

Fairhaven Primary Annual Events

Dear New Parents and Carers,

Below you will find a list of our annual events and a little information about each one.

Parent – Teacher Meetings

Just before half term in October we will be holding parent / teacher meetings after school. These meetings last approximately ten minutes per child. Nearer the time, you will be sent an online link to book your appointment time.

Church Services

Harvest Festival

Each year we hold a Harvest Festival Celebration in St Mary's Church, South Walsham. Each class prepares a short presentation on an aspect of harvest. In the lead up to the service, children are encouraged to bring a small item of dry or tinned food. Our harvest gifts are donated to a local charity. Our new children across the school are presented with a Christian book; these books are donated by St Mary's Church.

Our service this year is on Thursday 24th October. The church will be open from 9:00 am. We aim to start the service at 10:00 am. Everyone is welcome.



Nativity Service

In the last week of the autumn term, we hold two Nativity Services in St Mary's Church.

Sycamore Class and Chestnut Class – Wednesday 18th December – 10:15 am

Beech and Oak – Thursday 19th December – 10:00 am

Again, the church is open from 9:00 am. Anyone can attend.



End of Term Celebrations

At the end of the spring and summer terms, you are welcome to attend our End of Term Assemblies.

Friday 4th April – 9:30 am

Tuesday 22nd July – 9:30 am



Sporting Events

Cross Country

We host a cross-country event for other schools in our area on the playing field. Children are asked if they would like to compete. Parents / family members are welcome to come and watch. This year's event is being held in the afternoon of Friday 18th October 2024.

Sports Morning

Our annual sports day is held on the playing field. Children compete with other members of their house team and participate in eight sporting activities, ranging from running, hurdling, throwing and of course egg and spoon! Parents and other family members are encouraged to come along and support.

Our Sports Day will be held on Wednesday 16th July. We try to make a prompt start at 9:15 am and aim to finish around midday.

There are many other sporting opportunities throughout the year. We take teams of children out of school to compete against other local schools. If your child is selected for these, you will be informed by letter.

Friends of Fairhaven



The Friends of Fairhaven is a voluntary committee of parents. They work together to arrange fun events for the children as well as organising fund raising activities. The money raised helps us to provide enrichment activities for all our pupils. Before each one, you will receive a letter inviting your child to take part.

Monster Disco – This takes place after school just before half term in October. The date for this year is yet to be confirmed. Children who would like to attend are able to come in fancy dress.

Father Christmas – The Friends invite Father Christmas to visit the school just before we break up for Christmas. All the children can see him and are given a gift. Parental permission is sought before this event. There is no charge.

Secret Santa Room

This is one of my personal favourite events. The Friends set up a shop in the hall. Children can go and choose a small gift for their mum, dad or another family member. The Friends help the children to wrap and label the present. The presents are sent home at the end of the day to be put under the Christmas tree, ready for Christmas day. The Friends charge a small amount to cover the cost of the gifts. In early December, you will receive a form from the Friends to complete if you would like your son or daughter to take part. Brothers and sisters visit the Secret Santa Room together and choose gifts jointly.

Easter Bunny Hop

Another after school disco for the children to enjoy. This year's date to be confirmed.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Friends organise an Easter Egg Hunt within the school grounds for all the children at the end of the spring term.

Summer Fete

Working in collaboration with Fairhaven Pre-School, we hold a summer fete in early July.

Term Dates

Our school adheres to the Norfolk Model Calendar for schools. In accordance with this, please note that school is closed on Friday 25th October.

Norfolk County Council **2024-2025** Norfolk Model Calendar

This calendar applies to community schools, community special schools, VC schools and nursery schools and sets the days on which school transport will be provided. While most Foundation, VA, foundation special, free schools and academy trusts who are able to set their own dates, adopt the Norfolk Model, we advise you to check with your child's school before making holiday or other commitments.

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Key: White dates - schools open to pupils
 Yellow dates - pupil holiday
 Red dates - bank holiday

Five staff training days will be selected from yellow dates, we suggest 2 & 3 September, 25 October, 6 January and 22 April. Some may choose to use twilight hours for staff training instead of some or all of these.