Friday 25th September 2026

Fairford Academy Barnehurst Newsletter

October

5th	Flu Vaccinations
6th	Individual Photo's
6th & 7th	Spooky Disco's
8th	Phonics Workshop 3:15
9th	Reception Tours 10am & 1:30pm
12th & 13th	Parents Consultations
16th	Own Clothes Day 'PJ Day'
16th	Whole School Learning Showcase 2:15pm
19th-30th	Half Term

November

2nd	Nursery Tours 10am & 2pm
4th	Reception Tours 10am & 1:30pm
6th	Inset Day
17th	Reception Tours 10am & 1:30pm
27th	Reception Tours 10am & 1:30pm



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another amazing week has flown by at Fairford, and it has been wonderful to see so much fantastic learning and community spirit across the school.

Year 6 Tower of London Visit

Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed an exciting visit to the Tower of London as part of their history curriculum. The children represented the school brilliantly and gained a real insight into Britain's fascinating past.

Parent Workshops

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Phonics and Attendance workshops. We hope you found the sessions informative.

PTA AGM

Thank you to everyone who attended yesterday's PTA Annual General Meeting. We really appreciate your enthusiasm, ideas and commitment to making Fairford Academy an even better place for our children.

☕ ***Coffee Morning - Wednesday 30th September***

We are delighted to host our first Coffee Morning of the year. Joining us will be representatives from:

- *MHST (Mental Health Support Team)*
- *Women's Aid*
- *Bexley Voice*

Please come along for a tea or coffee, a chat, and the opportunity to meet other families and access local support services. We'd love to see you there!

Attendance Matters

This week's whole-school attendance reached an incredible **97.4%** *- well done everyone!*

Every child has the right to an education, and every minute matters.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring children arrive at school every day, on time and ready to learn.

We're Here to Help

As always, Fairford has an ***open-door policy****. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to a member of staff at the end of the school day, or send us a message via ClassDojo.*

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Ms Aujla

Attendance and Late Marks

For week ending 25/09/26

Class	Attendance	Lates
Ladybirds	95.8%	3
Butterflies	97.0%	6
Dragonflies	95.7%	8
Owls	95.4%	4
Squirrels	94.6%	2
Koalas	96.6%	4
Kookaburras	94.4%	10

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
Hippos	94.2%	0
Lynx	90.8%	0
Pandas	97.0%	0
Peacocks	89.1%	0
Snow Leopards	97.5%	0
Tigers	90.6%	0



Class	Attendance	Lates
Narwhals	97.7%	12
Penguins	96.4%	3
Dolphins	89.9%	15
Whales	97.9%	7
Giraffes	96.6%	15
Lions	93.0%	8
Zebras	96.8%	0
Eagles	97.8%	1
Falcons	98.4%	1
Hawks	96.4%	4

Dates for your Diary

Weekly Calendar

Mon 28th Sept 2026	Tues 29th Sept 2026	Wed 30th Sept 2026	Thurs 1st Oct 2026	Fri 2nd Oct 2026
	Skiptember Challenge **CLUBS** Arts and Crafts Reading Mindfulness Colouring Lego	Coffee Morning 9:15am Skiptember Challenge **CLUBS** Choir Wellbeing	Nursery Tours 10am & 2pm	

Illuminateminds Trust – Term Dates 2026/27

September 2026

Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
36		1	2	3	4	5	6
37	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
38	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
39	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
40	28	29	30				

October 2026

Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
40				1	2	3	4
41	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
42	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
43	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
44	26	27	28	29	30	31	

November 2026

Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
44							1
45	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
46	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
47	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
48	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
49	30						

December 2026

Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
49		1	2	3	4	5	6
50	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
51	14	15	16	*17	18	19	20
52	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
53	28	29	30	31			

January 2027

Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
53					1	2	3
1	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
3	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
4	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

February 2027

Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
7	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8	22	23	24	25	26	27	28

March 2027

Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
11	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
12	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
13	29	30	31				

April 2027

Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
13				1	2	3	4
14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
15	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
16	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
17	26	27	28	29	30		

May 2027

Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
17						1	2
18	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
20	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
21	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
22	31						

June 2027

Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
22		1	2	3	4	5	6
23	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
24	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
25	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
26	28	29	30				

July 2027

Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
26				1	2	3	4
27	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
28	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
29	19	* 20	21	22	23	24	25
30	26	27	28	29	30	31	

August 2027

Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
30							1
31	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
32	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
33	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
34	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
35	30	31					

INSET DAYS | HOLIDAYS

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

Skiptember Challenge





I LOVE SCHOOL DINNERS

INDEPENDENTCATERING EDUCATERLIMITED

Made in your school kitchen! We prepare and cook all our menu items, so if you need to know the ingredients, please ask
All our meals are made daily from fresh locally sourced and seasonal produce from Kent

DUE TO CURRENT SUPPLY RISKS, ALLERGENS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

WEEK 4

	MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER	TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER	WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER	THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER	FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER
V VEGETARIAN VEGAN	Butternut Squash Curry with Rice and Naan Bread (1,8) VEGAN	Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic and Herb Bread (1, 7,8, 9,10, 11)	Roasted Beetroot, Cherry Tomato and Brie Filo Tart (1, 8,9,12)	JUNGLE DAY  Bengal Tiger Sausage Meat Pinwheel (1, 9, 14) served with Spider Monkey Herby Potatoes (10) Cobra Cheese and Onion Pinwheel (1,9) served with Spider Monkey Herby Potatoes (10) Three Toed Sloth Tomato Pasta (1) Gorilla Jacket Potatoes Piranha Sweetcorn or Baked Beans Capybara Chocolate Cupcakes (1, 7,8)	Lentil Kofta with Salad and Salsa Dip on the Side in a Bun (1,10,13) VEGAN
M MAIN MEAL	Mild Chicken Korma Curry with Rice and Naan Bread (1,11)	Beef Lasagne with Garlic and Herb Bread (1, 7, 8,9, 10,11)	Roast Beef with a Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy (1, 7, 9)		Fishfingers (1, 4) or Salmon Fishcake (1, 4)
P PASTA DISH	Mac n' Cheese (1,8, 9, 11)	Fresh Pesto Pasta (1)	Roasted Vegetable Pasta Bows (1)		Mixed Vegetable Ragu Twirls (1)
J JACKET POTATO	Jacket Potato with Choice of Toppings	Jacket Potato with Topping of the Day	Jacket Potato with Topping of the Day		Jacket Potato with Topping of the Day
S SIDE DISHES	Fresh Cauliflower and Salad Bar	Fresh Broccoli and Salad Bar	Roast Potatoes, Cabbage and Fresh Carrots		Chips, Peas, Baked Beans and Salad Bar
D DESSERT DISHES	Cherry Oat Cookie (1,8, 14)	Mixed Berry Eton Mess (7, 9)	Iced Sponge and Custard (1, 7,8, 9)		Banana Cake (1, 7,8)

AVAILABLE DAILY – HOMEMADE WHOLEMEAL BREAD (1, 8) • JELLY • FRESH FRUIT • CHEESE BISCUITS (1, 9) • FRESH SALAD BAR

ALLERGEN KEY

1 CEREALS CONTAINING GLUTEN	3 MOLLUSCS	5 PEANUTS	7 EGGS	9 MILK	11 MUSTARD	13 SESAME
2 CRUSTACEANS	4 FISH	6 NUTS	8 SOYBEANS	10 CELERY	12 LUPIN	14 SULPHUR DIOXIDE

***ALL OUR MENUS ARE TREE NUT AND PEANUT FREE**

INGREDIENTS CONTAINING GLUTEN (INDICATED BY THE NUMBER 1 ON THE MENU) WILL CONTAIN WHEAT, OATS, BARLEY, SPELT, RYE OR KAMUT, OR A COMBINATION THEREOF. IF YOU HAVE ANY ALLERGEN CONCERNS PLEASE SPEAK TO THE CATERING MANAGER. WHILST WE DO NOT BRING WHOLE NUTS OR INGREDIENTS WITH NUTS INTO OUR KITCHENS, SOME PRODUCTS ARE SUBJECT TO 'MAY CONTAIN' STATUS IN MANUFACTURING

WE ONLY USE

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Lunch Menu

Free Match Tickets





Shane C
YR6

Jaxon C
YR5

Nellie AS
YR5

Tiwalade
YR5

Jason A
YR5

Rejan S
YR6

Student Achievements

We would love to fill this space with our pupils' wonderful achievements from outside of school! If your child has accomplished something they are proud of, whether it's in sports, music, dancing, clubs, or any other activity, please send us pictures, certificates or details.

Let's celebrate their successes together and recognise all the amazing things our children achieve.

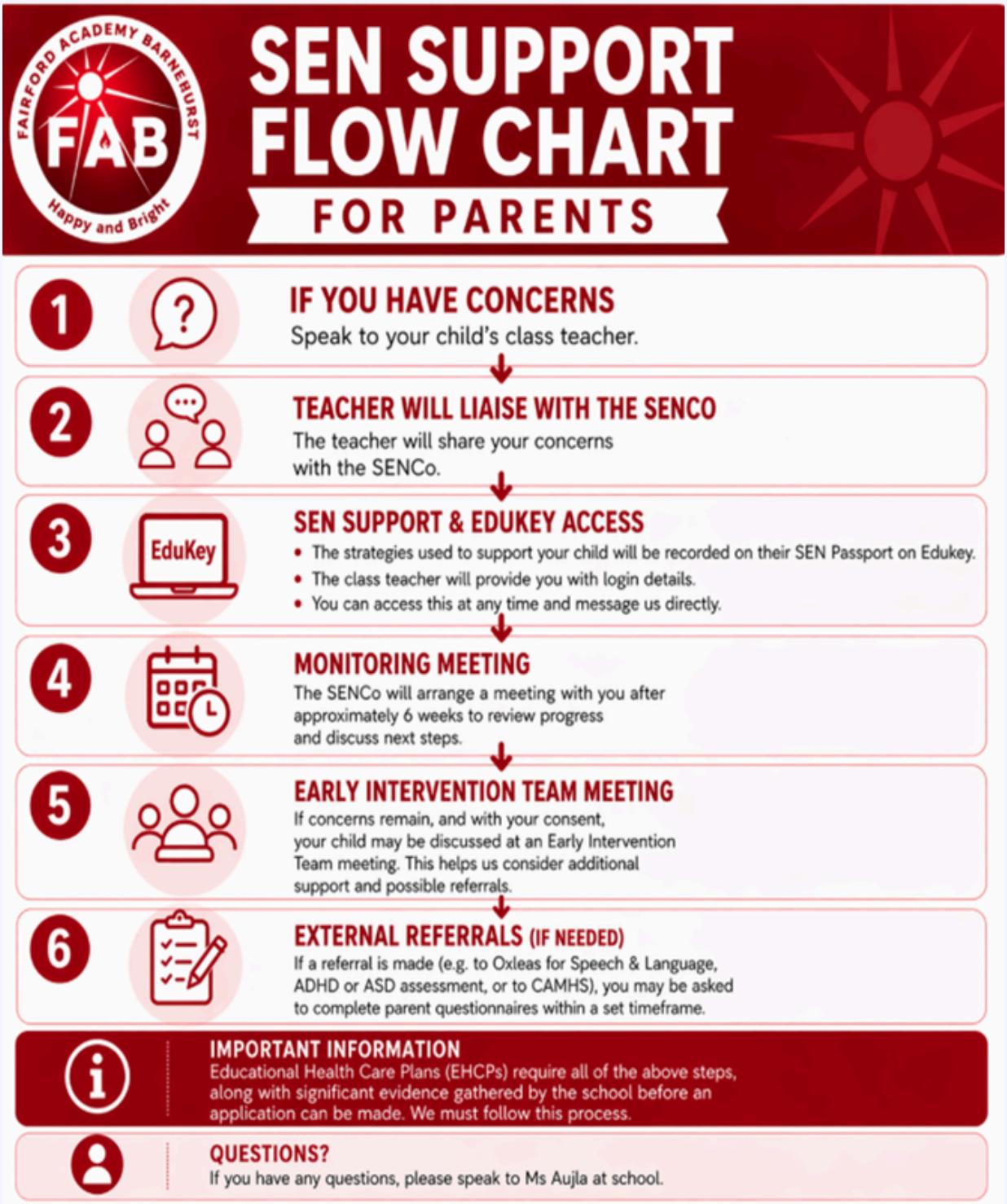






SEN Surgeries

Bookings will be with Ms Aujla and Miss Cousins for the next 2 weeks. If you would like to book a meeting please email fairfordadmin@illuminateminds.org



Open Days


Fairford Academy Barnehurst
HAPPY AND BRIGHT
Reception 2027 Tours
Will your child be starting Reception in September 2027?
Come and explore our wonderful, welcoming and inclusive school.
Meet our staff and children, explore our learning spaces and classrooms, and discover our extensive school grounds.
TOURS AT 10AM & 1.30PM
23rd September 2026
9th October 2026
4th November 2026
17th November 2026
27th November 2026
8th December 2026
5th January 2027
13th January 2027
BOOK YOUR SCHOOL TOUR
Contact us to reserve your place.
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Scan to find out mor


Fairford Academy Barnehurst
HAPPY AND BRIGHT
3/4 Years Nursery Tours
Will your child be starting our 3/4 Years Nursery in September 2027?
Discover our amazing Early Years provision.
Meet our dedicated staff, explore our learning spaces and classrooms, and see our extensive school grounds.
TOURS AT 10AM & 2PM
1st October 2026
2nd November 2026
3rd December 2026
14th January 2027
4th February 2027
12th March 2027
14th April 2027
BOOK YOUR NURSERY TOUR
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Information

We are pleased to announce that our new Staff Governor is Mrs Mahoney

See this weeks Wake up Wednesday's online safety guide which explores Discord, highlighting risks including stranger contact, harmful content, harassment, spending and excessive use.





LGfL Free School Meals Eligibility Checker

check your eligibility at
https://fsm.lgfl.net

Cool Milk

Register your child for school milk at
https://coolmilk.com/parents/

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:
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