



Week 1
11 Jan 2024

Attendance News

Each week the class with the highest attendance will be shared here.

Welcome back to another term and we hope all our families had a restful and peaceful Christmas.



Ferris Wheels

Year 2 children had a great start to the term designing and making Ferris Wheels in their DT lessons. They learnt how to cut wood safely and glued carefully to ensure the wheel moved round smoothly.



Primary Maths Challenge

Some of our Y5&6 children sat the Primary Maths Challenge last term. From all the children across the country who sat the paper, Adishree and Nashita have made it through to the next challenge round. Well done to them both and to everyone else who took what was a very tricky maths paper.

Spelling Bee

Well done to all our Spelling Bee winners:

Y1	Oliver C	Y2	Thanvi
Y3	Martin	Y4	Varshunan
Y5	Khalid	Y6	Sofia

The overall winning house was Malala.

World Read Aloud Day - Wednesday 7 February

This year we are celebrating World Read Aloud Day on Wednesday 7 February. This day is dedicated not just to reading, but to the art and practice of reading aloud. All children are encouraged to bring a copy of their favourite book, poem or magazine to school to share in class.

Dance

The children in years 1, 3, 4 & 5 enjoyed some more dance sessions this week linked to their ongoing work. Year 3 in particular enjoyed Roman themed dancing.



ECC Survey

Essex County Council asked that we share this survey with parents:

As a parent or carer of a child who attends primary school we want to know your requirements for wraparound care and we are asking you to complete this short survey:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=TzK0qFwVFUKg8X7YzJqZLWjRBQ0e02BCvDZWV2-UaK9UQVhXVEtPOE9RT0hYWTJaSVdJRUJOWDdHNC4u>

Your answers will help understand where Essex County Council should target support and/or funding. Participation is completely voluntary and we really do appreciate your time in doing this. This survey will remain open until 28 January.

Dinner Menu w/b 15 January 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jacket potato Wheat & dairy	Popcorn chicken Gluten & egg	Roast chicken & stuffing Gluten	Pork sausage roll Gluten, soya & sulphur dioxide	Fish fingers Fish & gluten
~~~WITH~~~ Cheese - dairy or baked beans or tuna mayo Fish & egg	~~~OR~~~ Pop Quorn Gluten & egg	~~~OR~~~ Golden vegetable loaf Dairy, egg & gluten	~~~OR~~~ Vegetarian sausage roll Gluten	~~~OR~~~ Crispy Quorn dippers Gluten & soya
Coleslaw Egg Salad bar	~~~WITH~~~ Wholegrain & white rice Carrots, peas	~~~WITH~~~ Roast potatoes Seasonal veg	~~~WITH~~~ Mashed potato Baked beans	~~~WITH~~~ Chipped potatoes Peas
Arctic roll Gluten, egg & dairy	Cookie Gluten	Fresh fruit platter	Chocolate sponge & chocolate sauce Gluten, egg & dairy	Fresh fruit

### PTA

Thank you for all your support at the Christmas events. The PTA have raised just over £2,000 from all the events run in December.

We have some exciting news what we will be spending this on, watch this space for further announcements.

### Christmas Clothing

If anyone has any unwanted children's Christmas clothing that they have grown out of please put these in the box in the office reception.

### Wreaths

If you would like to recycle your wreath from the Christmas wreath making evening please take these to the office in a bag.

## Diary Dates

*Dates changed or added this week in red.*

Spring 2024		
Wed 17 Jan	Y3 Colchester Castle	
Fri 26 Jan	PTA Tuck shop	3.10
Tues 30 Jan	Junior choir at Young Voices at the O2	
Tues 6 Feb	Y4 Superstar sports	12.30-14.45
Wed 7 Feb	World Read Aloud Day - bring your favourite book to school	
Fri 16 Feb	PTA Tuck shop	3.10
Mon 19 Feb	Half term	
Mon 26 Feb	Inset - school closed to children	
Weds 28 Feb	Parents' Evening	3.45-5.45
Thurs 29 Feb	Parents' Evening	5pm-7.30
Thurs 7 Mar	World Book Day - non uniform / dress as book character	
Fri 15 Mar	Red Nose day - non uniform and donate £1	
Tues 19 Mar	The Two Johns - important session for parents	6pm
Thurs 28 Mar	Break up PTA Easter tuck shop	3.10

<b>Summer 2024</b>		
Mon 15 Apr	School starts	8.40
Thurs 18 Apr	Y4&Y5 Ultimate Scooters	
Fri 19 Apr	Y4&Y5 Ultimate Scooters	
Fri 26 Apr	Tuck shop	
Thurs 2 May	Provision Inset day - closed for voting TBC	
Fri 3 May	EYFS & Y5 Road safety sessions	
Mon 6 May	Bank Holiday	
Thurs 16 May	PTA fun afternoon for EYFS, Y1&2	
Fri 17 May	EYFS & Y5 Road safety sessions	
Mon 20 May	Y6 dance sessions	
Tues 21 May	EYFS & Y2 dance sessions	
Thurs 23 May	PTA disco for Y3,4,5	tbc
Fri 24 May	PTA Tuck shop	3.10
Mon 27 May	Half term	
Tues 4 June	Y5 First aid sessions	
Thurs 6 June	Y2 Mini Games	9.30-11.45
12 - 14 June	Y6 Residential	
Thurs 20 June	Sports Day	9.30 KS2 1.30 EYFS & KS1
Fri 12 July	Dance Afternoon for parents	2pm
Thurs 27 June	PTA Tuck shop	3.10
Mon 1 July	Inset - school closed to children	
Thurs 18 July	Y6 Play for parents at Boswells Theatre	6pm
Fri 19 July	PTA sponsored colour run	
Sat 20 July	PTA Year 6 leavers party events	TBC
Tues 23 July	Children break up at <b>1.30</b>	<b>1.30</b>

*All dates subject to change*

### **PE Days**

EYFS - Fri

Y2 - Thurs & Fri

Y4 - Mon & Tues

Y6 - Thurs & Fri

Y1 - Mon & Tues

Y3 - Mon & Weds

Y5 - Tues & Wed