



Fairholme Primary School

'We believe we can achieve'

Issue 2 - September 2024

A message from Mrs Harris our Headteacher: It has been a very special time at school as our Nursery and Reception children had their first few weeks in school. We are very proud of how well they have settled in and how well they have taken to school life. It has been lovely seeing them make new friends, play outside in the sand, on the bikes or inside being creative.

It was a pleasure to see so many families at our Meet the Teacher Meetings, we hope you found them helpful. We are offering a wider range of after school clubs this year, and it has been great to see how popular these have been. There is a 'Spaghetti Maths Club' coming soon for Years 2 – 6. Keep your eyes peeled for more information!

We are excited to welcome Coach Joe to Fairholme, who is our new Sports Coach and will be delivering PE to all classes from Nursery to Year 6. The children are really enjoying PE with Coach Joe and say he makes PE fun and they work really hard!

Date for your diary – DEAR – Drop Everything And Read. Join us in your child's classroom on Friday 4th October at 2.45pm to spend some time reading with your child.

Secondary School Application Deadline

Please can we remind Year 6 parents/carers that the deadline for secondary school applications is Thursday 31st October. Please remember to complete your application if you haven't already done so.

Open Days for Reception

Are you, or someone you know, interested in a school place for Reception in September 2025? Please see the flyer at the bottom of this newsletter for dates to visit our school.

Asda Cashpot for Schools



Please help us raise some money whilst you shop!

For everyone who logs on to the 'Asda Rewards' app and chooses Fairholme Primary School, we get £1 even if they do not use the app again.

We also get 0.5% for every shop in Asda until November 30th 2024 – we currently have £76!

It's as easy as 1,2,3..

1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools (make sure you have the latest version of the app installed)
2. Choose our Primary School – either searching by name or postcode
3. Shop instore across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com and start filling your Cashpot as you shop.

Behaviour and Values

Recently, we have had some complaints from parents that other parents are swearing on our school site.

We want our school to be a place where children come to feel safe and everyone is respected. Swearing cannot be tolerated on our school site.

We want our children to be speaking respectfully to one another and they will learn this from how we, and other adults in their life, speak to each other and to them.

Respect, Honestly, Kindness, Self-Belief,
Responsibility, Aspiration

Harvest Festival

We are focusing on our value kindness and collecting Harvest Festival food for people who might need a little extra help.

If you can spare a tin or a packet of something or some toiletries please do bring it in to school next week. Thank you.



Why is attendance at Fairholme important?

Regular attendance is directly linked to better academic performance. Missing classes often results in falling behind in lessons, missing important subject knowledge, and struggling to catch up.

Attending school regularly allows children to actively engage in class discussions, group activities, and hands-on learning experiences, which deepen understanding and grows self-confidence.

Good attendance and punctuality are key to your child's success at school.

For Children:

- Set a Regular Bedtime: Ensure your child gets enough sleep each night with a consistent bedtime routine.
- Use an Alarm Clock: Encourage them to take responsibility for waking up on time by using their own alarm clock.
- Prepare the Night Before: Help your child pack their school bag and lay out their uniform the night before to avoid a rushed morning.
- Create a Calming Bedtime Routine: Turn off TVs and other screens before bed to help them unwind and get ready for a restful night's sleep.

For Parents:

- Stay in Touch with the School: If your child is absent, keep communication open with the school to ensure everyone knows what is happening.
- Schedule Appointments Outside of School Hours: Where possible, arrange medical or dental appointments outside of school times to minimise missed learning.
- Show Interest in Their School Work: Ask your child about their day, even when they say they can't remember. Engaging in their learning shows support and encourages responsibility.
- Support Their Efforts: Encourage your child's efforts at school by recognising their hard work and helping them stay motivated.

Attendance Matters





What is happening across our school?

EYFS



In Early Years we have been exploring our environment and making new friends. We started talking about ourselves and how we feel. We looked at ourselves in mirrors and explained our features. We then created self-portraits using images of different features.



Year 1

In Year 1 we have been learning the story of the Ugly Duckling in our Talk for Writing sessions.

The children have really enjoyed retelling the story in groups, using a story map and stick puppets.





Year 2



In Year 2 we have been enjoying investigated The Great Fire of London.

In Art we created a skyline silhouette of London. We really focused on the colour of the sky to represent the fire.

In History and Science, we have been investigating materials and what caused the fire to spread so quickly .

Year 3



In Year 3 our topic is 'Ready, steady cook'. We have been learning all about food groups and how important a balanced diet is for our health. The children have had great fun in designing their own healthier version of a pizza and used their amazing cooking skills to make their very own!

Many moons ago a long in ancient Greece, there lived a ^{rich} Queen. Her name was Queen Midas. Queen Midas loved three things more than anything else in the world her lovely daughter, beautiful rose garden and his job. Nothing gave her more happiness than seeing her daughter picking roses from the rose garden. She placed it on a golden vase to decorate the palace.

One frosty evening, Queen Midas was walking through her royal rose garden. Suddenly the Queen stumbled over a Satyr. He was half man half goat and Satyr looked pale ill. Queen Midas. So the kind Queen looked after the Satyr and brought the Satyr to her palace. The next morning after breakfast the Satyr was better. When the Queen heard the Satyr saying he worked for the powerful god Dionysus. She was amazed. So she took the Satyr in her very best golden cloak yet.

Monday 27th September 2024
 Q1. I can plan my own story based on our model text.

Original	My independent writing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once upon a time, there was a king named Midas who lived in ancient Greece. King Midas loved three things: his daughter, his beautiful rose garden, and gold. 	<p>In a far far land long ago Queen named Midas ancient Greece.</p> <p>Queen ruled loved 3 things young daughter beautiful rose garden chocolate ice cream.</p> <p>Queen always found an ill satyr.</p> <p>A kind Queen brings the Satyr home.</p> <p>Dionysus thanked the Queen a grand wish.</p> <p>Ancient Greek every thing turns to chocolate ice cream.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> King Midas found a sick satyr (a creature that was half man, half goat) in his garden. The King looks after him and brings him home. Dionysus is thankful and grants 1 wish. The king wishes for anything he touches to turn to gold. 	<p>Queen is excited and turns objects to gold. But his food turns to gold and he can't eat.</p> <p>He huge daughter and she turns to gold.</p> <p>The king is devastated.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The King has made an awful mistake. He begs Dionysus to take back the wish. 	<p>Dionysus granted the Queen's wish.</p> <p>The Queen is so happy again.</p> <p>The Queen learns that gold is not the most important thing in his</p>
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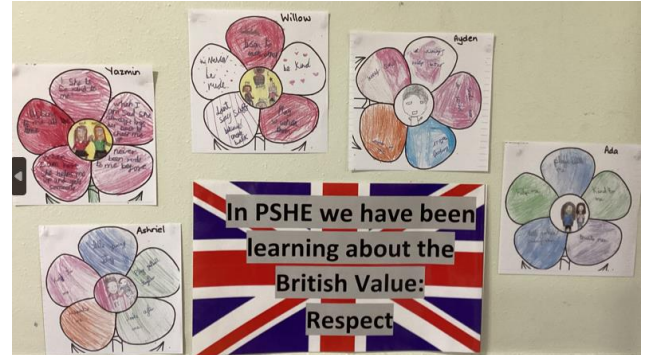
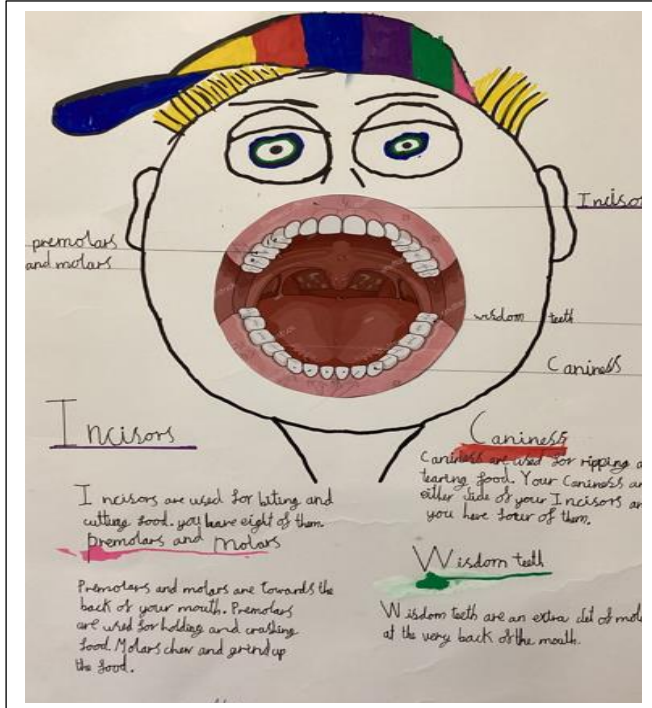
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We have worked hard on creating and adapting their own wish-based story linked to the story of King Midas. Noun phrases, interesting sentence openers and conjunctions have



Year 4



In Year 4, we have been looking at the British Value 'RESPECT' in PSHE and stating what makes a good friend.

The children in Year 4 have been using their Spanish keyrings to support their conversational skills in their language lessons.

Some of the children have made some really informative posters to show their learning about teeth.

Year 5

Our topic this half term is Raiders and Traders; we are learning about the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings and how historical sources can influence our view of people in history and historical bias. We are also learning about the Anglo-Saxon and Viking legacy. Our class text in Year 5 this half term, is Skellig. We've enjoyed reading this book and exploring its theme and vocabulary as a class.



In DT, we are learning about bridges, we generated, modelled and communicated our ideas through discussion and built a spaghetti truss bridge.

In music, this term, we are learning to play the trumpet and we loved our first music lesson.





Year 6 have had a fabulous start to the term!

Diving into our History topic on WWII, we have explored the reasons the war began, its impact on our country and the world, the precautions put in place to keep civilians safer, and how Britain protected children through Operation Pied Piper.

We had a very exciting trip to The National Archives in Kew, where the children used their history detective skills to explore propaganda and worked together to unmask the Secret Spy! We also had the fantastic opportunity to examine historical artefacts from WWII provided by Chertsey Museum.

We still have our residential trip and an exciting few days of activities for the children who will be in school to look forward to.

School Council

We have been talking about the British Value of Democracy as each class voted for their class school councillors. Well done to everyone who nominated themselves and congratulations to our new School Councillors:


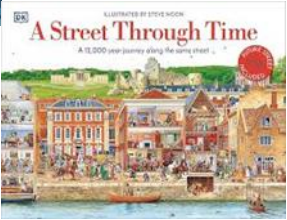
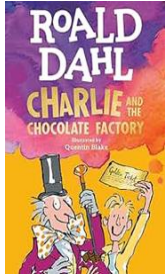
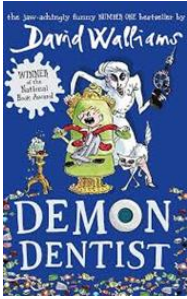
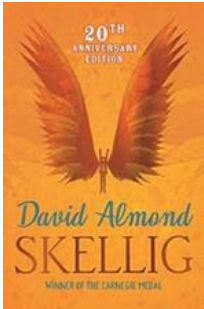
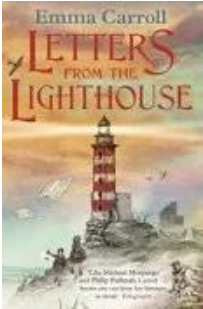
- Red Class:** Natalia and Zayd
- Purple Class:** Parker and Julia
- Silver Class:** Shivaansh and Robyn]
- Gold Class:** Daylen and Ilinca
- Emerald Class:** Ashriel and Yazmin
- Indio Class:** Zahara and Alfie
- Turquoise Class:** Nicole and Kayren
- Burgundy Class:** Abigail and Sebastia
- Saffron Class:** Alex and Vienna
- Sapphire:** Faith and Ali





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Reading - remains a priority here at Fairholme, as a community we celebrate and encourage the love of books. The children are enjoying their lovely reading corners in their new classrooms, as well as our school library and the opportunity to explore the new texts available to them.

<p>Year 1</p>  <p>Year 2</p> 	<p>Year 3</p>  <p>Aavna "I'm on chapter 10 and I love Charlie and Grandpa Joe because he tells good stories to Charlie."</p> <p>Haris "I like that Charlie wins a golden ticket in the book because that's very lucky!"</p>
<p>Year 4</p> <p>Ben "I like the Demon Dentist as it is fun and I enjoy reading David Walliams books."</p> <p>Nira "I like the Demon Dentist because it is funny but a little bit scary."</p> <p>Ashriel "I love the Demon Dentist because it is not only funny but there is suspense which keeps you hooked."</p> 	
<p>Year 5</p> <p>Liliana "I like this book because it is poignant."</p> <p>Reyaansh "I like this book because it is unputdownable as the author keeps you hooked."</p> <p>Phreya "I like this book because it is mysterious."</p> 	<p>Year 6</p>  <p>Joshua "I like the book because it's like a puzzle and you have to piece things together."</p> <p>Mahmoud "I like the book because of the author's use of language, she uses interesting vocabulary."</p>

Calling all Year 1 Parents - Phonics Workshop

Friday 4th October at 2pm

In the Hall in the KS1 playground, come and find out how you can help your child at home with their reading and their phonics.

Help your child to love reading and to be a confident reader.





Fairholme
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Reception Admissions 2025-2026

Open Day times

**9:30am, 10:30am and
1:30pm**

On

27th September 2024

4th October 2024

11th October 2024

Please scan QR code to sign up for date and time



Thought for the week

Kindness is free, sprinkle it everywhere.

Question of the week

Would you rather be a master painter or an amazing dancer?