



**Week 3**  
**23 Jan**  
**2025**

### Attendance News

The highest attendance for the week beginning 13 January was Y4 Polar Bears with 99%.

### Young Voices

Our junior choir travelled to the O2 this week to sing as part of a Young Voices concert. They sang and danced together with thousands of children from across the country, performing an exciting range of musical theatre, pop and reggae classics. It was a real treat to see our experienced singers leading the way with confidence and to see those experiencing the thrill of this event for the first time performing with huge smiles and enthusiasm. There will be an opportunity to see the junior choir sing selected songs from the day during our normal after school session on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Please join us if you can.



### Road Safety

Some of our EYFS and Y5 children took part in road safety sessions last week with the others taking part tomorrow. EYFS parents were also invited in to hear about a road safety. This session focused on the importance of road safety and simple rules to follow as pedestrians, scooting or cycling.

As our Y5 pupils are starting to make more independent journeys, the session aimed to equip students with knowledge of important road features, safe crossing checks and tools to keep themselves safe. The children completed training at the roadside.



### Y5 Science

Year 5 have been studying the movement of the planets in science. Yesterday we moved outside to demonstrate the orbit of our planets and compared it with the ancient orbit theories around Earth. Check out the video on our school twitter feed.  
*Mr Lamb*



### Word Millionaires

Congratulations to our latest word millionaires: Ameyaa and Agastya both in Y6 Lions.

### Craft Club

KS2 craft club made a colourful paper spinning toy. We glued paper strips to make the lantern part. We cut wooden doweling for the stick and attached a straw to hold it in place to enable it to spin. This week, we are making bird feeders as we have been talking about the Big Garden Bird Watch in assembly.  
*Mrs Fisk*

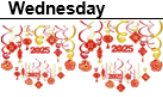



## PTA

Next Tuck Shop: Friday 31 January

Come and find us in the playground. Sweets and cakes for 50p or £1. Cash or card payments accepted

## Dinner Menu w/b 27 January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jacket potato	Spaghetti Bolognese <b>Gluten</b>		Pork sausage roll <b>Gluten &amp; sulphites</b>	Battered fish fillet <b>Fish &amp; gluten</b>
~~~~WITH~~~~ Cheese <b>Dairy</b> beans or tuna mayonnaise <b>Egg &amp; fish</b>	~~~~OR~~~~ 5 Bean chilli <b>Gluten &amp; egg</b>	Sweet & sour chicken <b>Sulphites &amp; soya</b>	~~~~OR~~~~ Veggie sausage roll <b>Gluten</b>	~~~~OR~~~~ Cheesy omelette <b>Egg &amp; dairy</b>
Salad	~~~~WITH~~~~ Rice Mixed veg	~~~~OR~~~~ Mini vegetarian spring rolls <b>Soya &amp; wheat</b> with sweet chilli dip	~~~~WITH~~~~ Mashed potato <b>Dairy</b> Beans	~~~~WITH~~~~ Chipped potatoes Peas
Jam crumble slice <b>Gluten</b>	Vanilla sponge with pink custard <b>Gluten, egg &amp; dairy</b>	~~~~WITH~~~~ Special rice Singapore noodles <b>Wheat &amp; soya</b> Prawn cracker <b>Crustacean</b>	Chocolate & cinnamon shortbread <b>Gluten</b>	Fresh fruit
		Vanilla icecream <b>Dairy</b> with toffee banans <b>Dairy</b>		
				

## Diary Dates

*Dates changed or added this week in red.*

Spring 2025		
Fri 24 Jan	Y5 Rhinos Road Safety EYFS Squirrels Road Safety	2pm
Thurs 30 Jan	Y3 to Colchester Castle	
Fri 31 Jan	Tuck shop & World Book Day outfit sale	3.10
Mon 3 Feb	Y3 & Y5 dance sessions - wear PE kit	
Tues 4 Feb	Y1 & Y2 dance sessions - wear PE kit Y4 Superstar sports event - wear PE kit	
Weds 5 Feb	Day of Reflection - wear bright colours and donate to Farleigh Hospice	
Thurs 6 Feb	Y6 London trip	
6-11 Feb	Book Fayre - after school in the courtyard each day	3.15
Wed 12 Feb	<b>Choir after school session – a selection of songs sung at the O2</b>	
17-21 Feb	Half term	
Weds 26 Feb	Parents' evening appointments - remote meetings	4-6.30pm
Thurs 27 Feb	Parents' evening appointments - face to face meetings	3.45-5.45pm
Fri 28 Feb	Tuck shop & World Book Day outfit sale	3.10
Thurs 6 Mar	World Book Day - non uniform / dress as a book character day	
Wed 12 Mar	SEND coffee morning with Mrs Anderson	8.45-9.45
Tues 18 Mar	Concert for Rocksteady parents	10am
Fri 21 Mar	Red Nose Day <b>EYFS &amp; Y1 Phonics afternoon for parents</b>	2.30-3pm
Tues 25 Mar	<b>PTA Mothers' day/ someone special sale</b>	9am

Fri 28 Mar	PTA Mothers' day/ someone special sale Tuck shop	9am 3.10
Fri 4 Apr	Break up PTA Non-uniform day - wear Smarties colours and donate £1	
Over the holidays	Smarties challenge	
Fri 4 Apr	Tuck shop	
<b>Summer 2025</b>		
Tues 22 Apr	School starts	8.40
22 - 25 Apr	Y5 Bikeability	
Mon 28 Apr	Y4 swimming starts - every Monday	
Weds 30 Apr	PTA Smarties fun afternoon for class winners	
Thurs 1 May	Inset - school closed to children	
Fri 2 May	Inset - school closed to children	
Mon 5 May	Bank Holiday - school closed	
Tues 6 May	School starts	8.40
6 - 7 May	Y5 Bikeability	
Thurs 15 May	PTA Y3,4,5 disco	5-6.30pm
Thurs 22 May	PTA fun afternoon EYFS, Y1 & Y2 during the school day	
Fri 23 May	Tuck shop	3.10
26-30 May	Half term	
4-6 June	Y6 Residential	
Thurs 19 June	<b>Class photos</b>	
Fri 27 June	Tuck shop	3.10
Tues 15 July	Concert for Rocksteady parents	10am
Fri 18 July	Tuck shop	3.10
Sat 19 July	Y6 Leavers' events - Wilderness Centre & disco	tbc
Tues 22 July	Children break up at <b>1.30</b>	<b>1.30</b>

All dates subject to change

A copy of the 2024/2025 terms and holidays calendar can be found on the school website.

### PE Days

The children's PE days are  
 Y1 - Mon & Weds  
 Y3 - Tues & Thurs  
 Y5 - Mon & Fri

EYFS - Fri  
 Y2 - Mon & Weds  
 Y4 - Tues & Weds  
 Y6 - Mon & Thurs

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# Should I keep my child off school?

## Yes

### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.