

Fairmead School Newsletter December 2025

Important Dates

December 2025	
Friday 19	Last day of term
January 2026	
Monday 5	Pupils return to school
February 2026	
Friday 13	Last day of term
Monday 23	Pupils return to school
Friday 27	INSET DAY

Change of INSET Day

Please note, the INSET Day set at the beginning of the academic year for Monday 23rd February has changed to **FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY.**

Parent Governor Vacancies

We have vacancies for Parent Governors at the school. Are you interested in supporting and developing the school's future? Do you have a few hours to spare each term? No experience required just enthusiasm and time to visit the school. We meet each term after school and are a friendly team!

If you are interested in joining our Board of Governors, please contact Tina Berryman, Clerk to the Governors at the school.

School Website

www.fairmeadschool.com

Get the Fairmead School App

Add a direct link to our school website on your phone:

Android device:

- 1 - Open the Chrome app on your Android device.
- 2 - Navigate to www.fairmeadschool.com
- 3 - Tap the More icon (three vertical dots) in the top-right corner of the screen.
- 4 - Select Add to home screen from the menu.
- 5 - If prompted, you can rename the shortcut to your preference.
- 6 - Tap Add. You may need to tap Add again on a subsequent pop-up to confirm.
- 7 - The shortcut will be added to your home screen, where you can either drag and drop it to your desired location or find it in your app drawer and move it.



Apple iPhone:

- 1 - Open Safari and navigate to www.fairmeadschool.com
- 2 - Tap the Share button. This icon looks like a square with an arrow pointing up from the top.
- 3 - Scroll down the list of options.
- 4 - Tap "Add to Home Screen".
- 5 - Edit the name that will appear under the icon on your home screen.

Christmas Bingo and Raffle

Thank you for your generous donations towards the Christmas Bingo and Raffle, as well as to the families who attended the event. Your support is vital to the success of such events. The Fairmead event was a delightful occasion, and we are pleased to announce that £853 was raised.



Christmas Jumper Day

We were able to donate £260 to the Save the Children charity thanks to the generosity of parents, carers, and staff wearing their festive jumpers!



NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Hedgehog Class

Over the past few weeks, our young people have been fully immersed in festive creativity and skill-building activities.

They have thoroughly enjoyed making and creating Christmas crafts, including beautiful stars for the nativity, salt dough



decorations, colourful baubles, handmade cards, and carefully designed bookmarks.

Alongside creative projects, our young people have been developing their bikeability skills. Most have grown noticeably more confident, improving their balance and learning to glide independently. This has been a fantastic achievement and a real boost to their confidence.

Rabbit Class

This term, we've loved exploring the changing seasons through lots of hands-on sensory activities. The spots of rain have been a highlight for many — giving us plenty of chances to splash in puddles during outdoor learning (sometimes with wellies... sometimes without!).

The children enjoyed feeling the rain on their hands and feet, listening to it fall, and watching it run down windows.

Squirrel Class



Squirrel class have been looking at 'A little bit brave' in English. Logan the rabbit went on an adventure - but he got lost! We had to find him in the forest school area. While

we were looking, we found lots of conkers, sticks, acorns and leaves and put them next to a descriptive word. Thankfully Logan was found on top of the forest school hut!

Otter Class

The young people have been exploring electrical and non-electrical items, sorting objects that make sounds and those that give off light. There was lots

of enthusiasm - especially when the electrical disco ball was switched on, inspiring some brilliant dance moves! In Art, the Otters have been busy preparing for the upcoming Nativity play by creating their fantastic donkey masks. They experimented with colour mixing to make the perfect shade of grey and added felt to give their donkey ears extra character. The results look wonderful!

Fox Class

In Fox class we have continued to explore our Life Skills curriculum, focusing on 'Independent Living' skills. We have visited



various shops, continuing to follow adult instructions and carefully reading our shopping lists to buy items for cooking, and to make Christmas presents for our families. You will have to wait and see what they are!

Back in school, during our life skills lessons, we have used the ingredients make simple snacks, from bagels to beans on toast. We carefully followed step by step instructions and continued to stay safe in the kitchen. Then really enjoyed tasting them when they were cooked! We have also continued to build our skills in independence through personal care and cleaning activities.

Badger Class



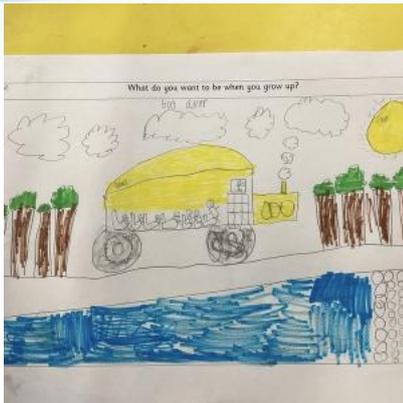
This half term, Badger Class have been busy exploring the fascinating topic of the human body in Science. They have worked hard to understand how our skeleton protects important parts of the body and supports us as we move.

A highlight of the topic was creating handprint models using paper and string to show how our muscles work together to help us move!

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Deer Class

Deer Class had a wonderful time celebrating Careers Day on 27th November. They spent the day exploring a wide range of jobs, discovering what different people do and the skills they use. The young people were enthusiastic and curious throughout, asking thoughtful questions and sharing their own ideas about the future. To round off the day, they created fantastic artwork illustrating what they would like to be when they grow up - a colourful showcase of both their creativity and their ambitions.



Class 1



The young people in Class 1 took part in a fun cooking project that combined creativity, teamwork, and practical skills.

They began by suggesting different

lunch meals they would like to make. After sharing their ideas, everyone voted to choose the most popular dish.

Next, the young people worked together to write a shopping list of all the ingredients they would need. They checked quantities, thought about costs, and made sure everything was planned out carefully.

Then it was off to the shops! The young people found and bought their ingredients before heading back to school to start cooking.

In the kitchen, they followed the recipe step by step, and worked as a team to prepare their meal. The room was full of lovely smells and happy chatter as everyone helped out.

Finally, they sat down together to enjoy the food they had made - and it tasted amazing!

This activity gave our young people a great chance to build their confidence, learn new cooking skills, and experience the joy of making and sharing a meal together.

Class 2

Who said maths has to be all worksheets? Class 2 took our addition and times tables practice to the next level -



using UNO cards! Yes, the same colourful cards we usually play to see who can yell "UNO!" the fastest became our tools for practising maths. So next time you're practising your addition or multiplication at home, grab a deck of UNO cards and give it a try. Maths + Games = A perfect match!

Class 3

We have enjoyed lots of class outings to a variety of different shops including supermarkets, a DIY store and a pet shop.



Our class book 'Happy to Help' by Tom Gates has had us completing a variety of different household tasks including washing windows, sweeping leaves and laundry.

Maths has helped us learn about best before dates and the correct storage of food as well as number skills. We have also thoroughly enjoyed tennis coaching at Yeovil tennis club as part of our PE lessons.

Class 4

Class 4 have been getting into the festive spirit over the past couple of weeks.

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During our visit to B&Q, the young people had great fun wrapping a Christmas tree that was kindly donated to us by the

wonderful team there – thank you so much!

A huge thank you as well to all the staff at Clarks Village for being so welcoming. We especially enjoyed meeting Erica from Guest Services, who showed us how to wrap a Christmas gift, with one of our young people adding a bow as the perfect finishing touch.

We're sure you'll agree that our class Christmas tree looks absolutely fabulous!

Class 5

This term, Class 5 embarked on a creative journey to Iceland, with a special focus on capturing the magic of the



Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis). Each young person learned to draw with charcoal and practised the art of blending pastels, resulting in a stunning collection of atmospheric artwork.

Class 8

Working with apprentices from Leonardo's, Class 8 have been getting hands-on with the fascinating world of aerodynamics as they work toward an

exciting end goal: **building a fully functional glider.**

To kick off the project, the young people have been investigating what really makes an aircraft fly. From lift and drag to stability and control, they've been exploring the



science behind how air moves around different shapes.

One of the most enjoyable parts of the process so far has been designing and testing **paper aeroplanes**. By experimenting with different wing shapes and folding techniques, they are discovering which designs glide the furthest and stay the steadiest - valuable insights that will help them choose the best shape for their final glider.

A Day of Discovery at Magdalen Farm!

Our young people had an amazing time on their visit to Magdalen Farm, getting a first taste of what their upcoming residential trip will be like — and what an adventure it was!



They jumped straight into farm life, feeding the goats and pigs and even collecting freshly laid eggs from the chickens. There were plenty of giggles, a few muddy boots, and lots of proud moments as they learned how to care for the animals.



In the afternoon, they explored the outdoors through nature craft activities, using clay, saws, and drills to create their own woodland masterpieces. It was brilliant to see their confidence grow as they tried new skills and worked together.

This taster day has made everyone even more excited for the residential — and we can't wait to see what they get up to next!

We wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and look forward to welcoming the young people back into school on Monday 5th January 2026

