



Welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely Easter break.

I'm sure you've seen in the media that there are a lot of changes being proposed in the Special Educational Needs sector currently. It's important that as parents you have the opportunity to share your views and contribute to consultations nationally and locally.

Below are the links to three consultations that you might be interested in:

SEND reform: putting children and young people first—closing date 18 May 2026

This reform focuses on making changes to SEND support in schools.

[SEND reform: putting children and young people first - Department for Education - Citizen Space](#)



Medical conditions at school: statutory guidance—closing date 1st May 2026

This consultation is seeking views on updates to guidance to strengthen how schools support pupils with medical conditions and allergy.

[Medical conditions at school: statutory guidance - Department for Education - Citizen Space](#)

West Northamptonshire Council Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Strategy—closing date 8th May 2026

WNC are looking for responses to help identify key themes for co-production workshops and shape a long-term vision and priorities for SEND provision across education, health, specialist settings and community inclusion.

[Baseline SEND Vision & Priorities Survey — Families & Professionals](#)

Celebration Evening - Wednesday 22nd April 2026

It's not long now until our Celebration Evening. The focus of the evening will be to spend time in the classroom with your child exploring how they learn. You will experience the Enabling and Outside environments and share your child's Learning Journal along with Evidence 4 Learning. Teachers will be available to talk with you, explain practice and share how your child accesses their personalised learning through the day.

The evening will be in two sessions, and you will need to choose which session is convenient for you to attend and celebrate your child's learning. The first session will run from 4.00pm – 5.15pm and the second session will run from 6.00pm – 7.15pm.

Please click on the link to select which session you'd like to attend.



[Celebration Evening 22nd April 2026 – Fill in form](#)



Communication with Teachers

While teachers are contactable by email, we are finding that they are receiving an increasing amount of emails outside of their working day. Due to their teaching commitments in class and their workload, teachers will always aim to respond to emails within 2 days, during their working hours. If there is something important you need to discuss with a teacher, please phone the school office and they will inform them for you. If it is urgent, and the teacher is unavailable, this will be passed on to a member of the leadership team.

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Sensible Footwear

It is important that your child wears sensible footwear to school. Proper footwear is essential for your child's safety, comfort, and overall well-being throughout the school day. Sensible shoes help prevent injuries and provide adequate support during physical activities. Please ensure your child wears closed-toe shoes to protect their feet from potential injuries. It is important that they have sturdy shoes that fit securely and comfortably. Please can I ask the your child does not come to school in flip flops or Crocs as these shoes can pose safety hazards and are not suitable for school. If you find it difficult for your child to wear certain shoes due to sensory issues, please get in touch.



Sun Safety

As the weather gets nicer please can your child be sent to school with their own sun hat and sun cream. Please make sure both are named. Unfortunately, your child will not be allowed outside when it is hot without suncream. If you have any questions please get in touch with your child's class teacher.



Sports Day

We really hope you're able to join us for our Sports Day Events this year. Details of your child's sessions are:

Tuesday 19th May PM—Early Years: Otter and Duckling

Wednesday 20th May PM— Key Stage 1: Mole, Rabbit, Dormouse, Hedgehog

Thursday 21st May AM— Lower Key Stage 2: Deer, Squirrel, Badger, Fox

Thursday 21st May PM—Upper Key Stage 2: Robin, Kestrel, Owl, Dove



*More details, including the specific time of your child's session to follow soon.
If the weather is wet and we have to postpone, another date will be organised in term 6.*

We are using this event to collect toiletries for the McCarthy—Dixon Foundation. Please send in any donations week beginning 18th May 2026.

Parallel Windsor - Sunday 5th July 2026

Parallel Windsor is a Festival of Inclusivity with Challenge Events for all ages, health conditions & abilities. Held in the grounds of the majestic Windsor Great Park & staged on the iconic Long Walk.



Fairfields are entering a team — would you like to join us and help raise some money for school?

Walk, push or run - there are no cut off times. **'Start Together, Finish Whenever'**.

Choose from: 100m, 1K, 5K, 10K or our very own SuperSensory 1K. Parallel's innovative SuperSensory 1K supports neurodiversity & participants with profound & multiple learning disabilities to exercise their senses over a series of challenges such as, engaging with sound, taste, touch and smell. If you would like to join our team please use this link: <https://letsdothis.com/share/69dfd60323bfea1bb708ba7b>

There is also the option to purchase a Virtual Entry ticket. All Virtual entries receive a medal & t-shirt.

Food Parcels

As you are aware, we work with the McCarthy—Dixon Foundation to supply food parcels to some of our families. If you would like a food parcel for over the half term holiday please let us know. If you would like more information about food parcels and how the service works, please get in touch with Janice Crane, Senior Family Worker.

Fairfields PTA

PTAs play a vital role in enhancing schools and fostering strong, supportive communities. As the PTA operates as an independent entity from the school, we currently don't have a committee, however it would provide an excellent opportunity for the broader school community to collaborate and contribute to the school's success. More information about setting up and running a PTA can be found at [PTA+](#) and [Parentkind](#).

If you would be interested in setting up a new PTA, please get in touch.



Lending Library

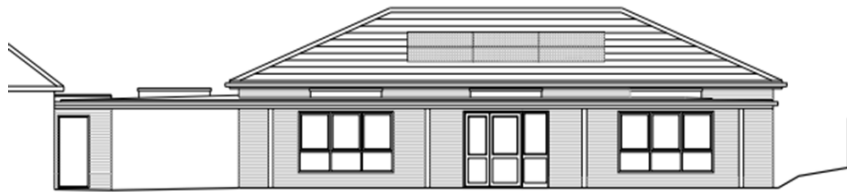
We hope that your child is enjoying sharing a book with you at home. Please remember to return the book to school so we can swap it for another one. If books are not returned, we may not be able to continue with the Lending Library. Please also remember to write in the reading diary.



Building Work



Our building work started in the Easter Holidays and the team have made great progress already with the clearing of the mobile and preparing the site. The work is happening at the rear of the building and the team have worked with us to minimise the impact to the children and their learning.



Easter Raffle

Thank you to everyone who donated an egg or bought a ticket for our Easter Raffle. As always the support from everyone was great. We're pleased to share that we raised £95 for our school fund.



Dates for the Year.

Below are the scheduled dates for the year. They are all be confirmed nearer the time. Please keep an eye on the Parent App for updates.

School Celebrations—Parents Invited



- Sports Week—19th—21st May
- Year 6 Stay Late—10th July (TBC)
- End of Year Celebration Assemblies — Riverbank: 14th July, Meadow: 15th July, Woodland: 16th July, Treetops: 17th July

Parents Evenings

- Celebration Evening—Wednesday 22nd April 4.00 – 5.15pm and 6.00 – 7.15pm.

School Events

- Maths Cooking day—Thursday 25th June
- World Cup Travel Day—Thursday 2nd July

