

# Newsletter



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**Friday 20th March 2026**

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Dear Parents and Carers

My favourite part of this week was sitting in on the visit from Bishopstoke Invertebrates. The animals that were brought in were bigger than I expected, and the children who handled them were braver. I also enjoyed teaching a few lessons (Maths – Division) in Year 4.

I feel like giving thanks to the PSA has become a standing item in my Friday communications. This week, I need to thank them for organising the Year 5 movie night, along with the staff who helped with supervision. While I'm thanking supportive bodies, I would also like to thank and praise the Governors. This week, we had our third meeting of the term. You should know that the FOJS Governors are always well prepared for meetings and are ready to challenge school leaders as well as support them.

On a serious note, I understand that for some time the school has asked parents not to park in the area around the school entrance when dropping children off for breakfast club. The main reason for this is safety. Young children find it hard to concentrate when they are in groups and often make mistakes around cars. Adults too, can make mistakes in their cars, especially in the early morning.

Unfortunately, some parents and carers continue to disregard our requests. This morning, we had a near miss in that very area. It involved a parent who was reversing out of a space after dropping off their child at the front door for breakfast club. I would like to repeat the request that parents and carers desist from parking there for breakfast club drop-off.

You will have seen in this week's Oak Bites that we have invited parents to take part in an optional Smartphone Survey. This is something that I am personally very interested in, and I would urge parents to complete the survey [here](#).

Next week, I will share with you my reflections on my first term at Fair Oak.

Enjoy your weekend in the sunshine.

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