Friday 18th September 2026

Fairford Academy Barnehurst Newsletter



Dear Parents and carers,

What a wonderful week it has been at Fairford. Our children are settled and engaged, enthusiastic and ready to learn and our classrooms are calm. It is such a pleasure to see them enjoying their learning and making such a positive start to the new school year.

Skiptember!

As you will know, we welcomed **Skip2Bfit** into school this week for an exciting whole-school workshop for children from Year 1 to Year 6 - and it was absolutely amazing!
The children (and staff!) had a fantastic time, and there was so much energy, enthusiasm and laughter throughout the day. We are now planning to introduce **weekly 2-minute challenges** to keep everyone active and motivated.
And keep your eyes peeled... there will be a parent challenge coming your way!

Every Minute Counts - Attendance Matters

We are continuing to have a big focus on attendance and punctuality this year.
Regular attendance is an important part of safeguarding. Every child has a right to an education, and every day in school provides opportunities to learn, develop friendships and make progress.
Please do everything you can to ensure that your child is in school and ready to learn on time every day. Every minute really does count!

Fairford Family Coffee Morning

On **Wednesday 30th September**, we will be holding our first Coffee Morning of the year. This will be a lovely opportunity for Fairford families to come together, enjoy a coffee and connect with one another. We would love to see as many of you there as possible!

PTA AGM – We Need You!

Our **PTA AGM** will take place on **Thursday 24th September at 3.30pm**.
We are really keen to welcome more volunteers to our PTA so that we can continue to organise exciting events and experiences for our children.
You don't need lots of experience or lots of spare time - every bit of support makes a difference. Please do come along if you are able to get involved.

Have a lovely weekend, everyone.

Ms Aujla

Attendance and Late Marks

For week ending 18/09/26

Class	Attendance	Lates
Ladybirds	90.7%	3
Butterflies	97.9%	3
Dragonflies	94.7%	3
Owls	91.1%	3
Squirrels	92.0%	2
Koalas	95.2%	2
Kookaburras	94.0%	2



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	91.4%	0
Lynx	88.0%	0
Pandas	94.3%	0
Peacocks	80.0%	0
Snow Leopards	100.0%	0
Tigers	66.0%	0

Class	Attendance	Lates
Narwhals	94.4%	5
Penguins	96.3%	1
Dolphins	92.4%	6
Whales	99.3%	2
Giraffes	96.3%	6
Lions	94.2%	5
Zebras	96.2%	0
Eagles	97.0%	0
Falcons	96.4%	0
Hawks	93.7%	1

Dates for your Diary

Weekly Calendar

Mon 21st Sept 2026	Tues 22nd Sept 2026	Wed 23rd Sept 2026	Thurs 24th Sept 2026	Fri 25th Sept 2026
	Phonics Wokshop for Parents 9:15am **CLUBS** Arts and Crafts Reading Mindfulness Colouring Lego	Reception Tours 10am & 1:30pm Phonics Wokshop for Parents 3:15pm **CLUBS** Choir Wellbeing	YR6 Tower of London Trip PTA AGM 3:30PM	Attednace Matters Workshops 9:15am & 2:30pm

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

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49		1	2	3	4	5	6
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51	14	15	16	*17	18	19	20
52	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
53	28	29	30	31			

January 2027

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2	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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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
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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
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12	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
13	29	30	31				

April 2027

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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
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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
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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



I LOVE SCHOOL DINNERS

INDEPENDENTCATERING EDUCATERLIMITED

WEEK 3

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

	MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER	TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER	WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER	THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER	FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER
V VEGETARIAN VEGAN	Vegetable Sausage (1) VEGAN	Mixed Bean Chilli in a Taco (1, 11) VEGAN	Cherry Tomato, Cheese and Roast Vegetable Quiche (1, 7,8, 9,10)	Butternut and Pea Risotto VEGAN (10) Try our Ingredient of the month	Cheese and Onion Turnover (1,8, 9)
M MAIN MEAL	Sausages with Gravy (1, 14)	Mild Beef Chilli with Nachos 1,11)	Roast Gammon and Pineapple with Gravy	Mediterranean Chicken with Tomato and Peppers	Breaded Fish (1, 4)
P PASTA DISH	Roasted Vegetable Pasta (1)	Fresh Pesto Pasta (1)	Smooth Tomato Pasta (1)	Macaroni Cheese (1,8, 9, 11)	Arrabiata Pasta Twirls (1)
J JACKET POTATO	Jacket Potato with Topping of the Day	Jacket Potato with Topping of the Day	Jacket Potato with Topping of the Day	Jacket Potato with Topping of the Day	Jacket Potato with Topping of the Day
S SIDE DISHES	Diced Potatoes with Garden Peas and Salad Bar	Tomato Rice with Green Beans and Salad Bar	Roast Potatoes, Roasted Root Vegetables, and Fresh Cabbage Try our Ingredient of the month	Wholemeal Rice, Broccoli and Salad Bar	Chips, Peas, Baked Beans and Salad Bar
D DESSERT DISHES	Oaty Apple Crumble with Custard (1,7,8, 9)	Mixed Berry Cheesecake (1, 8,9)	Lemon Cake with Custard (1, 7,8, 9)	Tutti Frutti Thursday	Chocolate Cookie (1,8)

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

ALLERGEN KEY

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

SEN Surgeries coming soon

We will soon be announcing dates for SEN Surgeries. This will be announced on the newsletter and on Class Dojo

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.

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

See this weeks Wake up Wednesday's guide on AI making fake content look and sound real. This guide helps adults support children to question, verify and respond safely to what they see online.



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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