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Important Dates

October 2026	
Thursday 22	Last day of term
Friday 23	INSET Day
November 2026	
Monday 2	INSET Day
Tuesday 3	INSET Day
Wednesday 4	Young people return to school
Friday 27	Non School Uniform day
December 2026	
Friday 18	Last day of term
January 2027	
Monday 4	Young people return to school

Christmas Celebrations – more details next term

December 2026	
Thursday 3	Christmas Bingo Evening
Thursday 10	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 15	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 16	Carol Service at the church

Hello Yellow Day

We would like to thank everyone who took part in our Hello Yellow day for Young Minds UK. We've raised £109, which will go directly to Young Minds UK to help them support young people.

Mrs Lewis and Mr Shepherd (RSHE leads)

We are an allergy friendly school

We are proud to be an allergy-friendly school and are committed to creating a safe environment for all young people, especially those with serious food allergies. To support this, we ask families and staff to follow these important guidelines – **no nuts or nut products, raw or cooked egg** to be brought into school in any form (ie lunchboxes). For further information on food containing these ingredients please read the information on our website

Please also remember that we are unable to allow young people to bring in birthday cakes or sweets to share with class friends to celebrate their birthdays, we will obviously recognise young peoples' birthdays in school and celebrate with them.

Work Experience

Work Experience Year 10 and Year 11

A good start made to the new academic year. We already have four students in a work experience placement, with another four waiting for clearance before starting, and a further two students who have just found their placement. If you need help sourcing a work experience placement for your young person, please contact Mrs Chorley our Work Experience Coordinator.

Parent Governor Vacancy

This vacancy is open to parents/carers at the school

Are you looking for a new challenge – how about volunteering as a Governor at Fairmead School

The purpose of governance is to provide confident, strategic leadership and to create robust accountability, oversight and assurance for educational and financial performance.

This vital role does involve a time commitment through attendance at meetings, normally held once a term in the early evening. At these meetings, you and the other members of the governance board will offer critical advice and scrutiny of the decisions and policies of the school.

The role also involves visits into the school during the day to understand the context of the educational setting.

You do not need any experience or qualifications for this role and your personal experiences, whatever they are, will allow you to add value to our board.

However, occupational experience of Human Resources, Legal Services and Finance for example is a bonus and will help to ensure our board has a balance of expertise.

If you feel you have the experience or the skills or know someone who would be suitable, please get in touch to find out more.



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NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Rabbit Class



What a busy and exciting first term we have had in Rabbit Class! We have settled in so well and enjoyed a variety of hands-on learning experiences. We particularly loved immersing ourselves in our English story Whatever Next! by J. Murphy bringing it to life through sensory activities. In Humanities, we explored farm life and animals, including making edible mud! We have had lots of fun learning, exploring and growing in confidence together!

Deer Class



On Thursday 1st October 2026, Deer Class and a group of our young people enjoyed an exciting trip to the Avon and Somerset Police and Fire Headquarters in Portishead. Upon arrival, we received a warm welcome from PCSO Amy, John, and Owen, who were all eager to show us around. After a quick group photo outside the main building, we headed inside to sign in. Wearing our special red lanyards made us all feel very important! Our day began in the classroom, where we learned all about the police force and who to call in an emergency. We were particularly amazed by the incredible statistics on how many calls the emergency services handle each year! Next, we split into groups for a fascinating tour of the call handling centre, where everyone did a wonderful job of staying quiet while the staff answered important incoming calls.

By lunchtime, we had worked up quite an appetite and loved eating alongside the police staff in the main canteen. The highlight of the day came right after lunch, when a police car arrived with its lights flashing and sirens sounding, while the officer called out a special message: "Fairmead young people!" It was a thrilling end to a fantastic and memorable day out.



Badger Class



In Badger class we have had a great start to the year! We have been very busy getting to know each other and our new routines. We have enjoyed counting and partitioning numbers in maths, retelling the story of Emily Brown in English and learning all about carnivals in Humanities. In Science, we have enjoyed learning about all things food related whilst exploring food labels and what makes a balanced diet.



Class 4



Class 4 were shocked when they returned from lunch to discover that the notorious Petrifying Place Value Gang had struck! The classroom had been turned upside down, with maths resources scattered everywhere and clues left behind at the scene of the crime.

Our team of determined detectives sprang into action, striding across the playground in search of evidence. At each location, they uncovered place value challenges that needed to be solved in order to move the investigation forward.

Using their fantastic mathematical skills, the young detectives carefully answered the questions and collected clues from confidential case files. As they pieced the evidence together, they worked collaboratively to eliminate suspects and narrow down the culprit.



After some impressive detective work and excellent place value reasoning, Class 4 successfully solved the mystery and identified the member of the Petrifying Place Value Gang responsible for the classroom chaos!

Well done, detectives. Case closed!

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Class 5



Class 5 have had an exciting and busy start to the new academic year. Our life skills focus this term has been based around shopping and this has involved us visiting a variety of different shops. Our English text has been based around an ice cream shop. We made our very own ice cream and we were very fortunate to visit an ice cream shop in Sherborne where we learned how to make gelato ice cream and visited their kitchen. We also practiced our money skills through choosing and purchasing an ice cream. Our PE lessons have taken us to Yeovil tennis club this half term and we have been learning a variety of different tennis skills. In enrichment, we have been learning about community action and have visited Compton View care home as well as taking part in community litter picking. In RE we have been preparing for a whole life skills celebration which will involve us learning about a religious festival and shopping, and preparing food and drink.





Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day

The 6th October was Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day and one of our young people came into school wearing green to help raise awareness. They spoke to their class about Cerebral Palsy, sharing their experiences and helping the class learn more about what it means to live with Cerebral Palsy.

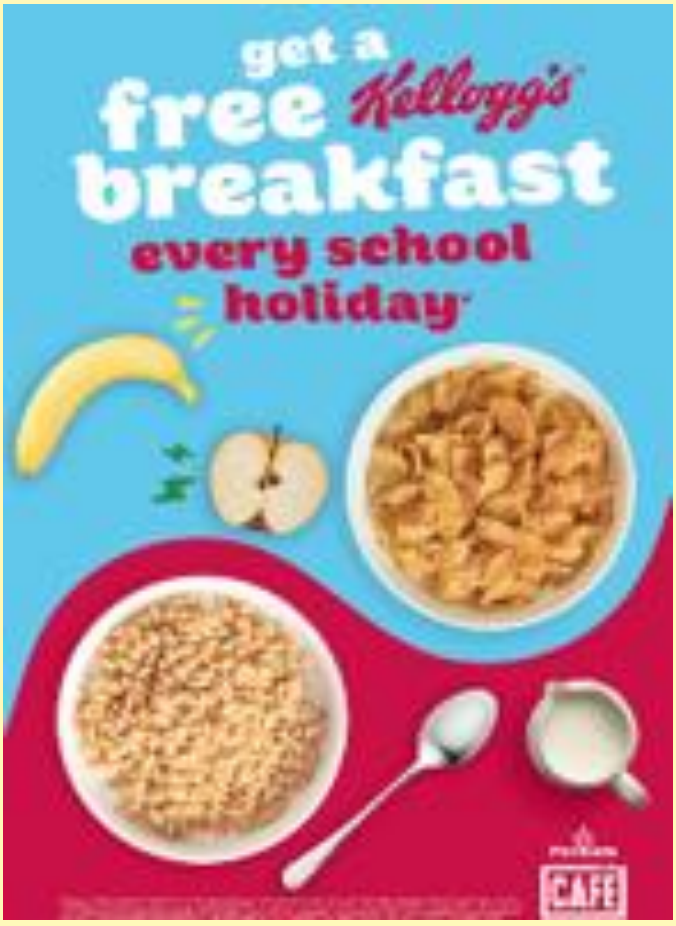
The rest of the class listened respectfully, showing their support and asking lots of thoughtful and interesting questions. It was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to learn, understand and celebrate what make each of us unique.



October Half Term...Free Morrisons Café Breakfast For Everyone

Simply say "Kelloggs Breakfast" at the till point at any Morrisons Café to receive breakfast, which includes a free portion pack of cornflakes or rice Krispies with milk or milk alternative.

This applies to the October half-term and Christmas holidays 😊



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Somerset Council

Fairmead School Terms and Holidays 2026/2027 Academic Year

September 2026

M			7	14	21	28
T		1	8	15	22	29
W		2	9	16	23	30
Th		3	10	17	24	
F		4	11	18	25	
Sa		5	12	19	26	
Su		6	13	20	27	

October 2026

Mo			5	12	19	26
Tu			6	13	20	27
We			7	14	21	28
Th		1	8	15	22	29
Fr		2	9	16	23	30
Sa		3	10	17	24	31
Su		4	11	18	25	

November 2026

M		2	9	16	23	30
T		3	10	17	24	
W		4	11	18	25	
Th		5	12	19	26	
F		6	13	20	27	
S		7	14	21	28	
S	1	8	15	22	29	

December 2026

M		7	14	21	28	
Tu	1	8	15	22	29	
W	2	9	16	23	30	
Th	3	10	17	24	31	
F	4	11	18	25		
Sa	5	12	19	26		
Su	6	13	20	27		

January 2027

M		4	11	18	25	
Tu		5	12	19	26	
W		6	13	20	27	
Th		7	14	21	28	
F	1	8	15	22	29	
Sa	2	9	16	23	30	
Su	3	10	17	24	31	

February 2027

M		1	8	15	22	
Tu		2	9	16	23	
W		3	10	17	24	
Th		4	11	18	25	
F		5	12	19	26	
Sa		6	13	20	27	
Su		7	14	21	28	

March 2027

M	1	8	15	22	29	
Tu	2	9	16	23	30	
W	3	10	17	24	31	
Th	4	11	18	25		
F	5	12	19	26		
Sa	6	13	20	27		
Su	7	14	21	28		

April 2027

M		5	12	19	26	
Tu		6	13	20	27	
W		7	14	21	28	
Th	1	8	15	22	29	
F	2	9	16	23	30	
Sa	3	10	17	24		
Su	4	11	18	25		

May 2027

M	3	10	17	24	31	
Tu	4	11	18	25		
W	5	12	19	26		
Th	6	13	20	27		
F	7	14	21	28		
Sa	8	15	22	29		
Su	9	16	23	30		

June 2027

M		7	14	21	28	
Tu	1	8	15	22	29	
W	2	9	16	23	30	
Th	3	10	17	24		
F	4	11	18	25		
Sa	5	12	19	26		
Su	6	13	20	27		

July 2027

M		5	12	19	26	
Tu		6	13	20	27	
W		7	14	21	28	
Th	1	8	15	22	29	
F	2	9	16	23	30	
Sa	3	10	17	24	31	
Su	4	11	18	25		

August 2027

M	2	9	16	23	30	
Tu	3	10	17	24	31	
W	4	11	18	25		
Th	5	12	19	26		
F	6	13	20	27		
Sa	7	14	21	28		
Su	1	8	15	22	29	

Key:

- School Holiday
- Bank Holiday
- Term Time
- Inset Days

Term dates summary:

Term 1: 03 September – 23 October 2026 (37 days)
Term 2: 02 November – 18 December 2026 (35 days)
Term 3: 04 January – 12 February 2027 (30 days)
Term 4: 22 February – 25 March 2027 (24 days)
Term 5: 12 April – 28 May 2027 (34 days)
Term 6: 07 June – 23 July 2027 (35 days) **TOTAL = 195**

Bank and public holidays 2026/27

Christmas Day Bank Holiday	25 December 2026
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	28 December 2026*
New Year's Day Holiday	01 January 2027
Good Friday	26 March 2027

*Replacement Bank Holiday when Bank Holidays falls on a weekend.
Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with the individual schools for their term dates.