

# Fairisle News

AT FAIRISLE JUNIOR SCHOOL WE...

## EXPECT SUCCESS

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## Mr Hayes' Highlights

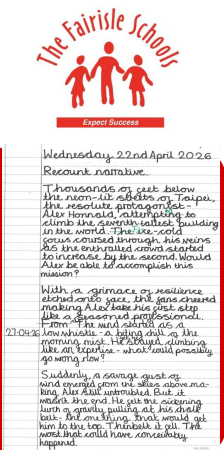
It has been an extremely busy half-term here at Fairisle. We started with an extremely positive and productive visit from our School Improvement Officer. As a school we never wish to stand still and are seeking to constantly improve. More recently we have been supporting our Year 6 children as SATs approach. Thank you to all the staff and well done to the children for their hard work to date. We wish you the very best of luck for next week and know you will smash the tests!

## Year Group Focus

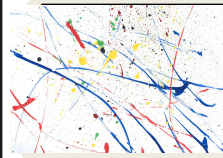
### Year 6

We've been learning...

In English, we have been developing our recount writing skills by exploring the incredible stories of rock climber Alex Honnold and El Caminante. The children have been captivated by the individuals daring feat and have worked hard to craft engaging recounts that capture tension, skill and bravery involved.



We've been celebrating...



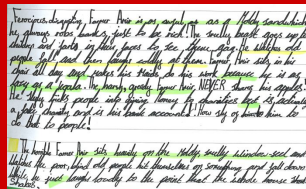
Our budding artists have created some truly spectacular abstract expressionist artwork, inspired by the legendary Jackson Pollock.

We're looking forward to...

Next, Year 6 will be putting on their chef hats and entrepreneur caps as we move into our DT project. The children will be designing and making their own pizzas, considering everything from ingredients and nutrition to presentation and marketing.

## Curriculum Spotlight: Writing

In Year 3, the children have been focusing on their editing skills. They have used the 'Golden Box' technique to uplevel sentences in their horrible farmer character descriptions.



# ALTHOUGH

There has been a large focus on grammar in Year 4. Within their recent discussion text on 'Should zoos exist?' the children were able to apply the new conjunction 'although' and experiment with the present perfect tense.

An important part of the writing process is publishing. In Year 5, the children have been developing their publishing skills and making decisions about the most effective layout on a page, the images and colours they will use, as well as their very best handwriting.



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## Attendance

Please remember to park considerably around our school site.

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



As we approach the summer we know some of our families will have term-time holidays booked. In line with government policy we will request the issuing of penalty notices and investigate and establish reasons for absence.



We understand the economic climate and the differing views on this policy, but just ask that you tell us as a school if you are going away and complete a leave of absence form at the office.



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## Keeping Safe



Check out this government website on online safety: [Help your child stay safe online - Kids Online Safety](#)

It covers:

- Talking to children
- Staying safe online
- Online issues
- Parental controls
- How to report issues
- Helplines to call



## Inclusion Update



One question we get asked is how we help children with Year 6 SATs. We follow government statutory guidance on this but we can, with suitable evidence, and where it is in the child's best interests, do the following:

- Provide a reader to the child, who has all questions read to them (except in the reading paper).
- Provide an adult prompt to keep the child on task.
- Provide a transcribe where writing is difficult to read.
- Provide a scribe where children have difficulty writing.
- Provide extra time.
- Enlarge papers for children with visual impairments.

All our staff are trained to provide this support and make SATs a successful experience for all of our children.

*Well done to Peter in Year 3, who was filmed to appear on Channel 5 show Milkshake this week. We can't wait to see this episode appear in the Autumn.*



### Site Update:

We are lucky to have the most fantastic site. Over the last few years we have made extensive improvements to our outside space. Our roof is nearing completion, and so the time is right to turn our attention to the interior. We hope to have the site fully handed back to us from the roofers over half-term. The school has an extensive programme of works taking place over the summer to improve the interior of the school, including new lockers, painting communal areas and wall art installations in a number of locations. We also will be repairing and redecorating all areas damaged by water ingress. We really are determined to get our school looking fantastic ready for September. I am also pleased to inform you that every classroom now has air conditioning!



# Important Messages



- Next week on Friday 15th May we have an additional non-uniform day to celebrate the end of SATs week. This is for all the children in the school. No donation is needed.
  - Thank you to all who completed the parent/carer questionnaire at our recent parents' evening. We received some fantastic feedback.
  - I have some sad news to share, Mrs Wakefield will be leaving the school next Friday. She is moving on to undertake a different role at Redbridge Community School and we wish her all the best. Zoe has been with us since 2020 and has supported many of our families, particularly around attendance. The school will welcome a new Inclusion Assistant in June - we will update nearer to the time.
  - Our Inset Days are decided for next academic year:
 

Tuesday 1st September 2026	Friday 23rd October 2026	Monday 2nd November 2026
Monday 22nd February 2027	Monday 28th June 2027	
- [Click here to see the calendar for the school year 2026-2027.](#)



# Dates For Your Diary



*Note all dates are subject to change.*

w/c 11.5.26	Year 6 SATs Week All Year 6 children must be in school.	17.6.26	4RW trip to Beaulieu
15.5.26	Non-Uniform Day No donation needed	17.6.26	4AH trip to Beaulieu
18.5.26	Sports Day	26.6.26	Annual reports to go home
19.5.26	Year 4 Fish & Chips Supper	1.7.26	FJS Transition Day
21.5.26	Year 3 Sports Evening	3.7.26	Inset Day
21.5.26	Class Photographs	w/c 6.7.26 and 13.7.26	Year 3 Swimming
22.5.26	Reserve Sports Day	13.7.26 or 14.7.26 (dependent on class)	Year 6 to Calshot
w/c 25.5.26	Half Term Week	20.7.26	Year 6 Leavers Assembly (2pm to 3pm)
2.6.26	Year 3 - Trip to Southampton Art Gallery	21.7.26	Year 6 to Paultons Park
11.6.26	Musicfest - performance to parents and families	22.7.26	Year 6 Party Day Last Day of the School Year
15.6.26	4CT trip to Beaulieu	23.7.26	First Day of the Summer Holiday
16.6.26	Year 3 visit to church	2.9.26	First Day of the New School Year

