

Fairisle News

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Mr Hayes' Highlights

A warm welcome back to school. I hope you enjoyed the half-term. I always enjoy the Spring Term as the children really kick on and make progress - I have seen some fantastic learning and books across the school. My personal highlight is ordinarily the 'In it To Win Ir' panto (Robin Hood this year) but sadly I missed it - the children I know loved it! As always it has been lovely to see the children out on trips linked to their learning - experiences this school are fully committed to.

Curriculum Spotlight: Reading

At school, we are bringing stories to life using 'VIPERS', a method that helps children remember and apply the six key skills essential for reading comprehension. Reading is more than just decoding and reading fluently so with this approach, it encourages students to dig deeper and truly understand the text.

The acronym 'VIPERS' stands for:

V ocabulary	(understanding new words)
I nfer	(reading between the lines)
P redict	(what might happen next)
E xplain	(themes and choices)
R etrieve	(finding facts within)
S ummarise	(capturing the main ideas)

Mastering these skills is vital for long-term literacy, so we encourage you to 'drip-feed' them into your reading time at home; even a casual question or two during a bedtime story can significantly boost your child's confidence and understanding.

Year Group Focus

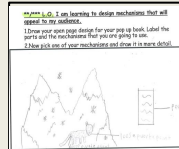
Year 4

We've been learning...

Last half term was fantastic! We thoroughly enjoyed our trip to the Hindu temple, where the children learned more about the religion and the importance of devotion to Hindus. In Science, we learnt all about sound and we investigated the relationship between volume and distance.



We've been celebrating...



The children worked hard on designing their pop-up page in DT and had some brilliant final outcomes.

We're looking forward to...

Learning all about the Ancient Egyptians this half term. This topic will inspire both our Art, where we will make Canopic jars, and our writing. In reading, we will be basing our learning around the picture book 'Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx'.

Please remember to park considerably around our school site.

All parents are welcome to park across the road in Sainsburys.

Attendance



Attendance does make a difference to your child's achievement. Government data shows that the chance of a Year 6 child reaching the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths is 1.3 times higher for children with 95%



attendance or above that year. Missing just ten days of Year Six reduces the chance of reaching the expected standard by 25%.



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Keeping Safe



Before half-term our Year 5 and 6 children participated in workshops with the NSPCC about staying safe. During the 'Speak out Stay Safe' workshops children were taught to understand that they have a right to feel safe, and that they can speak to a trusted adult or Childline if they ever need help or support. These complement our own school lessons as part of our safeguarding curriculum.



Inclusion Update



IEPs @ FJS

An IEP (Individual Education Plan) helps us support children who may need a little extra help with their learning. Teachers and parents work together to set clear targets, and children will have plenty of chances to practise these during the school week. Meetings take place three times in the school year, and children are also spoken with as part of the process. This year, we've made a small change: when children achieve their targets, they will be signed off and given new ones, which can also be updated before the next review if needed.

Target Template:

Target 1:										B = Baseline Assessment	E = Expected Outcome	A = Achievement
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
B				A		E						
Beginning Seen for the first time (Date)			Developing Seen sometimes (Date)				Achieved Seen often (Date)					

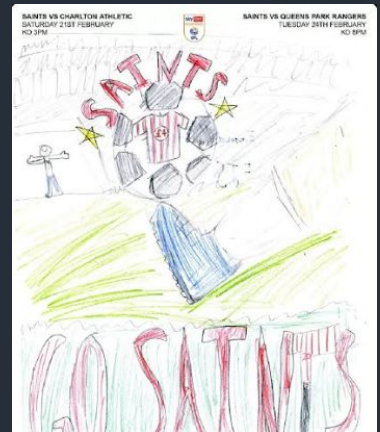
Well done to the eight girls who were player escorts for the recent Southampton FC Women's match against Newcastle United.



SFC @ FJS



Well done to Emma in Year 5. She drew the front cover for the Southampton FC programme for the matches against Charlton and QPR. Her winning drawing was selected by Saints player Kuryu Matsuki.



Important Messages



- Thank you once again for your support following the school closure. Completing the roofing project over the winter months during extraordinary rainfall has been somewhat challenging but we are on a positive trajectory going forwards. The school has plans to make a number of improvements to the school internally upon completion. The project will shortly be moving to the roofs above classrooms - we are working alongside contractors and the Local Authority to minimise disruption as best we can during this time.
- All of our children visited Southampton Art Gallery in Year 3 and they are offering a free family fun day on Saturday 7th March. [Click here for more information.](#)
- Today's non-uniform day raised £564.40 for Doctors without Borders. Thank you for your support.
- On Thursday 19th March you will have the opportunity to come in between 3.30pm and 5.30pm to view your children's books and learning - there is no appointment system. A letter with all the details will be sent out in due course.



Dates For Your Diary



Note all dates are subject to change.

19.3.26	'Book Look' Parents' Evening	11.6.26	Musicfest - performance to parents and families
26.3.26	Year 5 Anglo Saxon Workshop	12.6.26	Annual reports to go home
27.3.26	Non School Uniform	15.6.26	4CT trip to Beaulieu
27.3.26	Last Day of Term	16.6.26	Year 3 visit to church
13.4.26	First Day Back to School	17.6.26	4RW trip to Beaulieu
22.4.26	Year 4 to Marwell	17.6.26	4AH trip to Beaulieu
4.5.26	School Closed - Bank Holiday	1.7.26	FJS Transition Day
w/c 11.5.26	Year 6 SATs Week All Year 6 children must be in school.	3.7.26	Inset Day
18.5.26	Sports Day	w/c 6.7.26 and 13.7.26	Year 3 Swimming
19.5.26	Year 4 Fish & Chips Supper	13.7.26 or 14.7.26 (dependent on class)	Year 6 to Calshot
21.5.26	Class Photographs	20.7.26	Year 6 Leavers Assembly (2pm to 3pm)
22.5.26	Reserve Sports Day	21.7.26	Year 6 to Paultons Park
w/c 25.5.26	Half Term Week	22.7.26	Year 6 Party Day Last Day of the School Year
2.6.26	Year 3 - Trip to Southampton Art Gallery	23.7.26	First Day of the Summer Holiday

