



Fairways Weekly News

Fairways Primary School provides a stimulating and challenging environment where a lifelong passion for learning is nurtured.

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Friday 28th November

News

Dear parents and carers,

It has been another productive week in school, with pupils showing great enthusiasm in their learning across all year groups. Staff continue to be impressed with the resilience and positivity our children bring to each day. It has also been lovely to hear the children's beautiful singing beginning to drift through the corridors offering a glimpse of wonderful, festive moments to come. I hope to see many of you at our carol concerts soon - scroll down for a reminder of the dates. Please note that after the concerts at St Aidans, we will be collecting donations for Southend hospital children's ward. Anything you can spare will be warmly received; there will be a bucket for change and a card machine too.

Attendance

Thank you to everyone supporting good attendance this term. Over a full school year, 95% attendance means nearly two whole weeks of learning lost, and at 90% attendance, this increases to a month. Being in school every day makes a real difference to pupils' progress, confidence, and overall wellbeing.

National	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.4%	94.6%	95.6%	95.1%	96.4%	94.5%	95.8%	94.6%

St Aidans Advent Calendar

From Monday, St Aidans' main noticeboard (by the bus stop outside on the Fairway) will have an advent calendar - encourage your children to keep an eye out for a new picture each day!

Understanding Behaviour workshop

Thank you to those parents and carers who came along to our session with Charlotte Clarke, Clinical Director at When The Adults Change, on Wednesday. The feedback was excellent and I am pleased it was a useful session. We continue to work to deepen our relational approach to behaviour so that all adults are predictable, consistent and empathic and all interactions, built on kindness and respect, offer empathy and nurture.



Achievement In School

Florence Tolhurst for working hard and building her confidence in maths.

Max Mallinson-Belsham for super progress in maths.

Lily-Mae Ellwood for improved concentration and working hard in class.

Rosie Fletcher for excellent effort during music practice.

Isaiah Riley for showing great knowledge of shapes in maths lessons this week.

Jessie Tyler for her enthusiastic and engaging recall of her lines in our rehearsal.

Louis Kollasch for his fantastic progress in English.

Matilda Keane for being ready to learn and for an amazing homework on London.

Brian Dong for his excellent explanations and problem solving in maths.

The year 5/6 dodgeball team finished 5th out of 19 schools in their tournament. Well done Matilda Burgess, Daisy Edwards, Sofia Froydenlund, Toby Hawkrige, Frankie Reid, James Brazier, Bobby McGowan, Charlie Coyston.

The Year 5/6 Emerging Dodgeball team - Maggie Dowling, Penny Allgrove, Polly Manning, George Collin, Stanley Jacobs, Tyler Reeve, Teddy Edwards, Rowan Malkin-Wood and Jake Mitchell - won half of their matches in their friendly competition.

The girls football team played two very challenging matches this week. The first, in the Essex Cup, was a 3-0 loss to St Peter's School, the second a 5-1 loss to Thorpe Hall School in the league. We were proud of the girls' attitude and perseverance until the final whistle. Well done Daisy Edwards, Matilda Burgess, Sofia Froydenlund, Jasmine Hampton, Mia Mardle, Paisley Youles, Isobel Fieldwick and Lois Cassidy-George.

The KS1 boys' football team lost to West Leigh in their first practice friendly. Well done to Will Hickey, Troy O'Brien, Ralph Goodchild, Caeden Meikle, Corey Palmer and Carter Fox.

Achievement Outside School

Well done to...

Marnie McHugh who received the trophy for Athlete of the Week at Southend Athletics Club as well as her 75 metre badge at her swimming club.

Aadam Umer from Year 5 who earned his yellow sash in Kung Fu.

Rowan Malkin-Wood who performed at the iconic Royal Albert Hall with the renowned Philharmonia Orchestra in a sold-out concert, singing Carmina Burana before an audience of over 60,000!

Mollie & Elodie Ferris, Orla and Fifi O'Connor and Lottie Bourke who took part in a hockey tournament for Old Southendians at Havering Club and won the majority of their matches.

Will Hickey who received his goldfish 2 and 25 metre swimming badges this week.

Mollie Ferris who received her 25m swimming badge and Elodie Ferris for receiving her 10m swimming badge.

Rhona Meikle for achieving her Green/Blue sash and Caeden Meikle for achieving his Silver sash in Wing Chun from Meridian Kung Fu!

Holly White in Class 10 for earning her Level 7 Proficiency Award at gymnastics.

Nancy Green for being awarded a trophy at horse riding for hard work and determination



'Greatest Improvement This Week'

Accuracy

Harry Mitchell

Felix Downham

Poppy Sullivan

Studio Speed

Riley Wilcock

Bryan Kortoci

Sadie Hill

Correct Answers

Elliott Bridge

Freddie Selby

Marnie McHugh



'Greatest Improvement This Week'

Correct Answers

Caeden Meikle

Louie Favell

Noah Gosnay Vincent-Cole

Minutes Played

Louie Favell

Finn Draper

Lucas Jimpson

Accuracy

Violet Miller

Araia Dawton

Stella Houlder-Greenway

Team Points

FIRE	181
AIR	176
EARTH	200
WATER	197

Sports Stars

Working hard: Ronnie Warr

Setting an example: Jessie Tyler

Considerate: Bertie Mitchell

Teamwork: Jovie Barbouti



Raise up to £150!

Big donations available when you purchase insurance, broadband, mobiles and ISAs.



Dates For Your Diary

December

Thursday 4th December 2pm - Prospective Reception Parent Meeting

Friday 5th December 3-5pm FOF Christmas Fair

8th December 2.30—3pm Year 1 Christmas Concert

9th December 2pm—3pm Year 3/4 Christmas Concert at St Aidans

10th December 9am—9.30am Reception Christmas Concert

10th December 2.30—3pm Year 2 Christmas Concert

11th December 2pm –3pm Year 5/6 Christmas Concert at St Aidans

Friday 12th December 5– 6.30pm: FOF KS2 Disco

Friday 19th December 1.30pm – Finish for Christmas Holidays

January

Monday 5th January - Children Return to School

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