



Learning and Growing Together - Dysgu and Thyfu Gyda'n Gilydd

15th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year at Fairoak Primary School.

It has been a truly wonderful start to the term, and we have been delighted to see our children return to school with such enthusiasm and positivity. Everyone has settled incredibly well into their new classes, and it has been lovely to see pupils quickly building relationships with their new teachers and classmates.

We would also like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new starters in Nursery and to the many children who have joined us across the school. Seeing them become part of our school community has been a real pleasure, and we are excited to support them on their learning journey at Fairoak.

Our teachers have been busy getting to know their pupils and establishing positive routines for the year ahead. Over the coming weeks, classes will begin exploring their exciting new topics and curriculum learning. To stay informed about what your child is learning, please keep an eye on Class Dojo and the school website, where class information and updates will be shared regularly.

Yesterday morning, I had the pleasure of leading an assembly to select our new Fairoak Leaders and Deputy Leaders. All the candidates had carefully prepared speeches and confidently presented to the school, explaining why they should be chosen to represent their fellow pupils. Following a whole-school vote, I am delighted to announce that Yashal and Taayel have been elected as our new Fairoak Leaders, with Khaleel and Bessie elected as our Deputy Leaders.



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I would like to congratulate all the children who took part. It was wonderful to see such confidence, enthusiasm and a genuine desire to make a positive difference to our school community. Our new leaders will work alongside staff and myself throughout the year to ensure all children are happy, feel valued and continue to have a voice in school. They will also help us identify ways to continue improving and making Fair oak an even better place to learn. All the pupils in Year 6 can also become a 'Fair oak Assembly Member' (FAM) and will have the opportunity to participate in school improvement activities throughout the year which will include becoming 'Detectif Dysgu' - Learning Detectives.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our parents and carers for so warmly welcoming Albany Primary School into our school community. As many of you will know, Albany have temporarily occupied two of our spare classrooms for their reception pupils and are being taught separately by their own staff. Their Nursery pupils are currently sharing our Nursery provision, and we are fortunate to have a large Nursery building that can accommodate this arrangement. I would like to reassure parents that this has not impacted the teaching, learning or experiences of our own pupils.

We are also pleased to share how wonderful the school is now looking following the extensive building work completed last year. The freshly painted classrooms, new flooring and improved learning environments have created a bright, modern and welcoming atmosphere throughout the school. We are particularly delighted with the new canopy area for our Reception and Year 1 children, which is already enhancing outdoor learning opportunities and providing an excellent space for play and exploration. While most of the refurbishment work has now been completed, there are still a few remaining elements of the project to finish. We appreciate your continued patience and support as these final improvements are carried out and look forward to sharing further updates with you as work progresses.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We are excited about the year ahead and look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure every child has a happy, successful and memorable year at Fair oak. Please find some dates for the diary on the next page – further information will follow.

Yours sincerely,

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Date	Event/Activity
Week commencing 28 th September	Harvest Collection Week – Cathays Community Kitchen – further information to follow
2 nd October 9.15-10.15am	Harvest Coffee Morning – further details to follow
14 th October	Colorfoto – pupil photograph day
15 th October	‘Boogie Disco’ – further details to follow
21 st and 22 nd October	Parental Consultations - online
26 th – 30 th October	Half Term (school holiday)
2 nd November	Children return to school
3 rd November 2.15pm	Reception Parents Coffee/Film Afternoon – Film of pupils first half term.
13 th November	Children in Need
2 nd December	Winter Fayre
16 th December	Christmas Concert – further details to follow
21 st December – 1 st January	Christmas Holidays
4 th January	Inset Day (School closed)
5 th January	Children return to school

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