

NEWSLETTER NO. 5

Fair Oak Junior School

Friday 10th October 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

One of our main school priorities this year is to develop a love of reading and strengthen reading skills across the school. We know that helping children become confident, fluent readers is one of the best ways to support their learning, build their confidence and spark a lifelong enjoyment of books.

This week, our teachers took part in training on how to assess children's reading fluency. This helps us understand each child's reading needs — not just how quickly or accurately they read, but also how well they use expression, understand what they're reading and feel confident doing it. By deepening our understanding, we can then tailor support more effectively and ensure every child continues to make strong progress.

We would appreciate Parents and Carers help to continue this partnership at home by reading regularly with your child. Even 10 minutes each day makes a huge difference to fluency and comprehension. Asking questions, discussing characters and sharing your own enjoyment of reading all help children develop a lifelong love of books.



Next week, we are delighted to host our **Phonics Information Event** for parents. The session will provide an overview of how we teach phonics, how you can support early reading at home. We strongly encourage all parents of children in phonics groups to attend — it will be an informative designed to help you feel confident supporting your child.



Next week we are also looking forward to be participating in this year's Sustrans Bike to School Week. This national event celebrates the joy and benefits of cycling to school — promoting healthy lifestyles, reducing congestion and helping children develop independence and road safety awareness. The children enjoyed an engaging assembly this week, where John introduced the initiative and spoke about: road and cycling safety and the upcoming Bikers' Breakfast and Bike Doctor event on Tuesday 14th October. We hope as many families as possible will join in and cycle or scoot to school during the week.

Wishing you all a restful weekend and looking forward to another exciting week ahead.

Best wishes,
Zoe Loosemore

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