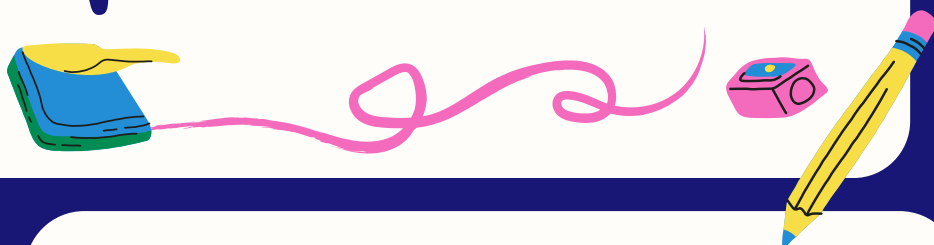




Newsletter

September 2026



Upcoming Events

Book Fair – Sep 18 – 23 in the school hall

School Photos – Sep 30

Reception 2027 Starters

Stay and Play – Oct 7

K.S.1 Harvest Assembly – Oct 13

EYFS Harvest Assembly – Oct 14

Parents Evenings – Oct 21 & 22

INSET (school closed) – Oct 23

Before and after school club

8:00 - 8:40am -£4

After school until

4:30 - £6

5:30 - £10



Headteacher's letter

Welcome back to Fairfield Infant And Nursery School. We hope you all had a wonderful summer break and are feeling refreshed for the new school year.

It has been fantastic to see the children return with such enthusiasm for learning. A special welcome to our new Nursery and Reception children and their families as they join our school community. At Fairfield, our vision is simple: we want every child to feel welcome, known, listened to, valued, supported and that they belong. We are committed to providing a nurturing environment where children develop a love of learning and a love of life.

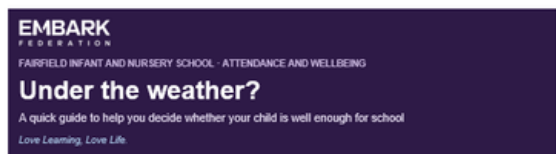
We are excited for the year ahead and look forward to working closely with you to ensure every child feels welcome, supported and successful. Thank you for your continued partnership and support.



Attendance

You should have received an email with our new attendance booklet attached.

Regular attendance helps children make the most of their learning, build friendships, develop confidence, and establish positive routines that support their wellbeing and future success. If your child is a little under the weather and you are unsure if you should send them in to school or nursery, please follow this guidance.



We know it isn't always easy to tell whether a child is too poorly for school or just a bit under the weather. This guide is here to help. Our starting point is simple: if your child is genuinely too unwell to attend, they should stay at home and get better — and if they are only mildly unwell, coming in (with a little support from us) is usually the best thing for them. If you are ever unsure, please talk to us. We would much rather help you decide than have you worry alone.

A general guide

The table below follows NHS advice. It covers common situations only — if your child's illness is not listed, or you are not sure, use the "still not sure?" steps below.

Usually OK to come to school if they feel well enough to take part	Please keep your child at home until they are well enough to take part
- Cough or a common cold, with no high temperature - Sore throat, if they are otherwise well - Mild headache or feeling a bit tired - A minor tummy ache with no other symptoms - Ear infection, if they feel well enough	- A high temperature (fever) — keep home until it has gone and they feel better - Vomiting or diarrhoea — stay at home until 48 hours after the last episode - Chickenpox — stay at home until all the spots have crusted over - Scarlet fever or impetigo — stay at home; these usually need treatment from a GP before returning - Any illness where your child is too unwell to take part in the school day

Still not sure?

- Check the NHS "is my child too ill for school?" guidance online, or call NHS 111 for free advice.
 - Contact us — call 01298 22441 or email info@fairfield-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk
- Tell us how your child is and we will help you decide together.
- If your child comes in but starts to feel worse during the day, we will look after them and contact you.

If your child is staying at home

Please let us know as early as you can, in the usual way:
Phone the office — 01298 22441 by 8:30am



Reading at Fairfield

Reading is one of the most important things your child can do to support their learning.

Children in Reception – Year 2 will bring home a reading book, and this book will only be changed once they have recorded three home reads in their reading record. Regular reading helps to build confidence, fluency and a love of books.

To encourage reading at home, children will receive a raffle ticket every time they read at home, giving them the chance to win a prize in our termly reading raffle draw.

We also celebrate reading success in school. Each week, every class chooses a Reader of the Week, who is recognised during our Celebration Assembly. Children in Nursery can choose a book from the Book Swap in Nursery porch as often as they like.

Thank you for your support in helping us develop confident, enthusiastic readers!



Our Family Support Worker, Rachel Mellor is here to support children and families with any challenges they may be facing. She can offer advice, practical support and signposting to other services when needed. Whether you need a listening ear, help navigating difficult circumstances, or support accessing additional resources, Rachel is here to help. Phone 01298 22441 or email rachel.mellor@fairfield-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk.

