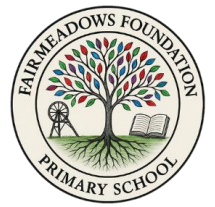


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Fairmeadows Foundation Primary School Newsletter

April 2026

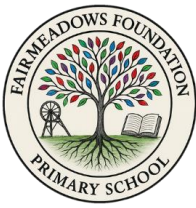
School Newsletter Update

We would like to begin by extending a very warm welcome to **Mr Ross**, who has joined our school community as our new **Caretaker**. We are delighted to have him on board and are sure he will quickly become a valued member of the team.

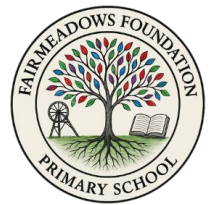
At the same time, we say a heartfelt **farewell to Mr Humphries**, who has **officially retired after decades of loyal service** to the school. Mr Humphries has been a constant presence and a source of care, hard work, and commitment for so many years. We thank him sincerely for everything he has given to the school and wish him a long, happy, and well-earned retirement.

Celebrating Success and Participation

Congratulations to our Year 4 pupils for **winning the recent cricket tournament** – a fantastic achievement that reflects both teamwork and determination. We are also incredibly proud of all the children who continue to **take part in activities**



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and sports outside of school. Their enthusiasm, commitment, and willingness to try new opportunities truly represent the best of our school values.

A special mention must also go to the **Year 3 and 4 football team**, who reached the **semi-finals of the Prominent Cup**. A fine achievement following strong performances throughout the competition, ending in defeat to an excellent **Newhall Juniors** side who were simply too strong on the day. Well done to all involved.

Working Together with Parents

Thank you to all parents who attended the recent **parent consultations**. Attendance was very strong, and these meetings have a hugely positive impact on pupils by strengthening the partnership between home and school. We would like to remind families that **our door is always open** – parents are warmly encouraged to come and meet with staff to share concerns, ask questions, or celebrate successes.

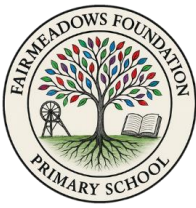
Curriculum Updates

KS2 **SATs preparation is now underway**, and our **Year 6 pupils are working extremely hard** as they prepare for the real tests beginning on **11th May**. We are very proud of their focus and resilience and thank parents for their continued support at home.

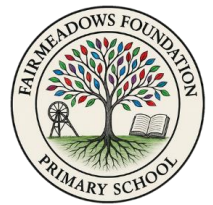
Revising in short bursts, using Mathletics and focusing on the areas Mr Steer has highlighted will all support the children in achieving the very best they can.

France Trip Update

We are pleased to report that the **France meeting went very well**. Those who attended asked **in-depth, thoughtful, and high-quality questions**, which helped ensure everyone felt informed and prepared. A reminder that the **departure time is 4:30 a.m. on 12th June**. Further important information will be sent out shortly.



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Safety and Supervision After School

As the weather becomes sunnier, please remember to **keep children with you at the end of the school day**. Once handover is complete, children are under **parental supervision**, and they should not be allowed to **wander into the forested areas around the playground or onto the field**. We appreciate your support in helping us keep everyone safe.

Online Safety Reminder

We are unfortunately seeing an increase in **issues related to social media and WhatsApp groups**, including unkind comments, negative group behaviour, and foul or abusive language between children. We ask parents to be **curious and proactive about their children's online behaviour**, including how they spend their time and what content they are engaging with. It is vital that parents feel confident their children are not accessing harmful material or behaving in ways that could cause harm to themselves or others.

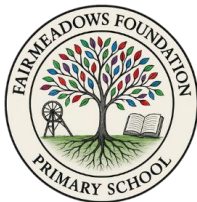
These issues are particularly prevalent in Year 5 and 6 – we ask that you continue to support your children in using their devices responsibly and with kindness.

Sun Safety

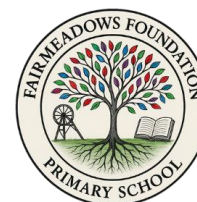
With the arrival of sunnier weather, please remember some simple **sun-safe tips**:

- Apply sunscreen before school and ensure pupils bring appropriately protective sunscreen (spf 30+) for use as required throughout the school day.
- Send children with a named hat
- Encourage drinking plenty of water

These small steps make a big difference.



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Nursery Places – September Intake

We are still accepting **applications for Nursery places for September**, but availability is **limited** and places fill up quickly. If you know anyone who may be interested, please encourage them to contact the school office as soon as possible.

Dates for the Diary

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

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

Friday 12th June – Y5 and 6 Visit to France

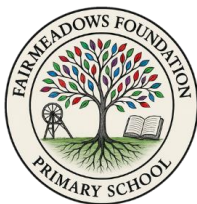
Monday 15th June – Y5 and 6 Return from France.

Team Points

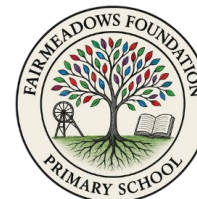
Team	Colour	Score
Darwin	Green	11,650
Bronte	Red	9575
Nightingale	Purple	9800
Newton	Blue	9125

Darwin remains in the lead. Team Points are collected for good manners, hard work, contributing to discussions and so many other positive behaviors.

Reading at home and Mathematics are two excellent ways to impress school staff and earn more for your team!



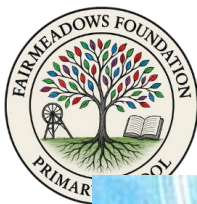
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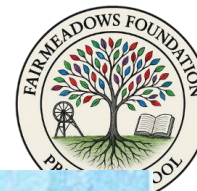
OUR REGULAR ACTIVITIES WHAT'S ON



- **Tuesdays & Thursdays
Mini Circle - Inclusive Under
5s stay & play**
Free flow stay and play in our main hall and sensory room. Seasonal and themed craft activities included. Derbyshire term time only.
9:30am - 11:30am £2 per child, no booking necessary
- **Tuesday Club
After School Club**
A programme of activities designed to support friendships and have fun in a safe, inclusive environment
3:30pm - 5:30pm £2 per child, booking via Trybooking.com
- **Alternating Thursdays
SEND Help! - Support Drop In**
Drop in parent/carer support. Come and chat to experienced volunteers and fellow parents about anything SEND related for advice, signposting and support
Thursday 1:30pm - 3:00pm
- **Drop-in SEND youth Club**
Youth club for primary aged children in our main hall and sensory room. Seasonal and themed craft activities included. Derbyshire term time only.
5:30pm - 7:00pm FREE no booking necessary
- **Alternate Fridays
Home Ed Hang Out**
Inclusive social group for home educated children, age 5-16. Younger siblings welcome. Seasonal and themed craft activities included
10:30am - 12pm, FREE, booking via Trybooking.com



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About Us

The Circle - Swadlincote Family Support Centre is a hub of support for families in Swadlincote and surrounding areas. At our inclusive and accessible centre in Church Gresley, Swadlincote, we run groups and sessions throughout the week to provide support, social activities and signposting



What We Do

- Inclusive Under 5s Stay & Play
- Home Education Social Group
- Youth clubs
- Seasonal events
- Parent Carer support, signposting and social groups

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