

Fair Oak Junior School

Friday 9th January 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school, our first week of 2026.

I have now completed my first week at Fair Oak Junior. I have visited all classes several times and have led two Assemblies. I have also spent time on the playground and in the lunch hall, so I think that I have seen enough to enable me to share some first impressions with you.

I have received a warm welcome from staff and children. I can tell that the staff like working here and have seen that they give a lot of discretionary effort to the school. The children tell me that they like their school and their teachers. They apply themselves to their learning and get along with each other. The school provides a significant amount of additional care and/or support to children when they need it. Organisationally the school is very strong. I've only been here a few days and whilst it's true to say that all schools have things that they need to work on, this is a good one. In summary, I think that you have made a very good choice in sending your child to Fair Oak Junior and I have made a good choice by coming here as Interim Head. So [congratulations](#) to all of us!

I am officially on the school gate on Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning. Please introduce yourself if you see me.



Best wishes,

Jim Hartley
Interim Headteacher

