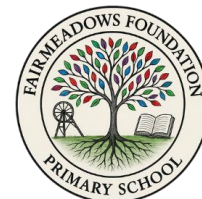


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Fairmeadows Foundation Primary School Newsletter

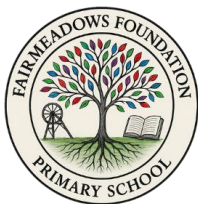
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School Newsletter Update

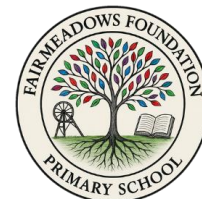


As we reach the end of another school year, it's hard to believe just how quickly it has flown by. It only feels like yesterday that we were welcoming everyone back in September, and now we find ourselves at the end of another fantastic year together. Where has the time gone?

Looking back, it has been a year packed with memorable moments and exciting opportunities for our children. From swimming lessons and sporting events to educational visits and Forest School adventures, there has been so much to celebrate. Our pupils have enjoyed taking part in World Cup Day, showing great teamwork and sportsmanship, and recently embraced the excitement of Wimbledon with plenty of tennis-themed activities. One of the highlights of the year was



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undoubtedly our trip to France, creating lasting memories and wonderful experiences for everyone involved.

Throughout the year, we have seen our children grow in confidence, independence and resilience. Whether it has been in the classroom, on the sports field, on stage during performances, or through the many enrichment opportunities provided, they have continued to make us incredibly proud.

A special mention must go to our Year 6 pupils as they prepare to leave Fairmeadows and begin the next chapter of their journey at secondary school. Whilst we are sad to see them go, we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved during their time with us. We wish each and every one of them the very best for the future and know they will continue to shine in whatever they do.

Goodbye & good luck



A Warm Welcome to Miss Wright!

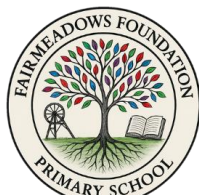
We are delighted to welcome **Miss Wright** to Fairmeadows, who will be joining our teaching team in September as our new **Reception Class Teacher**.

Miss Wright is looking forward to becoming part of the Fairmeadows family and getting to know all of our children, parents and staff. We are sure you will join us in giving her a very warm Fairmeadows welcome when she starts with us in the new academic year.

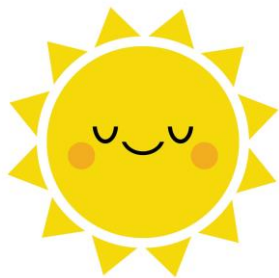
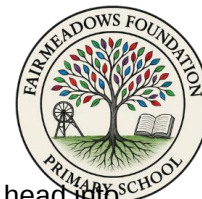
We wish Miss Wright every success in her new role and know she will be a fantastic addition to our team.



We would also like to thank our staff, governors, parents and carers for their continued support throughout the year. Fairmeadows is a special community, and it is only through working together that we can provide so many wonderful opportunities for our children.



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The final few weeks have certainly brought some hot weather, and as we head into the summer break, please remember to stay safe, take time to relax, and enjoy making precious memories with family and friends. Let's hope the sunshine continues throughout the holiday period!

Have a wonderful summer break and we look forward to welcoming you all back in September for another exciting year at Fairmeadows.

Free School Meals – Changes from September 2026

From **September 2026**, the Government is expanding Free School Meal eligibility so that **all children in families receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to a free school meal**, regardless of household income. This means many more families may now qualify.

If your family receives Universal Credit, please look out for information from school and the Local Authority about how to apply. The application process is usually quick and straightforward, and we would encourage all eligible families to register.

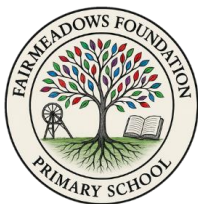
Registering for Free School Meals does more than provide your child with a nutritious meal each day. It can also help the school access additional funding to support children's learning, wellbeing and enrichment opportunities.

Even if your child is already receiving Universal Infant Free School Meals in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, it is still important to register if you are eligible.

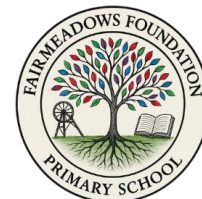
Please keep an eye on ParentMail in September for further information and guidance on how to apply.



Are you entitled?



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Supporting Mee & Dee

A huge thank you to our pupils, families and staff for helping us raise an amazing **£355** for our nominated charity, **Mee & Dee**, this year.

Through a range of fundraising activities, our school community has shown great kindness and generosity. The money raised will help Mee & Dee continue its fantastic work supporting children and families and creating special memories.

If you would like to donate, please visit the charity's website:
www.meeanddee.co.uk/.

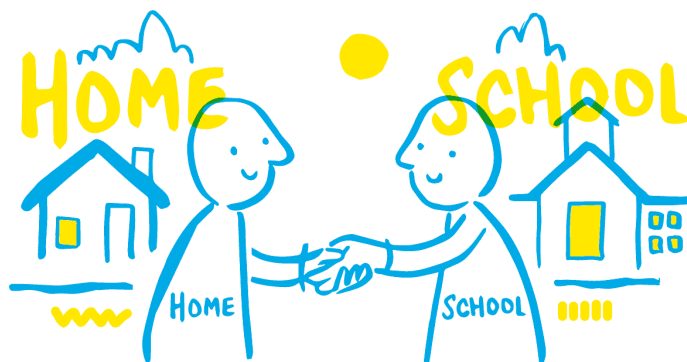
Thank you for your support and well done, Fairmeadows!

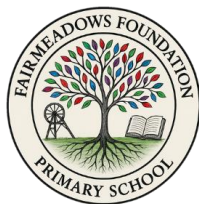


Celebrating Success and Participation

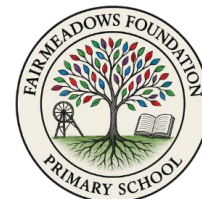
Working Together with Parents

We would like to thank all of the parents and carers who continue to support our school throughout the year. We recently held another successful Parent Forum and it was wonderful to welcome some new faces to the group, with representatives from across the school. The forum provides a valuable opportunity to share ideas, discuss developments and strengthen the partnership between home and school.





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A reminder that keeping up to date with school communications is the best way to stay informed about important dates, events and school news. Please make sure you regularly check our school website and have the latest versions of both **Seesaw** and **ParentMail** installed on your devices.

Communication is key to ensuring the best outcomes for our children. If you have any questions, concerns or information you would like to share, please don't hesitate to contact us through Seesaw, ParentMail, by telephone or by speaking to a member of staff in person. We are always happy to help and value the strong relationships we have with our families.

Thank you for your continued support and for being such an important part of the Fairmeadows community.



Curriculum Updates

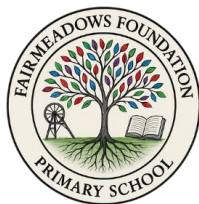
Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our recent consultation regarding the changes to our Relationships and Health Education (RHE) curriculum. As part of the updated Government guidance, we have reviewed our curriculum and resources to ensure they remain age-appropriate, relevant and meet all statutory requirements.

We appreciate the feedback and support received during the consultation process. If you were unable to attend and would like to find out more about the resources we use to teach Relationships, Sex and Health Education, please speak to **Mr Boulter**.

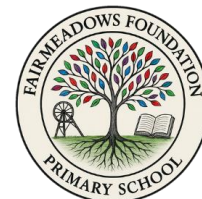


You can also view information for parents through Kapow using the following link:

www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/rse-pshe/curriculum/rse-pshe-parent-information/

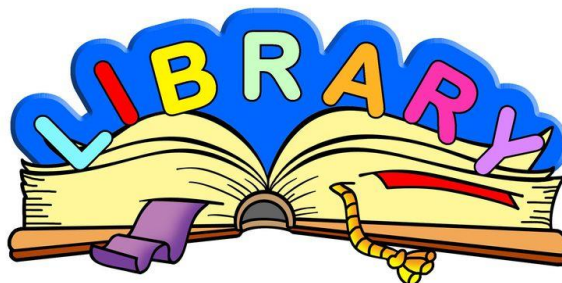


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Exciting News for Our Library!

Mrs Cashin has been busy reviewing applications for our new team of **Junior Librarians**. Interviews will be taking place shortly, followed by training for our successful candidates. We are excited to see these pupils take on their new responsibilities and help us make the Fairmeadows library the very best it has ever been. We look forward to sharing who has been selected in September!



France Trip Update

France 2026... London 2027!

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils had a fantastic time on this year's trip to France, creating memories that will last a lifetime. From visiting iconic landmarks and experiencing French culture to trying new foods and practising their language skills, the trip was a huge success. The children were excellent ambassadors for Fairmeadows and represented the school brilliantly throughout the visit.

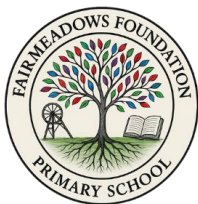


We're already looking ahead to next year, when pupils in Years 5 and 6 will have the exciting opportunity to visit our capital city, **London**. Planned highlights include famous landmarks, historical attractions and unique educational experiences that bring learning to life beyond the classroom. It promises to be another unforgettable adventure for our pupils.

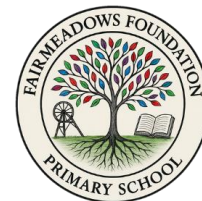
It's not too late to express your interest – please speak to Mrs Baker in the office for further information.



We can't wait to start planning our next adventure!



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Safety and Supervision After School

As we approach the summer holidays, we would like to remind parents and carers about the importance of keeping children safe at the end of the school day.

Once children have been collected from school, they remain the responsibility of their parent or carer. We kindly ask that children are closely supervised whilst on the school site and do not play on equipment, climb on walls, ride scooters or bikes, or run around the playgrounds and car park areas. This helps to ensure everyone can leave the site safely.

Please also take extra care when crossing roads near the school and be mindful of local residents when parking and collecting children.



Thank you for your support in helping us keep all members of our school community safe. By working together, we can ensure that Fairmeadows remains a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.

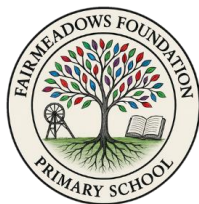
Water Safety This Summer

With warmer weather on the way, please remember that lakes, rivers, canals and reservoirs can be dangerous, even on hot days. Open water is often much colder and deeper than it appears.

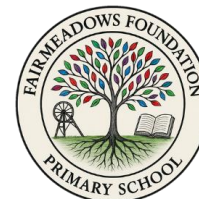
- ✓ Always supervise children near water.
- ✓ Use lifeguarded beaches and swimming pools where possible.
- ✓ Never swim in lakes, rivers, canals or reservoirs.



A few simple precautions can help ensure everyone enjoys a safe and happy summer holiday.



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Attendance

Our overall school attendance is currently **94.4%**, which compares favourably with Derbyshire and national attendance figures. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring children attend school regularly and are ready to learn each day.

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

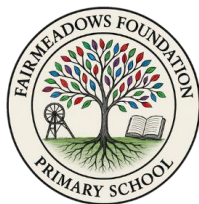
The Government continues to place a strong focus on attendance, and holidays during term time can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

To help families plan ahead, we have grouped our training days together before the May half-term holiday:

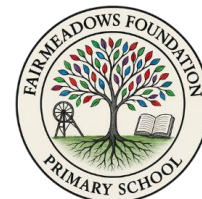
Date	School Status
25 May 2027	INSET Day
26 May 2027	INSET Day
27 May 2027	INSET Day
28 May – 4 June 2027	Half-Term Holiday
Monday 6 June 2027	Children return to school

This creates an extended break and provides a great opportunity to pre-book a family holiday and potentially grab a bargain, without impacting your child's attendance.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding attendance, please contact **Mr Boulter**, who will be happy to offer advice and support. Together, we can continue to ensure every child gets the very best from their time at Fairmeadows.



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Attendance Matters

The Government continues to place a strong emphasis on school attendance. National guidance states that children should attend school every day unless they are genuinely unwell or there are exceptional circumstances. Schools are not permitted to authorise holidays during term time except in exceptional circumstances, and unauthorised absences may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued by the Local Authority.

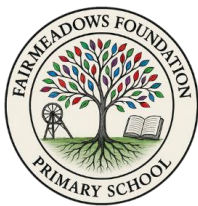
Attendance	Days Missed Over a School Year	Equivalent Learning Lost
95%	Approximately 9 days	Nearly 2 weeks of learning
90%	Approximately 19 days	Almost 4 weeks of learning
85%	Approximately 29 days	Almost 6 weeks of learning

Penalty Notice

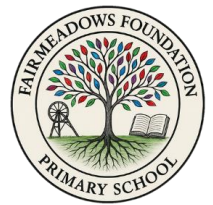
Information

Under current Government guidance, if a child has **10 or more sessions (5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a 10-week period**, parents may be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice:

Offence	Fine Per Parent, Per Child
First Penalty Notice	£80 if paid within 21 days, rising to £160 if paid within 28 days
Second Penalty Notice within 3 years	£160
Further offences within 3 years	May result in prosecution rather than another fine



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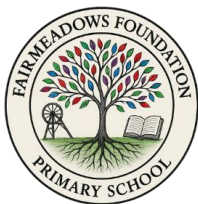
We are the department for **opportunity**

Great British Summer Savings

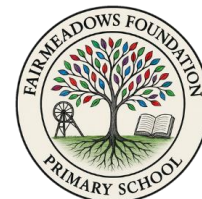
Rising prices can make life's little treats harder to afford, especially during the school holidays when costs build up for families. This Government is determined to help, and that is why last month the Chancellor announced the *Great British Summer Savings* scheme.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

The public are ready to get behind the scheme and are keen to take advantage of the discounts available. As trusted pillars of their communities, schools play a vital role in connecting families with important information.



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We need you to help spread the word. So please share details of the *Great British Summer Savings* scheme through your newsletters, school apps, and other communications to parents and carers, so that the families in your school community know about the experiences they can enjoy this summer for less.

This forms part of a broader effort by the Government to ease financial pressures on families. From ending the two-child limit and expanding free school meals, to rolling out free breakfast clubs and delivering 30 hours of free childcare, this Government is taking action to put more money back into parents' pockets and give every child the best possible start in life.

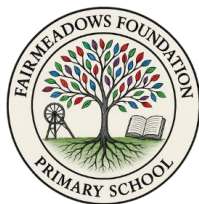
As part of this campaign, we have launched an **attraction finder** website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.

Businesses can find out more about the VAT reduction by visiting GOV.UK and searching 'Temporary reduced rate of VAT for family attractions'.

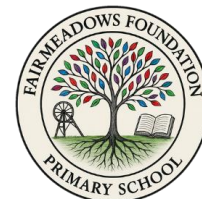
Yours sincerely,

RT HON BRIDGET PHILLIPSON MP
Secretary of State for Education

RT HON RACHEL REEVES MP
Chancellor of the Exchequer

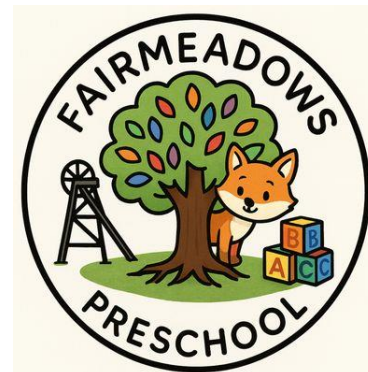


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Nursery Places – September Intake

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.



Diary Dates 2026/2027

Thursday 23rd July at 2pm - School Closes For The Summer

Friday 4th September – School Closed for Inset Day

Monday 7th September – School Opens at 8.30am (Breakfast Club from 7.30am)

Thursday 22nd October – Halloween Disco

Friday 23rd October – Sponsored Basketball – Come As You Please (CAYP)

Friday 23rd October – School Closes for Half-Term – 3pm

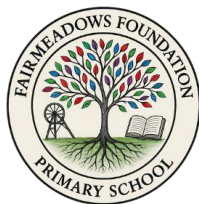
Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October – Half Term Holiday

Tuesday 17th November – Parent Consultations (1)

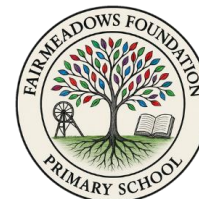
Wednesday 18th November – Parent Consultations (2)

Friday 4th December – Christmas Fair – School closes at 2pm

Friday 18th December – School Closes for the Christmas Holidays



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Our New Year 6 Leadership Team

We are delighted to announce our new Year 6 team captains for the coming academic year.

Our new Team Captains are:

Bronte: Emelia and Filip
Newton: Hanna and Archie
Nightingale: Eveleigh and Riley
Darwin: Teddy and Elisha

To become Team Captains, the children prepared and delivered a speech to the whole school, sharing why they wanted the role and how they would lead their team. We were incredibly impressed by the confidence and effort shown by everyone who took part, and the high standard made it a very difficult decision.

We are also pleased to announce our new Head Boy, Alex , and Head Girl, Abigail.

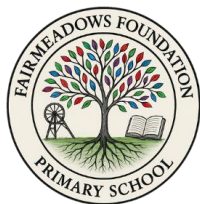
Throughout the year, our Team Captains, Head Boy and Head Girl will support school events, encourage their classmates and act as positive role models across the school.

Congratulations again to Emelia, Filip, Hanna, Archie, Eveleigh, Riley, Teddy, Elisha, Alex and Abigail. We know they will do a fantastic job in their leadership roles, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact they will have throughout the year.

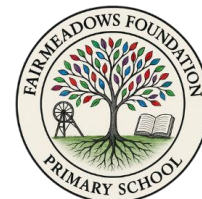
Team Points

Team	Colour	Score
Darwin	Green	13,700
Bronte	Red	11,725
Nightingale	Purple	12,225
Newton	Blue	11,225

Congratulations Darwin for winning the House Cup this year. Through hard work, determination, and outstanding teamwork, Darwin has earned a well-deserved victory!



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Sports

We are incredibly proud of the sporting achievements our pupils have accomplished this year. Our teams have enjoyed tremendous success, winning the KS1 Cricket Competition, the Year 3/4 Cricket Competition, and the Year 5/6 Cricket Competition. We also achieved an outstanding victory at the largest girls' football event held at St George's Park, a remarkable achievement that highlights the talent, dedication and teamwork of our pupils.

Our success didn't stop there, with victories in both hockey and basketball, showcasing just how talented Fairmeadows children are across a wide range of sports.

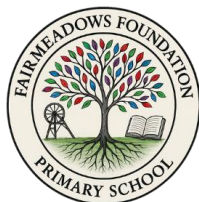
Throughout the year, we have ensured that all children have had the opportunity to participate in sporting events and competitions, providing equal opportunities for everyone to develop their skills, confidence and love of physical activity.

In addition to our competitive success, we have enjoyed some fantastic whole-school sporting events. World Cup Day brought excitement and teamwork across the school, Wimbledon Day gave pupils the chance to celebrate and experience the sport of tennis, and our Inflatable Fun Day was a huge hit, bringing smiles and laughter to children of all ages.

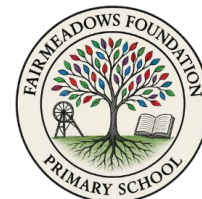
Sports Day was jam packed with fun and the parents race had a record-breaking number of participants. We loved seeing the teachers compete as teams and saw Mr Steer win yet again! Darwin were sports day champions for Reception and for the KS1/KS2 Sports Day! So much fun for everyone and a lovely picnic lunch to boot!

A huge thank you to all of our pupils, staff and supporters for making this such a memorable year. We look forward to building on this success and enjoying even more sporting achievements next year!





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School Results 2025/2026

Statutory Assessments Report

Fairmeadows Foundation Primary School

Key Results - 2025-2026

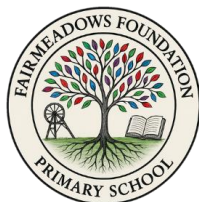
Assessment	Statistic	Cohort	School Result	National Comparison	National Result	School Percentile Rank
KS2 Reading, Writing & Maths combined	% achieving the expected standard	28	64%	● At or above	63%	51st
KS2 Reading, Writing & Maths combined	% achieving the higher standard	28	11%	● At or above	~ 8%	72nd
Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)	% scoring full marks (25/25)	31	74%	⬆ Above (significant)	~ 44%	96th
Phonics Screening Check	% passing in Year 1	30	73%	● Below	~ 82%	19th
Early Years Foundation Stage	% achieving a Good Level of Development	30	50%	⬇ Below (significant)	~ 72%	4th

Legend

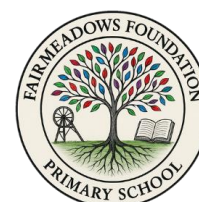
- ⬆ Above national (statistically significant)
- At or above national
- Below national
- ⬇ Below national (statistically significant)
- Missing data
- ~ Estimated national

Key Stage 2

Subject	Statistic	2022-2023		2023-2024		2024-2025		2025-2026		
		School	National	School	National	School	National	Cohort	School	National
Reading, Writing & Maths combined	% achieving the expected standard	-	60%	87% ⬆	61%	74% ●	62%	28	64% ●	63%
Reading, Writing & Maths combined	% achieving the higher standard	-	8%	17% ●	8%	9% ●	8%	28	11% ●	~ 8%
Reading	% achieving the expected standard	-	73%	87% ●	74%	74% ●	75%	28	82% ●	75%
Reading	% achieving the higher standard	-	29%	40% ●	29%	19% ●	33%	28	21% ●	~ 30%
Reading	Average scaled score	-	105,0	106,8 ●	105,0	103,3 ●	106,0	28	106,4 ●	106,0
Writing	% achieving the expected standard	-	71%	93% ⬆	72%	78% ●	72%	28	68% ●	73%
Writing	% working at greater depth	-	13%	27% ●	13%	16% ●	13%	28	11% ●	~ 13%



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Subject	Statistic	2022-2023		2023-2024		2024-2025		Cohort	2025-2026	
		School	National	School	National	School	National		School	National
Maths	% achieving the expected standard	-	73%	90% +	73%	81% ●	74%	28	86% ●	75%
Maths	% achieving the higher standard	-	24%	30% ●	24%	16% ■	26%	28	43% ●	~ 27%
Maths	Average scaled score	-	104,0	107,0 +	104,0	103,8 ■	105,0	28	106,5 ●	105,0
GPS	% achieving the expected standard	-	72%	87% ●	72%	77% ●	73%	28	75% ●	74%
GPS	% achieving the higher standard	-	30%	53% +	32%	29% ■	30%	28	18% ■	~ 30%
GPS	Average scaled score	-	105,0	107,9 ●	105,0	105,2 ●	105,0	28	103,1 ■	105,0
Science	% achieving the expected standard	-	80%	87% ●	81%	81% ■	82%	28	79% ■	82%

Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

Statistic	2022-2023		2023-2024		2024-2025		Cohort	2025-2026	
	School	National	School	National	School	National		School	National
% scoring full marks (25/25)	-	29%	50% ●	34%	72% +	37%	31	74% +	~ 44%
Average score (out of 25)	-	20,2	22,3 ●	20,6	-	21,0	31	22,8 ●	~ 21,6

Phonics Screening Check

Statistic	2022-2023		2023-2024		2024-2025		Cohort	2025-2026	
	School	National	School	National	School	National		School	National
% passing in Year 1	-	79%	83% ●	80%	72% ■	80%	30	73% ■	~ 82%
% passing check by end of Year 2	-	89%	90% ●	89%	87% ■	89%	30	87% ■	~ 91%

Early Years Foundation Stage

Statistic	2022-2023		2023-2024		2024-2025		Cohort	2025-2026	
	School	National	School	National	School	National		School	National
% achieving a Good Level of Development	-	67%	75% ●	68%	45% ■	68%	30	50% ■	~ 72%
% at the expected level across all early learning goals	-	66%	71% ●	66%	45% ■	67%	30	50% ■	~ 71%
Average number of early learning goals at the expected level per pupil	-	14,1	14,3 ●	14,1	11,8 ■	14,1	30	12,5 ■	~ 14,5