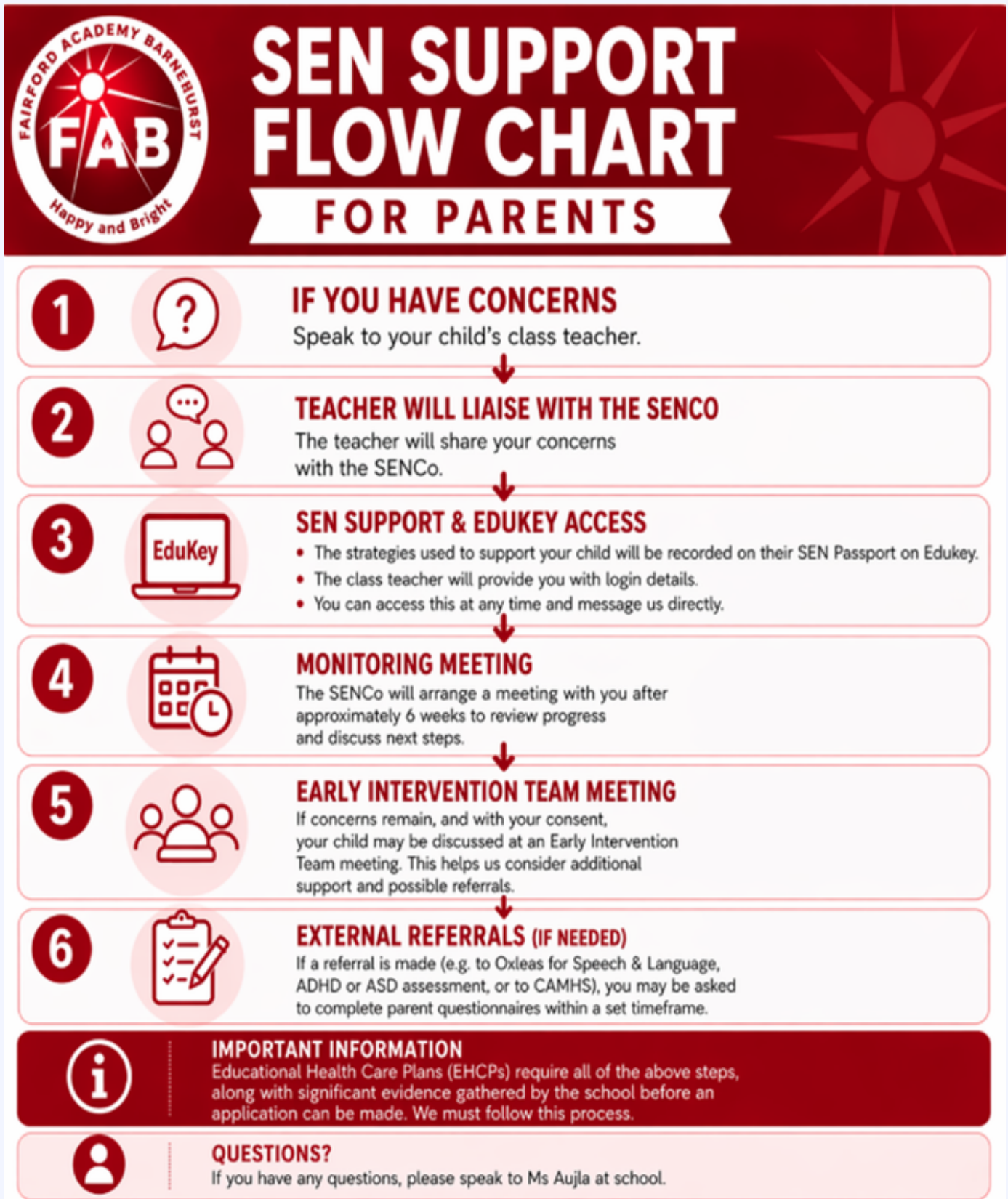
Sign of the Week



Flutter hands and move them slightly upwards

Butterfly





FSM / Pupil Premium Eligibility Checker

Changes are coming for
Free School Meal
Entitlements

The **Free School Meals / Pupil Premium Service**

is a website provided by the London Grid for Learning (LGFL). It allows parents to quickly and easily check their child's eligibility for free school meals and, if eligible, enables the school (Fairford Academy Barnehurst or Pelham Primary School) to receive additional funding known as *Pupil Premium*.

Although all children from Reception to Year 6 are currently entitled to free school meals, it is more important than ever for schools to accurately identify pupils who are eligible for Pupil Premium funding.

This funding helps schools to:

- Employ additional staff
- Provide extra support for pupils
- Invest in equipment, resources, and enrichment activities

From the end of this term, transitional protections for free school meals will be ending. From the start of the 2026–2027 academic year, households must meet the eligibility criteria to continue receiving related benefits, including access to the *Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme* during school holidays.

We therefore strongly encourage all parents to take a few minutes to re-check their entitlement by visiting <https://fsm.lgfl.net> (Select **Bexley** as the Local Authority)

How the service works:

- Parents enter a few essential details into the website
- The system checks eligibility instantly via the Department for Education
- A 'yes' or 'no' result is given immediately
- The school is automatically notified of the outcome

This simple process helps ensure that families receive any support they are entitled to, while also enabling schools to access valuable Pupil Premium funding—funding which is often missed because eligible parents do not apply.



See this weeks Wake up Wednesday's guide to support school-ready language skills with practical tips on speaking, listening, vocabulary, storytelling and spotting when extra help is needed.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators
BUILDING SCHOOL-READY LANGUAGE SKILLS

Good language is fundamental for children's learning, literacy, and social and emotional development, with long-term impacts. As language develops rapidly between the ages of three and six, early, evidence-based support is essential. This guide offers practical ways to help the children in your care become confident communicators, including proven approaches such as the 50% rule and 100% rule.

- BUILD ORAL LANGUAGE**
Support children to use language, not just hear it. Use the time to talk, interact, and share ideas. Share conversations, extend vocabulary, and use the 50% rule to ensure the child is the main speaker.
- SUPPORT LISTENING SKILLS**
Children develop listening skills through shared activities. Use the 100% rule to ensure the child is listening to you.
- GROW THEIR VOCABULARY**
Talk with children about the world around them. Use the 50% rule to ensure the child is the main speaker.
- SHARE STORIES TOGETHER**
Read stories together regularly and talk about characters, events, and feelings. Use the 50% rule to ensure the child is the main speaker.
- NAME DIFFERENT FEELINGS**
Help children learn to express themselves by naming their feelings. Use the 50% rule to ensure the child is the main speaker.
- WORK WITH SETTINGS**
Strong communication between home and school is essential. Use the 50% rule to ensure the child is the main speaker.
- SPOT LANGUAGE NEEDS**
Children develop language skills through shared activities. Use the 100% rule to ensure the child is listening to you.
- EVIDENCE-BASED SUPPORT**
Use the 50% rule to ensure the child is the main speaker.
- MEET INDIVIDUAL NEEDS**
Use the 50% rule to ensure the child is the main speaker.
- TAKE PART IN RESEARCH**
Use the 50% rule to ensure the child is the main speaker.

Meet Our Expert
Dr. Sarah Jones, Early Years Specialist, The National College

Wake Up Wednesday
The National College

Bexley Women's Aid
Safe homes. Secure relationships.

Dear Fairford school community,

We would like to say a HUGE 'THANK YOU' for the recent donation of £338.00 & for the abundance of tinned food so kindly collected & donated to Bexley Women's Aid for us to share with our families J

Your donation plays a significant role in the services that we provide at Bexley Women's Aid, and will enable us to keep providing as much as we can to the families we support both in our refuge & the local community.

We greatly appreciate your kindness and hope that you will share our thanks with everyone involved.

On behalf of the staff, residents and all our service users Bexley Women's Aid would like to thank you for your support.

Helen Education & Prevention service
Bexley Women's Aid

Is your child registered for
SCHOOL MILK?

Child UNDER 5
Every child under the age of five is entitled to free school milk. Simply register your child online.

Child OVER 5
Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised cost of around £20 per term. Register your child and pay online.

Children in receipt of benefits-based free school meals are eligible for free school milk. Speak to the school for further information.

Free milk for under 5s is funded by the Department of Health and milk for over 5s is subsidised by DEFRA.

REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY

Register online
www.coolmilk.com

Need help?
Send us a message
at www.coolmilk.com/contact
or give us a call on 0800 321 3248



Information

When dropping off and collecting your children from school, please be mindful of our neighbours. We have received concerns from local residents asking that driveways are not blocked or used for parking at any time. In addition, please do not park in restricted areas, including the zig-zag lines outside the school, permit holder spaces, or in car parks within the surrounding closes.

Your cooperation in respecting local residents, road safety regulations, and access for all is greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your support



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

Fairfordadmin@illuminate minds.org

HAPPY AND BRIGHT