Friday 11th June 2026

Fairford Academy Barnehurst Newsletter



What an amazing first week back we have had!

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school and see the children return with such enthusiasm. They have been absolutely amazing and have settled back into their routines so well. We are incredibly proud of them all!

There has been so much happening across school over the summer, and you will have noticed the extensive building work that has taken place. One of the most exciting developments has been the expansion of our Specialist Resource Provision, Verity House.
A very warm welcome to all of our new Verity House families. The children have transitioned into their new environment so well, and it has been lovely to see them becoming familiar with their new routines and surroundings.

Our Early Years area has also had a fantastic renovation, and we are very excited to open Little Sunbeams, our new 2–3-year-old nursery, on Monday. We are delighted to welcome our new Nursery and Reception children, who have made such a fantastic start. They have settled amazingly well, and we are so proud of them!

A special thank you to our Reception parents who joined us for their first school lunch on Tuesday. It was lovely to have you in school and to share such an important first with you.

I also want to give a huge shout-out to our teachers and support staff. They have worked incredibly hard to transform and prepare their learning environments following the summer break, all within a very short space of time. Their dedication and teamwork have ensured that our children have returned to welcoming, exciting and engaging spaces, ready for another year of learning.

Thank you for such a fantastic start to the new school year. It really has been a joy to see the children back, happy, confident and ready to learn.

Have a lovely weekend, everyone, and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday!

Best wishes,

Ms Aujla

Attendance and Late Marks

For week ending 11/09/26

Class	Attendance	Lates
Ladybirds	85.9%	1
Butterflies	96.4%	3
Dragonflies	95.6%	3
Owls	94.2%	4
Squirrels	95.0%	0
Koalas	94.5%	1
Kookaburras	94.1%	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
Hippos	95.0%	0
Lynx	91.7%	0
Pandas	88.9%	0
Peacocks	100.0%	0
Snow Leopards	100.0%	0
Tigers	80.0%	0

Class	Attendance	Lates
Narwhals	99.2%	3
Penguins	95.3%	1
Dolphins	93.7%	5
Whales	100.0%	5
Giraffes	96.0%	5
Lions	88.0%	5
Zebras	97.7%	0
Eagles	100.0%	1
Falcons	98.2%	1
Hawks	100.0%	3

Dates for your Diary

Weekly Calendar

Mon 14th Sept 2026	Tues 15th Sept 2026	Wed 16th Sept 2026	Thurs 17th Sept 2026	Fri 18th Sept 2026
	Skip 2 B Fit Workshops			

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
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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
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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

Lunch Menu

INDEPENDENTCATERING | EDUCATERLIMITED

We are delighted to welcome Independent Catering as our new catering provider. They are passionate about serving fresh, nutritious, and delicious meals that support our pupils' health, wellbeing, and learning throughout the school day. We look forward to working with their team and introducing a variety of tasty menu options for our children to enjoy. We are excited about this new partnership and the positive dining experience it will bring to our school community.



I LOVE SCHOOL DINNERS

INDEPENDENTCATERING | EDUCATERLIMITED

WEEK 2

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 14 SEPTEMBER	TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER	WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER	THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER	FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER
V VEGETARIAN VEGAN	Butternut Squash Curry with Rice and Naan Bread (1,8) VEGAN Try our Ingredient of the month	Halloumi, Sweet Potato and Pepper served on Rice (9)	Herb Crumb Topped Stuffed Courgette with Rice (1,8) VEGAN	MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY	Sweet Potato and Chickpea Patty Wrap (1) VEGAN
M MAIN MEAL	Mild Chicken Korma Curry with Rice and Naan Bread (1,11)	Beef Cottage Pie 10)	Roast Turkey with Stuffing and Gravy (1)		Breaded Fish (1, 4)
P PASTA DISH	Chunky Tomato Twirls (1)	Fresh Pesto Pasta (1)	Mixed Pepper Pasta (1)		Roasted Courgette Ragu Twirls (1) Try our Ingredient of the month
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
S SIDE DISHES	Fresh Cauliflower and Salad Bar	Fresh Carrots and Salad Bar	Roast Potatoes, Roasted Root Vegetables and Fresh Cabbage Try our Ingredient of the month		Chips, Garden Peas and Salad Bar
D DESSERT DISHES	Apricot and Pear Sponge with Custard (1, 7, 8,9)	Pineapple Upside Down Cake with Custard (1, 7, 8,9)	Mixed Berry Mousse with Biscuit Crumb (1,8, 9)		Chocolate Brownie (1, 7,8, 9)

Cancun Chicken Fajita Tacos and Rice (11)
Aztec Vegetable Quesadillas (1, 9)
Axoloti Jacket Potatoes
Mexico City Mac 'n' Cheese (1,8, 9, 11)
Sombrero Broccoli and Sweetcorn
Caimans Iced Cinnamon Sponge (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
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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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.

Information

See this weeks Wake up Wednesday's guide explores Character.AI, highlighting risks including inappropriate content, emotional dependency, the reliability of advice, and privacy concerns.





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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