

## Goshawk and Harrier - Spring Term 2026 – Year 4

Welcome back to the Spring Term at Fairfields!

We hope that you all had a restful and peaceful Christmas and we wish you a happy 2026.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Please ensure that your child's uniform and PE kit are correctly named. We collected lots of lost property last term that was not named! Your child's PE kit **must** consist of navy or black shorts, a white T-shirt (Fairfields Logo preferred), a navy or black tracksuit/jumper and trainers. Please ensure that your child continues to bring a named water bottle daily. Thank you!

### PE / SWIMMING

Goshawk class will continue to have weekly swimming lessons on Thursday mornings whilst Harrier class will have their usual Tuesday PE session.

**Goshawk's final swimming lesson will be Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**

**Harrier will be going swimming from Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**

Goshawk class will resume PE lessons in school with Mr Zarkadoulas from **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February**, so they should wear their PE kit to school each **Tuesday from 10/2/26**. Please ensure that your child brings their swimming kit in on a Thursday

- Goshawk: up to and including **5/2/26**.
- Harrier: from **12/2/26** onward.

**The children need to wear their PE kits on the days that they have PE or swimming lessons.**

### ENGLISH

In our daily English lessons, we will be reading our class novels. In the first half of the term, we will be reading '**The Firework Maker's Daughter**' by Phillip Pullman. We will be writing around this, focusing on play scripts. We will then look at persuasive texts in the form of speeches before writing our own linked to our history topic. In the second half of the term, we will be reading Michael Morpurgo's adaptation of the classic myth '**Beowulf**'. We will write our own myths and then link this to some non-fiction writing on instructions. We will also be building on grammar and spelling skills and rules learnt last term, as well as developing skills in creative writing and will be especially concentrating on improving reading comprehension.

**Please ensure your child brings their reading book and reading record to school every day.**

Please continue to read both the school reading book and any other texts with your child at home and record this in their record book. Any access children get to fiction and non-fiction books, especially those linked to our school topics will greatly assist their learning.

### MATHS

Children will be following the White Rose scheme in line with the National Curriculum. The topics covered will include the four operations (add, subtract, multiply and divide), decimal numbers, fractions and money. We will also be continuing with Times Tables Rock Stars, so please practise all times tables with your child regularly. The children will be completing the statutory Multiplication Check in June and need to know all times tables up to 12x12 fluently.

Other topics we will be studying this term are:

Science	Sound
Computing	E-Safety & iMail
Art	Exploring Still Life (Paul Cezanne)
DT	Story Books
History	Linked to Rotten Romans & Awful Anglo-Saxons.
Music	'Stop' – a song about bullying and Lean on Me
RE	Buddhism and Christianity
PE	Gymnastics and Football
PSHCE	Dreams and Goals and Healthy Me
French	Linked to our topic 'Rotten Romans' and Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

#### WORKSHOPS:

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026: Rotten Romans

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026: Awful Anglo – Saxons

#### **HOMEWORK**

Your child will continue to bring home weekly spellings. These will be given out on a Monday and tested on a Friday. It would help if you can support your child in practising their spellings within sentences, along with the activities on the spelling menus at the bottom of the Parent Info on the website. We will continue to send home times table sheets weekly as well as setting battles on TT Rock Stars. We will continue with regular quizzes and activities on SPaG.com. Please log in weekly and complete the tasks that have been assigned.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or queries you may have so we can ensure your child's continued happiness at Fairfields.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Wallace - Hickey and Mr J. Murphy

Don't forget to check the Parent Info section on <https://www.fairfields.herts.sch.uk/weekly-class-information> for weekly ideas on how to help your child with English and maths topics! It also includes the spellings for the week and a 'menu' at the bottom with different ideas to help practise these spellings.