



Fairholme Primary School

‘We believe we can achieve’

Spring Term – April 2026 – Issue 8

Respect
Honesty
Responsibility
Kindness
Self-belief
Aspiration

A message from our Headteacher Mrs Harris:

It has been wonderful to see the school buzzing with energy, enthusiasm, and a real sense of purpose as we begin the Summer Term. The children are showing great focus and determination in their learning, and it has been lovely to see so much learning taking place outdoors, with the kind weather giving us the perfect opportunity to make the most of our outside spaces.

Our sports teams have also been representing the school brilliantly. They recently took part in a cricket tournament and were proud winners, demonstrating our school values throughout—showing teamwork, resilience, and excellent sportsmanship.

This term brings plenty to look forward to, including Sports Day, the Year 6 end-of-year production, their graduation ceremony, as well as our annual art exhibition, dance festival, and summer fair—special moments that celebrate both achievement and the spirit of our school community. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Help Us Build Our EYFS Reading Hive! 🐝

From 28th April to the end of July, we're collecting blue tokens at Sunbury Extra (TW16 7BB) and Ashford Staines Express (TW15 1RP).

Every token helps us create a cosy Reading Hive for our youngest children—sparking a love of books and bringing families together for a special welcome breakfast once it's complete!

If you're shopping nearby, please pop your token in for us—every one counts!



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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

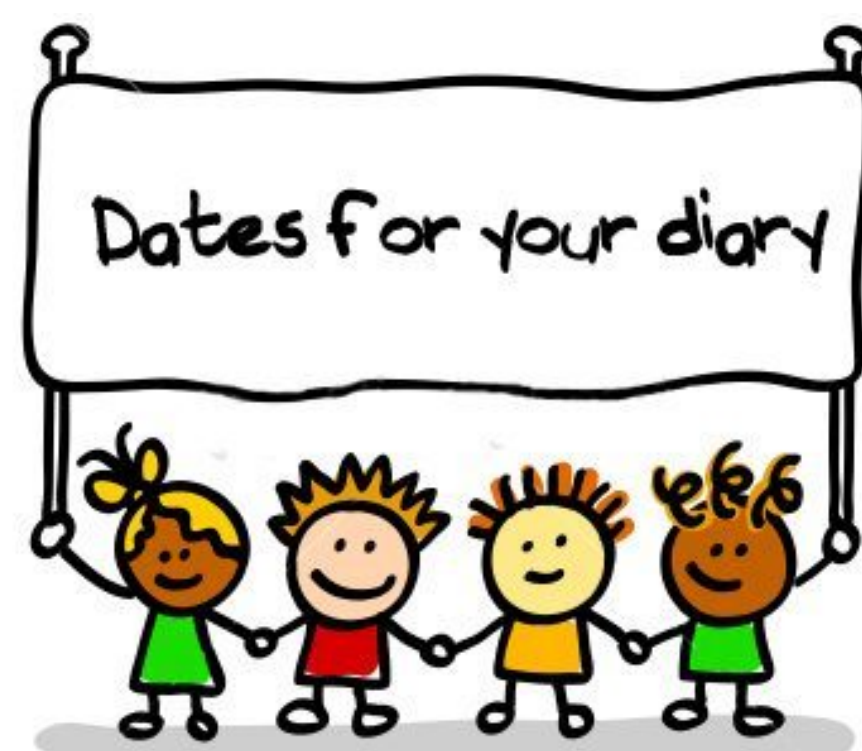
Attendance


Current whole school

this year:

Attendance: 93.5%

Target: 96.4%



Date	Event
11 th May	Year 6 SATS week
18 th May	Art Exhibition week
22 nd May	Curriculum Showcase
25 th May	Half Term
1 st June	Inset Day
3 rd June	EYFS Sports Day - AM
4 th June	KS1 Sports Day - AM
5 th June	KS2 Sports Day - AM
8 th June	Year 1 Phonic Screening Check
26 th June	Dream Big - Aspiration Day!
Thursday 2 nd July 4-6pm	
9 th July	Dance Festival
13 th July	Reports sent home
15 th July	Parents Evening
17 th July	School finishes at 12.30pm

PE Days

Early Years: Friday

Year 1: Tuesday

Year 2: Wednesday

Year 3: Thursday

Year 4: Wednesday for Emerald
& Thursday for Indigo

Year 5: Tuesday for Burgunday,
Tuesday and Thursday for
Turquoise

Year 6: Tuesday



What is happening across our school?

Summer Fair Donations - Mufti Days

To help prepare for our upcoming Summer Fair, we will be holding two special Mufti Days

Monday 15th June – Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a donation for our Sweet Tombola (please note: no chocolate, thank you).

Monday 22nd June – Children can again wear their own clothes in return for a donation for our Bottle Tombola.

We really appreciate your support in helping us make the Summer Fair a fantastic event for everyone!



Stall Holders Wanted

We are currently inviting parents, carers, and members of our school community to take part in our Summer Fair by hosting a stall. If you, or someone you know, creates handmade goods, crafts, or other items to sell, we would love to hear from you!

Tables are available for £20.

This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase your talents and be part of a fun, community-focused event.

Please email the school office if you are interested in booking a table or would like more information.

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What is happening across our school?

DREAM BIG!

Who do you want to be?



Friday 26th June 2026

Children: come dressed like your dream job. Find out about inspirational people and what they have achieved. Learn about exciting jobs, meet real professionals, and dream about possible future careers. A whole day based on our school value of **ASPIRATION**.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Parents/Carers: could you, or someone you know, come and join us to tell children about your job?

We are holding a 'DREAM BIG!' aspiration day, and part of this will be learning about different jobs that people do. We are looking for florists, train drivers, doctors, astronauts, computer technicians, chefs, vets, therapists, engineers, lorry drivers, builders... you name it, if it's a job then we need you!

Friday 26th June 2026, 1-3pm

Come dressed in your usual work clothes and join us in school. Children will come and chat to you in small groups to find out more about what you do, and what they would need to do and learn to get your job.

We would love to include as many of our parents and local community as possible, so if you can help us, or you know someone who can, please speak to Mrs Harris, Miss Bridger, Miss Spencer or your child's class teacher, or email the school office office@fairholme.hounslow.sch.uk

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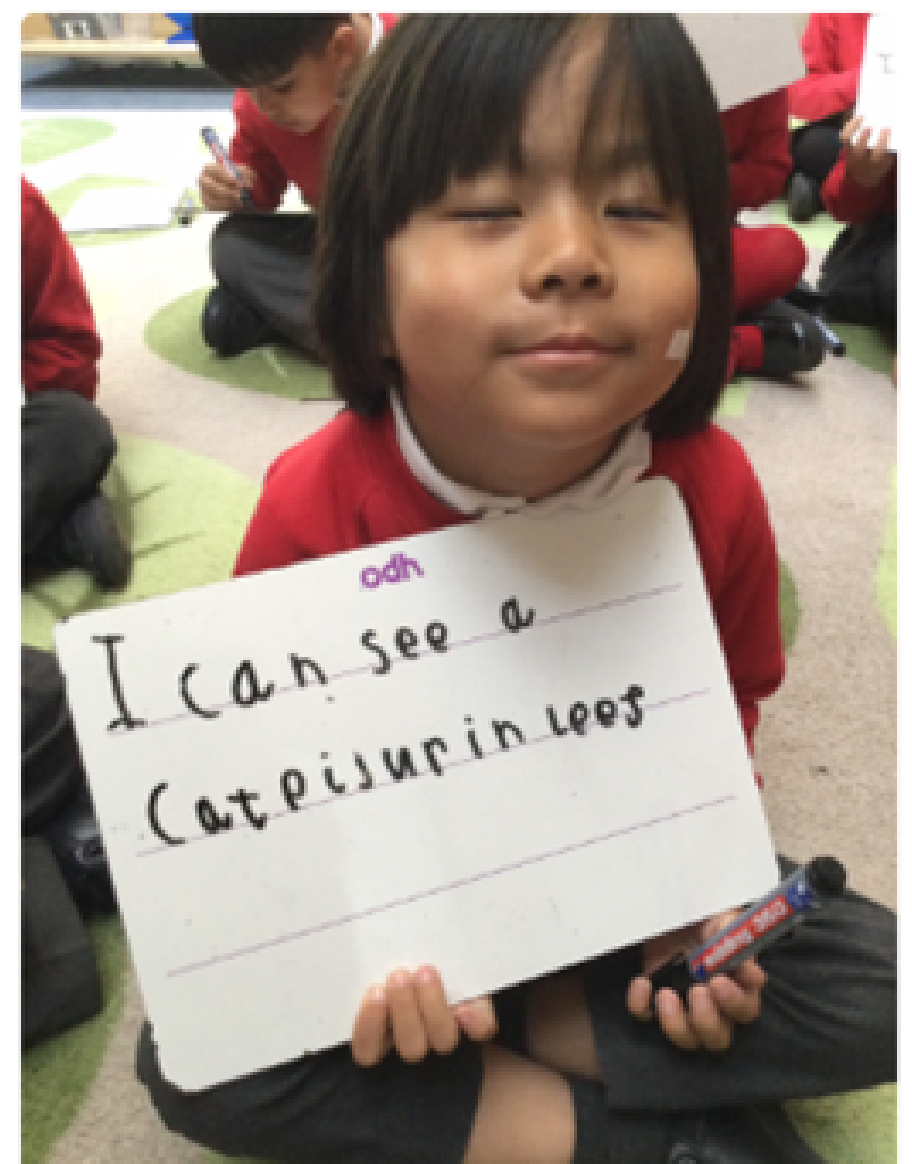
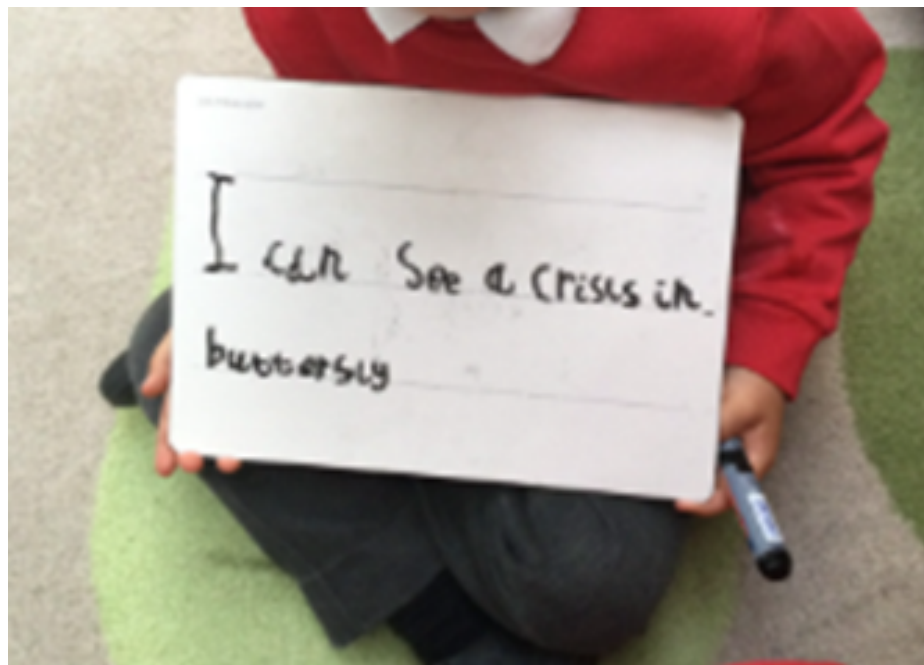
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In Early Years we have been learning about minibeasts. Our caterpillars are looking really big and fat, and they are about to turn into chrysalis very soon! We have been enjoying our new water wall, with funnels and pipes, in the outside area and enjoying the warmer spring weather. We have been reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and Nursery enjoyed tasting some of the food he ate as well as making fruit smoothies.





What is happening across our school?

In their Art lessons, the children in Year 1 are learning about still life. They have studied some still life paintings by the artist Henri Matisse and this week the children are drawing a variety of fruit in isolation. We are looking forward to displaying some of their work in the Art Exhibition at the end of this half term.

A reminder to visit the Little Wandle website to look at the parent section all about phonics:

<https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

It is great to see parents at our Phonic Screening Workshop run by Mrs Mwangi. If you want to know more about the phonic screening check and were unable to attend, please do speak to your child's teacher.



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What is happening across our school?

We have had an incredibly, exciting start to the Summer term in Year 2! We have been on an orienteering trip to Bedfont Lakes which the children absolutely loved. The children have also been hard at work trying to protect our environment by making their very own bug hotels for Eco week. Miss Hodkiewicz and I were astounded by the team work, creativity and resilience the children showed throughout this lesson. We are looking forward to learning even more in the coming weeks and months.



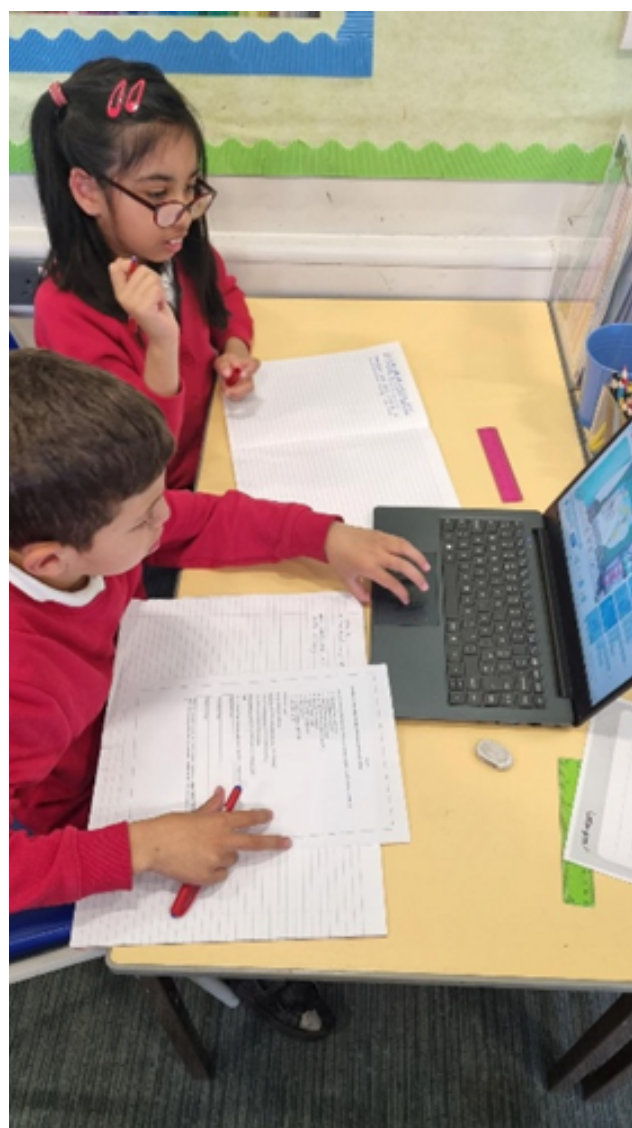
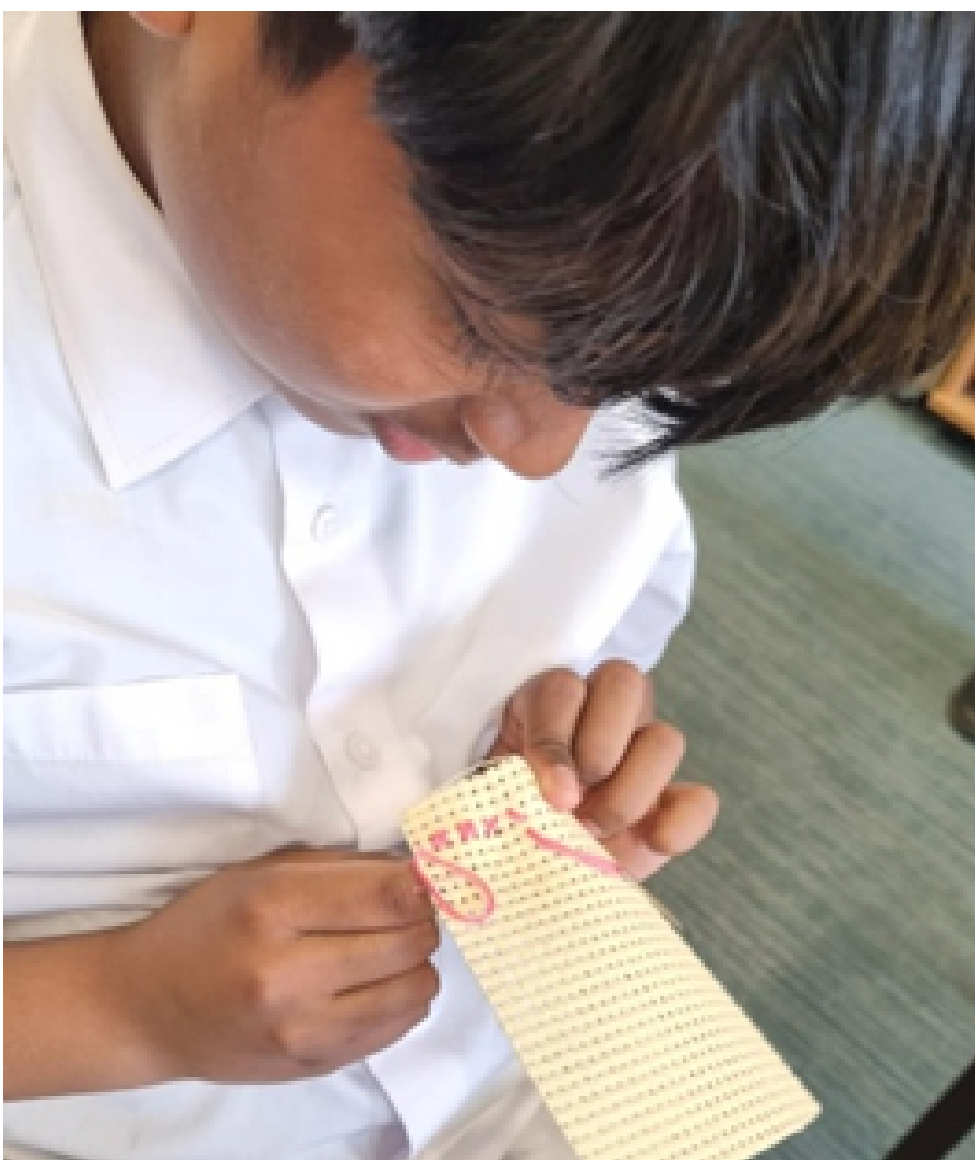


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Year 3 have made an exciting start to our new topic, Secret Garden! Using laptops, the children became budding researchers, investigating what plants need to grow and thrive. They explored key questions about sunlight, water, soil, and air, and discovered the important roles of roots, stems, leaves, and petals.



Year 3 have dived into their DT sewing unit and are already becoming super stitchers! The children have been learning the tricky skill of threading a needle (with lots of perseverance!) and have begun creating their very own cross stitch patterns. There have been plenty of proud moments as needles were threaded and stitches carefully sewn. We can't wait to see their fantastic creations come to life!





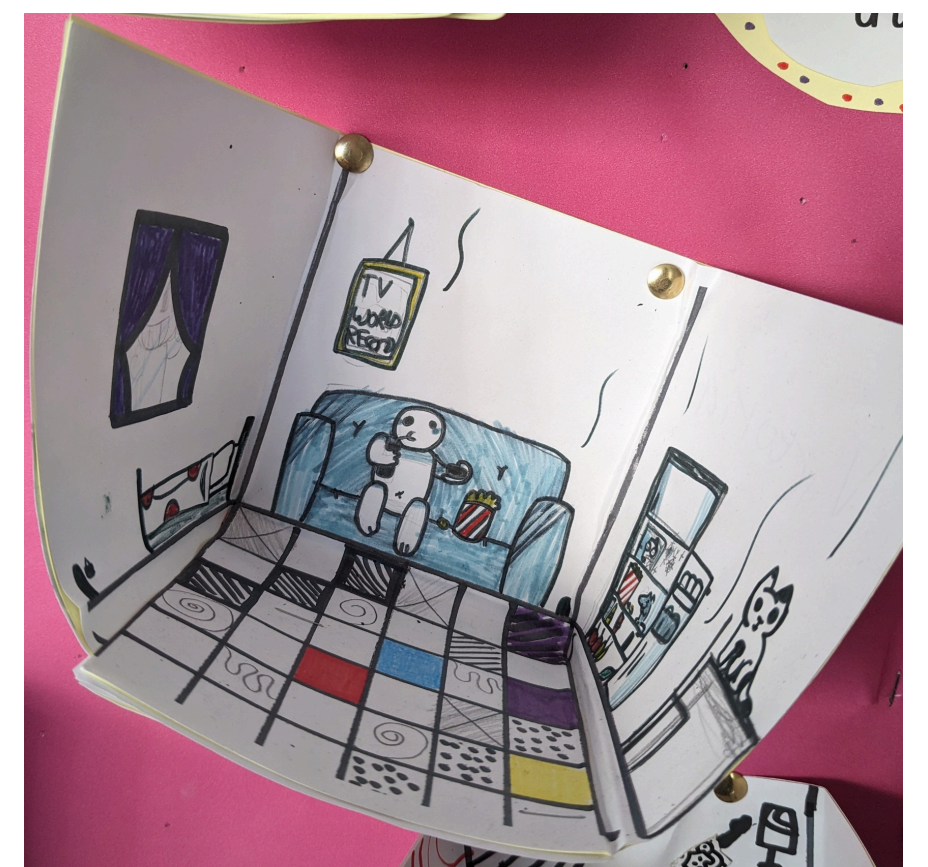
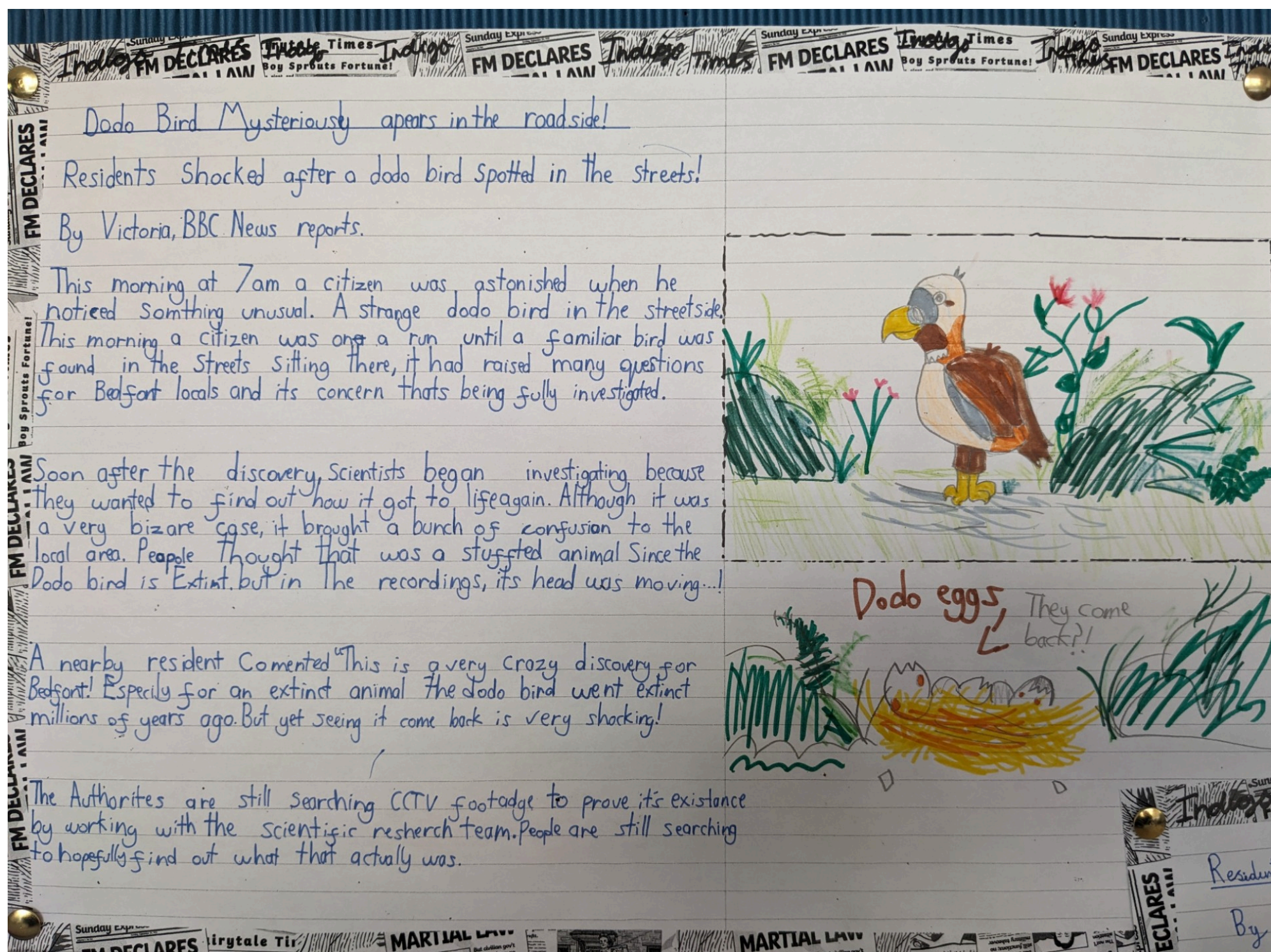
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In English, Year 4 became journalists for The Indigo and Emerald Times, writing imaginative newspaper reports full of creativity and excitement. Using the features from our toolkit, the children created eye-catching headlines and engaging stories, including aliens eating pineapple pizza in Tesco's freezers, a UFO appearing during an English lesson, the discovery of a new reptile species, and even the reappearance of the dodo. We were so impressed by their confidence and flair for writing.

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In Art, Year 4 designed vibrant Street Art Houses inspired by the bold work of Keith Haring. Using recycled tissue boxes, the children explored pattern, colour and shape to transform everyday materials into imaginative miniature house scenes. They decorated both the inside and outside of their creations in Haring's playful style, producing colourful and original pieces of art.

Inspired by the work of Sir David Attenborough, Year 4 became artists and advocates for the natural world. The children carefully selected animals to draw before creating detailed habitats and backgrounds to represent their environments. Stepping into his shoes as a voice for wildlife, they used their artwork to celebrate nature and show the importance of protecting animals and their homes.



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This half term in Year 5, our topic is Mysterious Maya. Children will be developing their understanding of the ancient Maya civilisation, including their location in Central America, daily life, beliefs, and significant achievements. They will explore how the Maya adapted to their environment and consider the lasting impact of this civilisation. Through a range of activities, children will build their historical enquiry skills and deepen their knowledge of this fascinating period in history.



In Maths, children are focusing on shapes and angles. They will be identifying, comparing and classifying a range of angles, including acute, obtuse and reflex angles. Children will also describe the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, including recognising lines of symmetry and calculating angles in shapes. There will be a strong emphasis on accuracy when measuring angles using protractors and applying their knowledge to solve reasoning and problem-solving tasks.

In English, for their first writing unit, children are developing their narrative writing through the Beat the Monster story structure. The focus this half term is on the effective use of action and dialogue to move the story forward. Children will practise using descriptive language, varied sentence structures and precise punctuation for speech. They will also work on editing and improving their writing to ensure clarity, cohesion and impact.

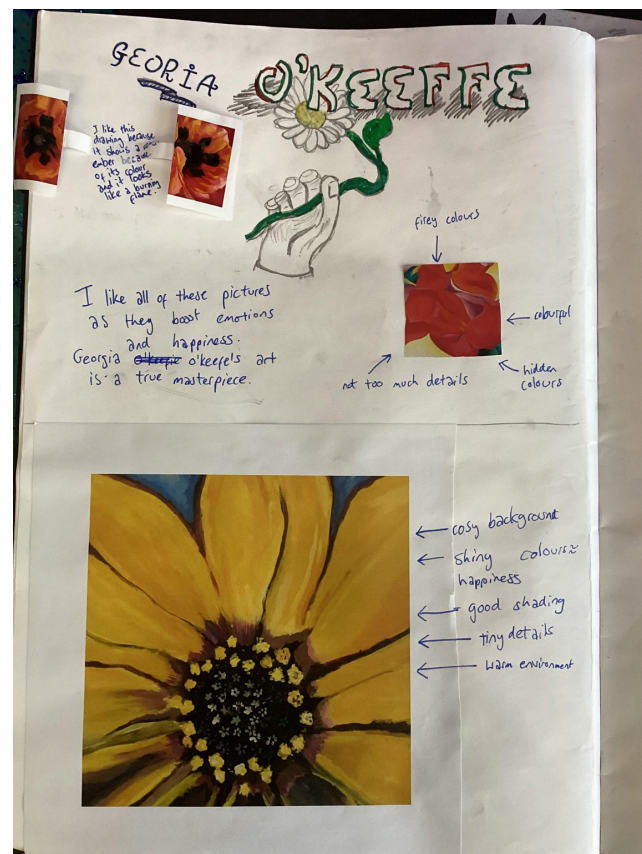
As part of our eco project, children have planted their own class plants. They will take responsibility for caring for the plants by ensuring they receive sufficient water and light. This project provides opportunities for children to observe changes over time and to develop their understanding of growth and sustainability. It also encourages children to reflect on the importance of caring for the environment and living things.





This term is already shaping up to be a busy and exciting one in Year 6, with plenty of opportunities for creativity, reflection and preparation for the important weeks ahead.

Our new topic this term is Art Attack, which provides a lovely creative balance alongside revision and SATs preparation. The children will be studying a range of artists and recreating their unique styles using different media. We have started by exploring the work of Georgia O'Keeffe, diving into her beautiful celebration of nature, particularly flowers. It has been a fantastic start to the topic, and we are looking forward to seeing the children's artistic skills continue to grow over the term.



In Music, the children have begun an exciting new project, choosing a video clip and adding music and sound effects to bring it to life. We are already seeing lots of creativity and imagination as they explore how sound can transform mood and atmosphere.

On Wednesday 15th April, we were pleased to welcome back the British Red Cross for a workshop on Coping with Challenges. The session focused on strategies the children can use when facing difficulties and was a valuable part of helping them feel emotionally prepared, not only for SATs, but also for the transition to secondary school.

With the countdown to SATs now on, we are well underway with our revision programme. The children have approached this brilliantly, taking part in games, quizzes and friendly competitions designed to keep revision engaging and enjoyable. We are so proud of the positive attitude they are showing.

SATs week begins on Monday 11th May, and a free breakfast will be provided from Monday to Thursday from 8:10am, with all children invited to attend. If you have not done so already, please return your reply slips as soon as possible. The SATs breakfast is always a lovely way to start each morning, giving children the chance to relax, chat with friends and staff, and settle any last-minute nerves.

We are also very much looking forward to our trip to The National Gallery on Thursday 21st May. During the visit, the children will take part in a workshop and have the opportunity to see some of the beautiful paintings they will have been studying this term up close. It promises to be a brilliant experience and a lovely way to round off the term.

It is set to be a full and memorable term, and we are excited for all that Year 6 will achieve.



Parking Reminder for Parents and Carers

We kindly ask all parents and carers to park considerately when dropping off or collecting children from school.

We have received reports that some vehicles are being parked in a way that may be unsafe, particularly at the front of the school. This can create potential hazards for our pupils and families.

Please help us keep everyone safe by:

Avoiding parking on pavements

Not blocking driveways

Being mindful of visibility for pedestrians and other drivers

Thank you for your cooperation and support in ensuring a safe environment for all members of our school community.

Upcoming Pathway Improvement Works on Peacock Avenue

We would like to inform you that we have received notification from Hounslow Highways regarding planned improvement works along Peacock Avenue.

The works are scheduled to take place from Monday 4th May 2026 through to Tuesday 26th May 2026. During this period, construction activity will occur Monday to Friday between the hours of 9:30am and 5:00pm.



These works are intended to improve the pathways along Peacock Avenue. While every effort will be made to minimise disruption, you may notice some temporary changes to access routes or increased activity in the area during these times.

The safety of our children is our priority so can we please ask you to help us by not driving from Dudley Road down to the school, be mindful while and where you park, allow a little extra time for drop-off and collection and take care when travelling near the works

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Free Course



Essential Maths Skills KS1

Fairholme Primary School
Tuesdays 9.00 - 10.30
5.5.26 and 12.5.26

This course gives parents and carers the opportunity to find out more about reading with their child; plus learn some tips and routines they can try at home; as well as have the chance to share ideas with other parents and develop their own knowledge and skills.

Pick up an enrolment form from the school office

coursesearch.hounslow.gov.uk



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Monday 15th June – 9:20am:
School Readiness

Monday 22nd June – 9:20am:
Transition to Secondary

For both of the work shops below please just come along to the school office.
 We look forward to seeing you there.



Growing stronger through play

A friendly 6-week group for parents and carers

What is it?

This programme helps parents and carers build closer, happier relationships with their children.

It runs over 6-weeks in small groups of up to 6-8 parents/carers. In the 6th week, you will join your children in a final session.

It's relaxed, supportive and focused on real life, not perfect parenting!



Who we are

The Purple Elephant Project is a children's mental health charity providing creative therapies that help children build resilience and feel understood, supporting children and families to feel safer and stronger.

Learning through play

Our therapist will show you ideas through play, so you can see what works. You can try things out in a safe, friendly space, with no judgement. For more information, please contact your school.

Registered Charity No. 1186434 www.thepurpleelephantproject.org

What will I learn?

You will learn how to:

- Feel more confident as a parent
- Help your child feel listened to and understood
- Support big feelings and emotions
- Build your child's confidence
- Set kind and clear boundaries

What will we talk about?

- Small everyday moments that really matter
- Listening and tuning in to your child
- Why children behave the way they do
- Taking turns, sharing and playing together
- Helping children feel good about themselves

Free Course



Essential Maths Skills KS2

Fairholme Primary School
Tuesdays 9.00 - 10.30
2.6.26 and 9.6.26

This course gives parents and carers the opportunity to find out more about reading with their child; plus learn some tips and routines they can try at home; as well as have the chance to share ideas with other parents and develop their own knowledge and skills.

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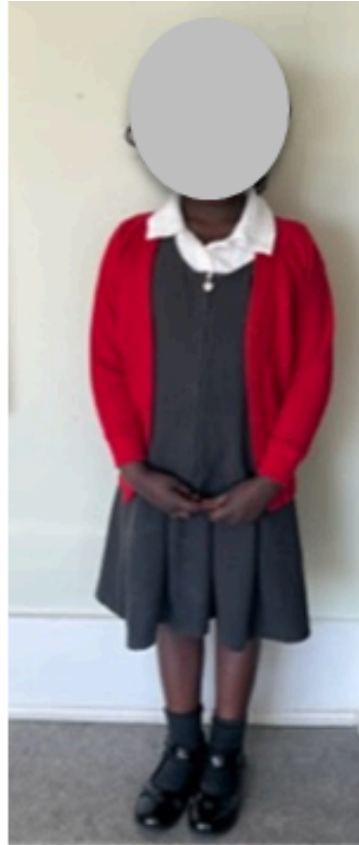
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Daily uniform list

- Plain white polo shirt with collar
- Plain red sweatshirt or cardigan, with or without the school logo (no hoods or other markings)
- Grey school trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress (not sports/PE shorts)
- Red and white checked summer dress (including culottes style)
- Plain grey, white or red socks or tights
- Black shoes (not trainers or boots); in summer, smart black or white sandals may also be worn
- Simple hair accessories should be black, grey, red or white
- Plain black, grey, red or white hijabs, patkas or turbans

Nursery children are required to wear the white polo shirt and red sweatshirt or cardigan



PE kit list to be worn only on days when your child has PE lessons

- Plain red round-neck t-shirt (no collar or logos)
- Plain black jogging bottoms, plain black leggings or plain black loose shorts (not cycling/tight shorts)
- Plain red sweatshirt or cardigan, with or without the school logo (no hoods or other markings)
- Comfortable trainers with good grip or black plimsolls (no studs or 'heelies')



School shoes

All children should wear comfortable plain black school shoes. Trainers are only permitted on PE days. Some examples of suitable school shoes include:



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