



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 12th December

News

Dear parents and carers,

A heartfelt thank you to all our wonderful families for joining us at the Christmas concerts. Your support means so much to the children—and to us.

This year's performances demanded a great deal of confidence and quality from our pupils: so many lines to learn, costumes to source, stage directions to remember and of course some truly powerful singing to bring it all to life. Your encouragement at home helped make it possible. Thank you for cheering them on and sharing in the excitement of the season. We hope you enjoyed the performances as much as the children loved presenting them.

Santa fun run

Following the success of the new interactive whiteboards in Years 3-6, we are eager to extend this technology to our classes in Years 2 to Reception as soon as possible. Our next fundraising event for these boards will be a Santa Fun Run during the school day on December 17th. In addition to any money raised through sponsorship, children are encouraged to pay an additional £2 to dress festively. This can be found separately on your ParentMail Shop under the heading 'Donations, Santa Fun Run'.

Each class will have the opportunity to run as many laps of the field/playground (weather dependent!) in 30 minutes - with classic Christmas tunes ringing out throughout. FOF have kindly agreed to donate prizes for the best dressed. The total raised will be shared in assembly and the newsletter on Friday 19th December

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
93.3%	83.3%	95.4%	94.4%	95.1%	92.2%	95.7%	96.3%



Achievement In School

Harriet Claydon for excellent use of descriptive language in English

Toby Hawkridge for his baaa-rilliant sheep performance!

Molly Stone for her increasing confidence and contribution to discussions in lessons, especially PSHE

Jorge Paprota for his enthusiastic participation in our Christmas concert

Phillipa Bishop for a fantastic attitude to all areas of learning, especially our concert rehearsal

Leo Vallance-Hayes for his kind and caring attitude to others

Jackson Foley for great improvement with his handwriting

Paisley Youles for excellent effort in the Christmas concert

Stella Houlder-Greenway for her fantastic progress in English and maths

Rosie-Marie Marriner for her excellent work for her information text this week

Leyton Stowers for his improved focus and effort in class

Sami Butt for a wonderful piece of descriptive writing in English this week

Achievement Outside School

Well done to...

Ralph Goodchild won the "Rising Star" award from his goalkeeping academy at their annual awards

Daisy Edwards took part in the Winter Wonderland cheer competition at the weekend with her three teams placing 3rd and 4th

Yasmin Koura - Bennett for winning the Fairways Christmas Lotto!

Lilly Mae Ellwood for earning her level 5 gymnastics proficiency award

Jessica Matthams who achieved her gold award at Brownies, and will be moving up to Guides in the New Year

Molly Spence for earning her safety badge and Christmas badge at Brownies

Florence Tanner for running a 5km race for 'mental Elf' through Belfairs woods and making and donating a food hamper for families struggling with the cost of living crisis.

Rowan Malkin-Wood performed again with Southend Choir at Claridge's Hotel as well as earning the Save of the Day trophy at Goalkeeping training for his effort and enjoyment during the reactions session and making some outstanding saves!

Noah Gosnay Vincent-Cole who swam 10 metres and moved onto stage 4 in swimming



'Greatest Improvement This Week'

Accuracy

Gjoida Ndoj

Nikoll Ndoj

Suley Karagozlu

Studio Speed

Felix Downham

Cassidy Weathersbee

Jensen Venneear

Correct Answers

Freddie Selby

Elliott Bridge

Jude Singer



'Greatest Improvement This Week'

Correct Answers

Jorge Paprota

Jessica Jon

Clyne Barbouti

Minutes Played

Jessica Jon

Jorge Paprota

Frankie Malcolm

Accuracy

Annabella Salazar De Meo

Isabella More

George Dhanpal

Team Points

FIRE	
AIR	
EARTH	
WATER	

Sports Stars

Working hard: Hugo Houlder-Greenway

Setting an example: Izzy Casey

Considerate: George Dhanpal

Teamwork: Abigail Palmer



Raise up to £150!

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



Dates For Your Diary

December

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

Click [HERE](#) for Term and Holiday Dates for 2025/2026

