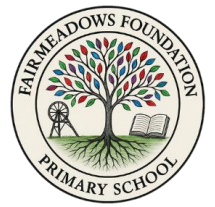


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Fairmeadows Foundation Primary School Newsletter

March 2026

Welcome to our latest newsletter. This past Month we have had many successes and are Proud to share that our Girls Football team Went to St George's Park for the Biggest Ever Girls Football Session – and won! Congratulations to Bella, Darcie, Neve, Nancie Ruby, Nikola and Mary-Kate.

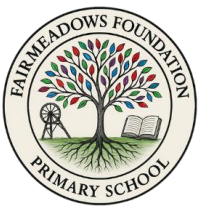


Parent Consultations

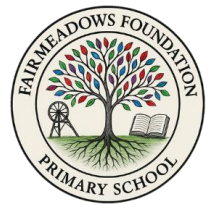
Parent Consultation appointments are booked for Tuesday and Wednesday. Unfortunately, the sickness bug that has impacted school means Mr. Steer is unwell and his appointments will need to be moved to the first week after half term.

Unlike in previous years, appointments will take place in the hall as we need to keep classrooms empty for the cleaning team to complete the necessary processes to ensure the sickness bug spreads no further.

Mr Reeves and Miss Bartlam are also in the hall and can meet with you on an ad hoc basis to discuss anything that you wish!



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Sickness Bugs

We have had a lot of sickness in school recently and are ensuring that all areas are deep cleaned and that pupils are washing their hands thoroughly and properly.

For your part, keeping children off school when they have been ill is key to stopping any spread. When a pupil has vomited or had diarrhoea they must not return to school until 48 hours has passed since their last episode.



Holiday Clubs

Our school is hosting the School Sports Partnership HAF club this Easter.

Places are still available, so if you would like your child to join, please check ParentMail for the details.

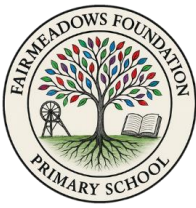


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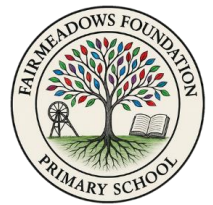
Year 6 SATS preparation will begin on the 20th April. During this week the children will sit practice exams in the hall and the free breakfast club will begin. The children will bring home their results and work on areas that need development during the period.

During the weeks leading up to the tests, we will be ensuring the children are having plenty of opportunities to play, spend time with their friends, have plenty of breaks and celebrate their success in all areas! Not just these SATs.





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Year 5 & 6 France Residential

France Visit Information Evening – April 21st, 6pm

We're getting closer to our exciting trip to France, and we're delighted to invite all families to our information meeting on **April 21st at 6pm**.

This session will be a great chance to get fully prepared for the adventure ahead. We'll be sharing everything you need to know, including:

- A full kit list so students are ready for every activity
- Departure and return arrangements
- Guidance on spending money and meals
- Daily plans and what to expect while we're away
- Lots of practical tips to help the visit run smoothly



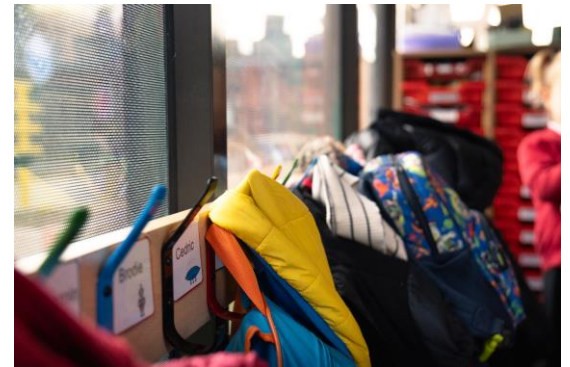
It's a really valuable opportunity to hear directly from the visit leaders, ask any questions, and talk through any worries you or your child may have. We want everyone to feel confident, excited, and ready for a fantastic experience.

We hope you can join us for what promises to be an informative and reassuring evening as we count down to an unforgettable trip.

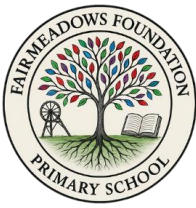
Governor Vacancies

We are delighted to share that we have additional vacancies on our Governing Board, and we warmly invite parents who are passionate about education and community to consider joining us.

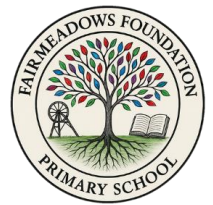
Becoming a school governor is a rewarding way to make a real difference. Governors play a vital role in supporting the leadership of the school, championing high standards, and helping to create the best possible environment for every child to thrive. It's also a fantastic opportunity to:



- Gain insight into how the school operates
- Develop new skills in leadership, strategic planning, and teamwork
- Work alongside a committed group of people who care deeply about our pupils
- Contribute your experience, perspective, and ideas to shape long-term decisions
- Strengthen the partnership between families and the school community



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If you're curious, enthusiastic, or simply want to play a part in helping our school continue to grow, we would love to hear from you. Please speak to Mrs Baker or email the school office to find out more.

Your voice could make a meaningful difference to the future of our children and our school.

SEND

Supporting All Learners: Our Approach to SEND

At our school, we are committed to ensuring that every child feels valued, included, and able to achieve their very best. We recognise that some children may need additional support at different points in their school journey, and we work closely with families to make sure their needs are understood and met.

Our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) provision is led by **Mrs Balcon, our SENDCO**, who oversees support across the school. She works with teachers, support staff, external professionals, and—most importantly—families to create the right environment for each child to thrive.

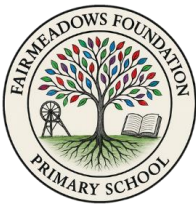
We provide a range of support depending on individual needs, which may include:

- Adapted learning activities
- Small-group or one-to-one support
- Emotional and social wellbeing interventions
- Speech and language strategies
- Support plans tailored to each child
- Regular reviews to ensure progress and wellbeing

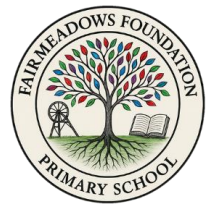
Here to Talk, Listen, and Support

If you ever have concerns about your child's learning, development, or wellbeing—or if you're simply wondering whether they might benefit from extra support—please know that you are always welcome to speak with us. Early conversations can make a big difference, and we are here to guide you through every step.





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You can contact **Mrs Balcon** directly through the school office to arrange a chat, ask questions, or seek advice. No concern is too small, and we are always happy to help.

Together, we can make sure every child feels confident, supported, and ready to shine.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding at the Heart of Our School

Keeping our children safe, happy, and well cared for remains at the centre of everything we do. We want every family to feel confident that our pupils' wellbeing is always our top priority.

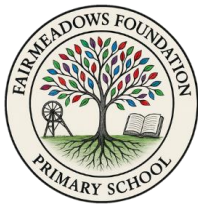
If you ever have a concern about a child's safety or welfare, no matter how small it may seem, please contact the school or Starting Point straight away. We are always here to listen and to act.

We also continue to work closely with the **Early Help Team at Affinity**, who offer fantastic support to families during times of challenge or change. This might include help with routines at home, emotional wellbeing, behaviour, or simply having someone to talk to.

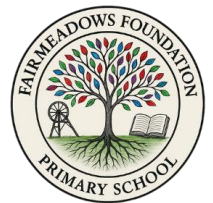
Many families find this early support incredibly valuable. If you feel that you or your child might benefit from a little extra help, please speak to us in confidence.

We are here to support every family in our school community, and reaching out early can make a real difference.





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Team Points

Team	Colour	Score
Darwin	Green	10,400
Bronte	Red	8275
Nightingale	Purple	8825
Newton	Blue	8200

Team Points Update

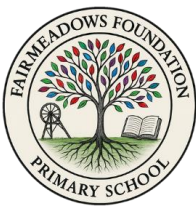
Darwin remains in the lead, and the competition is really heating up! Our Team Points system is a wonderful way to celebrate all the brilliant choices our pupils make each day. Children can earn points for good manners, hard work, kindness, teamwork, contributing to class discussions, and so many other positive behaviours that help our school community shine.

We love seeing pupils take pride in their efforts, and every point they earn helps their team move closer to the top of the leaderboard. It's a fantastic way to build confidence, encourage responsibility, and celebrate those everyday moments of brilliance.

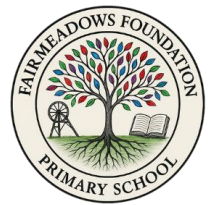
How to Earn Even More Team Points There are lots of ways children can boost their totals, both in school and at home. Two of the most effective are:

- **Reading at home** – Sharing a book, practising fluency, or enjoying a bedtime story all count. Every reading session helps build strong skills *and* earns valuable points.
- **Mathletics** – Completing activities, improving scores, and showing determination on Mathletics is another brilliant way to impress school staff and collect extra points for your team.

We can't wait to see which team will climb the leader board next. Keep up the fantastic effort, everyone: every point counts!



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Attendance

We'd like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to all our parents and carers for your continued support in promoting positive attendance. Our current attendance stands at an impressive 95%—higher than the national average—and it's still improving.



Your commitment makes a real difference to pupils' learning and wellbeing. As a reminder, we have three INSET days from 20th May, offering an ideal opportunity to plan any holidays that stretch into the half-term break. This helps families save money while also avoiding unnecessary absences and potential fines.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 24th March – Parent Consultations (1)

Wednesday 25th March – Parent Consultations (2)

Thursday 26th March – Easter Egg Raffle, Easter Bonnets & Decorated Eggs

Friday 27th March – School closes for the Easter Holidays at 3pm (After School Club as normal)

Monday 13th April – School opens for Summer Term at 8.30am (Breakfast Club as normal)

Tuesday 14th April – ***New date for Year 6 Parent Consultation (1)***

Wednesday 15th April – ***New date for Year 6 Parent Consultation (2)***

w/c 20th April – Y6 SATS Breakfast Club Starts

Tuesday 21st April – France Meeting – 6pm

Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday – School Closed

w/c 11th May – Y6 SATS week

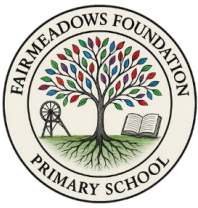
Wednesday 20th/Thursday 21st/ Friday 22nd May – School Closed for Inset Days

w/c 25th May – School Closed for Half Term (After School Club as normal)

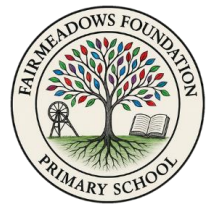
Monday 1st June – School Opens at 8.30am (Breakfast Club as normal)

Friday 12th June – Y6 Visit to France





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Easter Bonnets and Egg Decorating

It's That Egg-siting Time of Year Again!

Our much-loved Easter Bonnet and Decorated Egg competitions are back, and we can't wait to see what our wonderfully creative pupils come up with this year. Every spring, we're blown away by the imagination, colour, and effort that families put into their entries—there's always something unique, surprising, and utterly brilliant on display. Whether it's a dazzling bonnet bursting with springtime flair or an egg transformed into a miniature masterpiece, we love celebrating the creativity of our school community. It's a fantastic opportunity for children to get crafty, work together with family, and have lots of fun along the way.



We'd love to see as many children in KS1 and EYFS as possible taking part.

No idea is too big or too small—simple, silly, spectacular, or sparkly, they all bring joy to our Easter celebrations. Every entry helps make our display extra special, and children always feel so proud seeing their creations showcased in school. Let the crafting begin... we can't wait to see what egg-cellent designs appear this year!

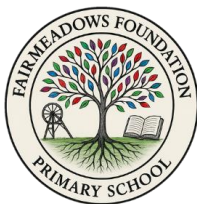
Easter Raffle

Easter Raffle Tickets Still Available!

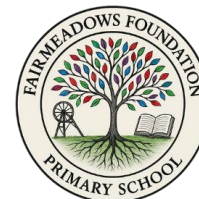
Our Easter Raffle is well underway, and there's still time to join in the fun. Tickets are available to purchase from school, and we have some brilliant prizes waiting to be won.

If you would like to take part, tickets can be purchased on ParentMail. Every ticket purchased helps support our school community—and of course, gives you an exciting chance to win a lovely Easter treat.





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We'd love to see as many families as possible getting involved. Good luck to everyone who enters!

Active Uniform

Active School Uniform Consultation

We are always looking for ways to support our children's wellbeing, confidence, and readiness to learn. With this in mind, our school will soon be holding a consultation with **pupils, parents, and governors** to explore the idea of introducing an **active school uniform**.

An active uniform is designed to be comfortable, practical, and suitable for movement throughout the school day. Many schools have found that this approach helps children feel more relaxed, more confident, and more willing to take part in physical activity—whether that's PE lessons, outdoor learning, active playtimes, or simply moving around school comfortably.



Some of the potential benefits we'll be exploring include:

- **Increased daily activity** – Children can move more freely and take part in active learning without needing to change clothes.
- **Improved comfort and confidence** – Practical clothing can help children feel at ease and ready to learn.
- **More time for learning** – Less time spent changing for PE means more time being active and engaged.
- **Reduced uniform costs** – Active wear can often be more affordable and easier to replace.
- **Inclusivity** – A flexible uniform can help all children feel comfortable, regardless of their needs.

We want to make sure every voice in our school community is heard. Over the coming weeks, we'll be gathering thoughts, ideas, and questions from families, pupils, and governors. Your feedback will help us understand whether an active school uniform would be a positive step for our school.

More details about how to take part in the consultation will be shared soon. We look forward to hearing your views and working together to make the best choices for our children.