



# Fairways Weekly News

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

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Autumn Term 2025

Friday 5th December

## News

Dear parents and carers,

This week the children have completed their end of term assessments in reading and maths and the teachers have moderated their independent writing. We have been proud of the children's concentration and effort. Teachers will use this information to inform their planning for the spring term. We know some children find these assessments stressful. Please reassure them, as we do in school, that we value their effort above all else.

### Attendance

Thank you to everyone supporting good attendance this term. Our school target is **97%**. Over a full school year, 95% attendance means nearly two whole weeks of learning lost, and at 90% attendance, this increases to a month lost. Being in school every day makes a real difference to pupils' progress, confidence, and overall wellbeing. Below are our figures for this week:

School	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.1%	86.8%	95.3%	95.2%	94.7%	91.8%	98.8%	95.9%

### Choir

Our choir have several performances coming up—be sure to catch them if you can! On Saturday 6th December they will be at St Aidan's Christmas Fair. On Friday 12th they will be performing for the residents at Cavell Lodge and on Sunday 14th they are joining the congregation of St Aidan's at the Carols By Candlelight service.

### Fairways Preschool Elf Hunt Fundraiser

On Sunday 6th December between 10.30 and 2.00pm, Fairways Preschool will be holding a Naughty Elf Hunt around the local area. Those who find all the letters and spell out Christmas words will win a great prize. This isn't just an event for the under 5s; at both the starting point and along the way, we have games, hot and cold drinks and festive treats on offer. We will also have a reindeer food making station and for the grown-ups who might need some help finding that festive spirit, why not indulge in a cup or two of warming mulled wine? Tea and coffee will also be available! For more details and to purchase tickets, please visit [www.fairwayspreschool.co.uk/events](http://www.fairwayspreschool.co.uk/events). Tickets for the hunt are £2.00 per child in advance or £2.50 on the day.



## Achievement In School

Edie Turner for excellent progress in her reading comprehension

Oscar Balding for great focus and effort in his assessments this week

Charlie Thompson for excellent speaking and listening skills in all areas of the curriculum

Flo Schubert for her positive attitude towards her learning

Ruby George for being a supportive learning partner

Amira Koura-Bennett for enthusiastic participation in our concert rehearsals

Anika Polisani for her excellent attitude towards learning in school

Ralph Stone for his excellent recall of taught facts

Florence Tanner for her amazing singing in our Christmas concert rehearsals

Nikoll Ndoj for an excellent start to life at Fairways

Ethan Lomax for an incredible effort in his mental arithmetic

Talullah Weathersbee for her excellent art study on abstract art

Our KS1 Dodgeball team competed well to finish 9th in their first tournament. Congratulations Florence Jones, Mabel Keane, Annabella Carter, Frankie Malcolm, Troy O'Brien, Will Hickey, Arthur Kirby.

## Achievement Outside School

Well done to...

Jovie, Reeve and Clyne Barbouti for all going up a level at swimming and receiving other badges over the last term.

Lily-Mae Ellwood for earning her Safety and Influence Stage 2 badges at Brownies this week.

Angela Cornell for being awarded no fewer than three new brownie badges this week.



**'Greatest Improvement This Week'**

**Accuracy**

Harry Mitchell  
Suley Karagozlu  
Jensen Venneear

**Studio Speed**

Felix Downham  
Jensen Venneear  
Riley Wilcox

**Correct Answers**

Freddie Selby  
Marnie McHugh  
Elliott Bridge



**'Greatest Improvement This Week'**

**Correct Answers**

Caeden Miekle  
Robin Morton  
Noah Gosnay Vincent-Cole

**Minutes Played**

Savanna Kelly  
Jessica Jon  
Amira Koura-Bennett

**Accuracy**

George Pink  
Skye Crumpton  
Annabella Salazar De Meo

**Team Points**

FIRE	
AIR	
EARTH	
WATER	

**Sports Stars**

Working hard: Jorge Paprota  
Setting an example: Poppy Salisbury  
Considerate: Phillipa Bishop  
Teamwork: Owen McGowan



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## Dates For Your Diary

### December

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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