



Fairways Weekly News

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Friday 3rd October

News

Dear parents and carers,

As many of you will already know, at the start of this week Mr Pinchback shared the news that he will be stepping down from his role at Christmas. Understandably, this brings with it mixed emotions for our school community: sadness that we will be saying goodbye to a headteacher who has given so much of his energy and care to the school, gratitude for his leadership and the significant positive difference he has made in the 26 years he has worked at Fairways, and of course there may also be some natural uncertainty as we prepare for change. Alongside these feelings, there is also a strong sense of hope and good wishes for Mr Pinchback as he looks ahead to the future.

In the meantime, our focus remains the same as ever: to ensure that every child continues to thrive. The staff team are working closely together to provide stability, support, and a strong sense of continuity, and we are grateful for the ongoing encouragement and partnership of our parents and carers.

Harvest

I would like to take a moment to say a huge thank you to all of you for your incredibly generous donations for our harvest celebrations. Your kindness will make a real difference, and it is a source of pride to see our community come together in support of others. All our children were warmly welcomed by Revd. Carolyn and they had a fantastic time singing together in the church and listening to Carolyn - it was such a joyful occasion. I would also like to give a special mention to our Year 6 children, who spoke so confidently and helped make the celebration even more memorable. Their poise and enthusiasm really shone through, and we are very proud of them.

Individual photos—Wednesday 8th October

A quick reminder that individual photo day is on Wednesday 8th October! Make sure your little ones bring their biggest smiles and brightest energy; we can't wait to capture their wonderful personalities on camera. Children in Reception and Year 6 should come to school in uniform and change into PE kit on this occasion.

World Mental Health Day - Friday 10th October

Please be reminded that on Friday 10th October we are inviting all children and staff to come into school dressed up as someone who inspires them or simply wear colours that make them happy. Donations are not necessary.



Achievement In School

Jax Martin for his positive and enthusiastic attitude in every lesson

Aaira Khan for her fantastic work in maths

Ezra Munro-Simmons for demonstrating a solid understanding in his maths learning

Frankie Malcolm for an improved attitude towards his work

Theo Bramham for being respectful and ready to learn in class

Elliott Bridge for always paying attention and trying his best

Tavleen Kaur for lovely writing and a positive attitude

Matthew O'Reilly for working very hard to do the best that he can in lessons

Louis Martin for continuing effort to display good learning behaviours

Keira Atkins for excellent effort in art lessons

Sadie Thomas for her excellent work and perseverance in maths

Sadie Meehan for an incredibly conscientious and detailed writing plan

The KS2 cross country team finished 3rd out of 29 schools. Well done to everyone who took part: Ivy Matthews, Marnie McHugh, Lottie Bourke, Elsie Hume, Lilly Shaw, Poppy Sullivan, Elliott Bridge, Barney Carey-Hulford, Jude Singer, Ralph Stone, Max Watson, Ronnie-Rai Youles, Emily Froydenlund, Ivy-Pearl Harris, Tavleen Kaur, Abigail Palmer, Grace Johnston-Brobby, Holly White, Jesse Anderson, Teddy McGowan, Lucas Saiz-West, Ryan Strychalski, Edward Phillips, Finley Tyler, Jessica Matthams, Florence Tanner, Jemima Bridge, Lois Cassidy-George, Mia Mardle, Olivia Collier, Louis Martin, Charlie Coyston, Reggie Fox, Tommy Jones, Ronnie Stefano, Oliver Kollasch, Matilda Burgess, Isla Ede, Freya Warren, Penny Allgrove, Maggie Dowling, Daisy Edwards, Jake Mitchell, Frankie Reid, James Brazier, Arthur Carey-Colvill, Bobby McGowan, Tyler Reeve.

Particular congratulations to the following children who qualified for the Essex finals next year: Louis Cassidy George (1st), Elsie Hume (4th), Elliott Bridge (8th) and James Brazier (9th).

Team results: Year 3 girls - 3rd, Year 3 boys—3rd, Year 4 girls 12th, Year 4 boys 9th, Year 5 girls 4th, Year 5 boys 8th, Year 6 girls 11th, Year 6 boys 8th

Our girls football team beat Greenstead School 4-1 in the Essex cup. Daisy Edwards, Matilda Burgess, Isla Ede, Jasmine Hampton, Mia Mardle, Lois Cassidy-George, Isobel Fieldwick

Our boys 9 a side team drew 2-2 with St Peter's School and were unfortunate to lose on penalties in the Essex cup. Albie Hardy, Toby Hawkrige, Logan Pollock, Jake Mitchell, James Brazier, Frankie Reid, Arthur Carey-Colvill, Stanley Jacobs, Bobby McGowan, George Collin.

Achievement Outside School

Well done to...

Mia Mardle who was awarded player of the match for her team on Sunday.

Max Mallinson-Basham was selected as the Player of the Week for Southend Rugby Club's under 6s.

Pippa and Millie Haddow who both ran the Westminster Mile around Buckingham Palace on Saturday.

Phoebe Goodchild who received a silver medal in her modern dance competition.

Maggie Dowling participated in her first ever festival representing Amanda Restell on Sunday, doing a musical theatre duet with her friend. They placed silver in their category for their excellent interpretation and performance of the song, together with their beautiful singing.



'Greatest Improvement This Week'

Accuracy

Thomas Jamieson

Jude Singer

Ivy Matthews

Studio Speed

Max Webb

Toby Anderson

Mollie Ferris

Correct Answers

Emily Froydenlund

Jessica Malcolm

Ivy-Pearl Harris



'Greatest Improvement This Week'

Correct Answers

Nosa Aikpitanyi

Huxley Johnson

Freddie Bramham

Minutes Played

Nosa Aikpitanyi

Arlo Laxton

Freddie Bramham

Accuracy

Arushi Sukethan

Belle Caten

Frankie Forward

Team Points

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| FIRE | 364 |
| AIR | 964 |
| EARTH | 500 |
| WATER | 533 |

Sports Stars

Working hard: Brody Gaunt

Setting an example: Ralph Stone

Considerate: Faye Illingworth

Teamwork: Ella Crampin



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Dates For Your Diary

October

Friday 3rd October – Harvest at St Aidans

Thursday 10th October - non-uniform for world mental health day

Wednesday 8th October – Individual Photos

Thursday 16th October 2pm - Prospective Reception Parent Meeting

Friday 17th October 5pm to 6.30pm – KS2 Disco

Week Commencing 20th October – Learning Conferences

Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October – Half Term

November

Tuesday 4th November 2pm - Prospective Reception Parent Meeting

Friday 14th November – Children in Need

Wednesday 19th November 2pm - Prospective Rec Parent Meeting

Friday 21st November – Non-Pupil Day

Monday 24th November – Non-Pupil Day

December

Thursday 4th December 2pm - Prospective Reception Parent Meeting

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

