

Newsletter



Friday 27th February 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely break last week and that the children have enjoyed their time back at school.

In the interests of full disclosure, I feel that I need to tell you something. Prior to being appointed as Interim Head at Fair Oak, I was planning on retiring. Thinking that I was going to be a man of leisure, I booked a few days in Gran Canaria with Mrs Hartley during term time. That is where I was during the first part of the week. In case you were wondering, this was taken as unpaid leave.

While I was away, I was keeping a close eye on the Cricket 20/20 World Cup where one of our parents, Liam Dawson, is playing for England. In case you aren't aware, England have progressed to the semi-final where they will probably be playing India or South Africa. Liam has been one of England's top performers in the competition so far and we wish him all the best for the remaining matches.

I know that a lot of you have been concerned about my missing wellies. Well, the good news is that they have been found. Someone, whose name I won't divulge, put them in a silly place!

I thoroughly enjoyed watching Year 6 rehearsing this morning alongside students from Wyvern College in preparation for the upcoming Vocal Festival at Thornden School. They sounded fantastic, and I wish them all the very best for their performance in two weeks' time.

I would like to extend my congratulations to all pupils who have represented the school with such pride in recent sporting events. Their dedication, teamwork and perseverance have truly reflected the very best of our school community. February's Sports Newsletter will be shared next Tuesday along with Oak Bites, where you can find out more about their accomplishments.

A final shout-out this week to the Pupil Councillors and Miss Wright, who have been busy organising 'Break the Rules Day', which is due to take place on Thursday 26th March. Further information to follow next week on the plans for the day.



Jim Hartley
Interim Headteacher

