



Fairisle Infant and Nursery Schools children's newsletter



Summer 2026 Newsletter 1

A message from the Headteacher

We have been successful in being awarded a Nature Park Grant to be able to create our well-being garden in the playground. Plants and natural features will create a healthier environment supporting biodiversity. Parents/Carers have been busy with their children planting and engaging in conversation together - sparking curiosity, wonder and exploring books and questions that have stimulated thoughts around wildlife, the environment and how important nature is for our world and our emotional well-being.

'Being in nature makes me feel calm, joyful and I feel like part of something.'

'We need flowers so that we can get honey...honey comes from bees and they land on the flowers.'



We are excited to see our garden grow and develop over time – we have already observed a bee, birds, a caterpillar and a butterfly too!

Have wonderful half term and enjoy the lovely weather!

Miss Owens, Headteacher



A Magical Day of Maths at Fairisle!

Numbers came to life this week as our whole school celebrated a spectacular, hands-on Maths Day on 20th May. From Nursery to Year 2, classrooms were buzzing with excitement as children explored mathematical concepts through practical, creative, and playful activities.

The school was transformed into a sea of creative costumes, with children arriving dressed as number blocks, clocks, calculators, playing cards, dominoes, their favourite numbers and more. Throughout the day, students had opportunities to explore numbers, solve problems and explore

maths skills e.g. measure, shape, add, subtract, number bonds. The practical approach proved that maths is not just about writing on paper, but an exciting part of our everyday lives.

The highlight of the day came during lunchtime when our lovely catering staff provided delicious cookies shaped as giant numbers. It was a wonderful, tasty part to a day filled with laughter, teamwork, and high-quality learning. Thank you to all our families for your incredible support with the fantastic costumes!

'I love, love, love the cookies. I picked number 4 because it is my favourite number.'

'Maths's day made me excited because I get to do more maths and I like maths'



Caterpillars/Room

The Caterpillar Room has been busy supporting children to develop their tool skills. The children used a plastic knife to spread butter on their bread to practice making a sandwich. They worked on holding the plate still with one hand and spreading with the other- this is tricky stuff but the children enjoyed eating their sandwich afterwards!



Rainbow Room

Amongst the many exciting things we have enjoyed this half term, the children especially loved our Teddy Bears' Picnic. The children were fully immersed in the experience and had lots of fun preparing for the big day by making their own sandwiches and cakes.

Our teddies from home were invited to nursery for the picnic, which made the children very excited. We also all had our faces painted as teddy bears, which the children absolutely loved. Everyone had a lovely time-sharing food, playing together and enjoying our special teddy bears' picnic.



Sunshine Room

This term, the children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the topic of growing plants through a variety of hands-on activities and engaging stories. We shared wonderful books such as *Jack and the Beanstalk* and *Jasper's Beanstalk*, which sparked lots of conversations about how plants grow and what they need to stay healthy.

The children had the exciting opportunity to plant their very own beans and have been carefully looking after them by giving them water and sunlight. They have loved observing the changes over time and talking about the different parts of a plant. Some of our beans have already started to sprout and grow taller each day! The children are very eager to continue watching them grow and are hoping they might turn into giant beanstalks just like in the story.

Through this topic, the children have also been developing their curiosity, observation skills, and understanding of the natural world around them.

We were also very lucky to receive a special visit from local Police Officers, who came to talk to the children about their important role in helping and protecting the community. The officers explained that police officers are friendly people who are there to help us and that children should never feel afraid of them. The children enjoyed asking questions, trying on parts of the uniform, and learning about how the police help keep everyone safe.



Ada - 'We planted beanstalks. We used water, beans and mud. We need to pit water, we don't touch them and they need sun to grow!'

Eric 'I was a real police man. I put a jacket for the police man. And a hat! They help you if you are stuck into a tree or in a house. If you are lost, call the police men to help you.'



Year R

This term in year R we have been exploring creatures big and small, we have loved learning about minibeasts! We explored fascinating stories such as 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', 'What the Ladybird heard', and 'Dinosaurpus!'.

"First, he was an egg on a leaf, then he was a hungry caterpillar, then he went in his cocoon, after he was a butterfly!" – Evie.

To further our learning, we helped the minibeasts in our community by building them a bug hotel to stay safe in. We recycled our old boxes to create brand new homes for the bugs; we saw lots of snails, spiders, and slugs in our constructions!

Not only that, but we had an exciting day out to Longdown Dairy Farm this term. We enjoyed exploring the farm with the help of our tour guides who showed us all the different farm animals. We held chicks and eggs, fed goats and cows, and went on an exciting tractor ride. It was very bumpy!

"My favourite was holding the baby chicks, they were so fluffy and cute!" – Zosia.

We have also had some exciting new additions to our garden area, putting on our gloves and wellies we helped plant vegetables in our new garden such as cauliflowers, potatoes, and carrots. The vegetables have already started to grow, we had such fun planting them!

What an amazing summer term 1 you have had Year R, we look forward to many more adventures for our final term together. Well done everyone!



Year 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic half term packed with exciting learning opportunities across the curriculum. During phonic interventions, the children have been developing their skills through fun outdoor games including splat, sound hunts and racing to read both real and 'alien' words. In writing, the children have embraced moving classrooms and thoroughly enjoyed their work on *The Enormous Turnip*. After receiving a letter from the farmer, they worked together to create vegetable crates using a range of materials, role-play the story, build story mountains and write their own versions of the tale. Our afternoons have also been full of creativity and discovery, from observing our ongoing plant experiment in science to weaving with natural materials. In PSHE and RE, the children have enjoyed thoughtful discussions and role-play activities while learning about keeping safe and exploring special places.



Year 2

This half term year 2 have had a problem with a dragon!

It started when we found a mysterious gold egg in school, which we looked after carefully for several weeks. During this time, we had a visit from a dragon expert and author illustrator M P Robertson who taught us how to draw a dragon. Then our egg hatched and escaped! We wrote recounts about what had happened and were all shocked by the mess it made! We read 'Tell Me a Dragon' before writing a description of a dragon from the book. Next, we designed our own dragon and wrote about it using wonderful descriptive adjectives. We even thought about what jobs our dragons could do!

We have loved learning about dragons!

"I liked the fire dragon because when you're cold you can tell him to come here and make you warm. 'Reggie Delilah on when the dragon hatched
"It made a huge mess. I was shocked!
The egg shell had cracked open!



Gymnastics

Beam

3rd Poppy-may

2nd Freya

1st Helena

Floor

3rd Helena

2nd Rishi

1st Freya

Over all award

3rd Primrose

2nd Freya

1st Helena



All children represented Fairisle at a Gymnastics competition showing their brilliant sportsmanship we are very proud of them all. Well, Done!

Attendance Matters

