



Week 11
2 July
2026

Attendance News

The highest attendance for the week beginning 22 June was Y6 Lions with 94.2%.

Colchester Zoo

Every year group had an amazing trip to Colchester Zoo this week with Y1 and Y6 going tomorrow. The children particularly liked seeing the animals they have been learning about in school.



Staffing

At the end of this term, we say goodbye to Mrs Youngs who will be taking on a new role and exciting challenges at a local school. As our Maths Lead, Mrs Youngs has been an integral member of the leadership team making a significant contribution to school life. She also established both our infant and junior choirs and has given our children the wonderful opportunity to take part in Young Voices at the O2 each year. We are very grateful for all she has brought to our school and wish her every success in her new role.

On Safari

Parents and families are invited to share the children's work and also be entertained by their dance, music and oracy presentations from 1.30 next Thursday. EYFS, Y1 and Y2 work will be in the infant hall and KS2 work in the junior hall with dance and drumming on the field.

1.45	Y2	Dance	1.55	Y5	presentations	junior hall
1.55	Y3	Drumming & Dance	2.05	Y6	presentations	junior hall
2.05	EYFS	Dance	2.15	Y2	presentations	infant hall
2.15	Y1	Dance	2.35	Y3	presentations	junior hall
2.25	Y4	Drumming				
2.35	Y5	Gumboot Dance			Other year groups have recordings of the	
2.45	Y6	Dance			children's work as part of their exhibition.	

Dance

All our classes took part in African dance sessions with Lorraine our visiting dance teacher this week. They listened to stories and music from Africa and created dances. They thoroughly enjoyed the masks and costumes.



Y2 Mini Games

The year 2 children participated in some different mini games events against other schools from Chelmsford. We then waved our flags in a closing ceremony parade.

Mrs Jackson



PTA News

Bubble Bash - Non uniform all day, children taking part in the Bubble Bash will get wet. Our Bubble Bash summer event is bursting into action after school on Tuesday 7 July. We're transforming the school field into a bubbly obstacle course packed with foamy surprises and upbeat music to keep everyone moving. Children will dash, dive and dance their way through clouds of bubbles all while raising money for our school. It's the perfect mix of fun, fitness and fundraising and we can't wait to see the smiles. Tickets are £10 per child, to be purchased in advance on Scopay, this is now open to book. Each child will receive a medal for taking part. Please note: children must be accompanied by a parent or carer. Come join the fun and help us make this event unforgettable.

Dinner Menu w/b Monday 29 June

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jacket potato with cheese dairy or tuna mayo fish & egg or baked beans	Spaghetti Bolognese with sweetcorn & garlic bread Gluten & beef	Roast gammon Pork	Breakfast brunch Pork, gluten & sulphites	Jumbo fish finger Fish & gluten
~~~OR~~~ Macaroni cheese <b>Gluten &amp; dairy</b>	~~~OR~~~ Vegetarian sausage roll with mash and sweetcorn <b>Gluten</b>	~~~OR~~~ Garlic & herb Quorn fillet <b>Gluten</b>	~~~OR~~~ Vegetarian brunch <b>Gluten</b>	~~~OR~~~ Omelette popover <b>Egg &amp; dairy</b>
~~~WITH~~~ Salad Crusty bread <b>Gluten &amp; may contain sesame</b>	~~~WITH~~~ Fruit jelly with cream <b>Dairy</b>	~~~WITH~~~ New potatoes Seasonal veg	~~~WITH~~~ Hash browns Baked beans	~~~WITH~~~ Chipped potatoes Peas
Victoria sandwich slice Gluten, egg & may contain soya		Summer scone Gluten & may contain soya	Snickerdoodle cookie Gluten	Fresh fruit platter

Diary Dates Dates changed or added this week in red

Summer 2026		
Fri 3 July	Y1 & Y6 to Colchester Zoo	
Sat 4 July	Y6 Leavers' disco	tbc
Tues 7 July	Rockband concert for Rocksteady parents PTA summer event Big Bubble Bash - non uniform all day	9.30 After school
Thurs 9 July	Showcase / open afternoon for parents and families	1.30
Tues 14 July	Y6 play for Y6 parents	2pm & 6pm
Fri 17 July	Break up	1.30
Autumn 2026		
Tues 1 Sept	Inset day - school closed to children	
Wed 2 Sept	School starts	
Thurs 11 Nov	Individual photos	
Weds 2 Sept	School starts	8.40
tbc	PTA - AGM for parents	tbc

Thurs 15 Oct	Harvest assembly for children	
26 - 30 Oct	Half term holiday	
Mon 9 Nov	Inset - school closed to children Parent meetings face to face and video calls	
Thurs 11 Nov	Individual photos	
Fri 20 Nov	Children in Need - wear non uniform and donate	
Thurs 26 Nov	House Colour Day - wear house colours	
Fri 4 Dec	PTA funded panto	
Mon 7 Dec	Flu vaccinations Christmas for Y1 Dolphins parents Christmas for Y1 Sharks parents	9.30 2.30
Tues 8 Dec	Christmas for Y2 Barn Owls parents Christmas for Y2 Badgers parents	9.30 2.30
Weds 9 Dec	Christmas for Y3 Seals parents Christmas for Y3 Turtles parents	9.30 2.30
Thurs 10 Dec	Christmas for Y4 Polar Bears parents Christmas for Y4 Penguins parents	9.30 2.30
Fri 11 Dec	Christmas for Y5 Elephants parents Christmas for Y5 Hippos parents	9.30 2.30
Mon 14 Dec	Christmas for EYFS parents	2.30
Weds 16 Dec	Christmas dinner	9.30 2.30
Fri 18 Dec	Break up	3.10

All dates subject to change

A copy of the 2026/7 holidays calendar can be found on the school website.

PE Days

The PE days are:

EYFS	Tues & Fri	Y1	Weds & Fri
Y2	Mon & Thurs	Y3	Mon & Tues
Y4	Mon & Thurs	Y5	Weds & Fri
Y6	Mon & Tues		

Confirmed Inset Days for 2026/2027

Thursday 25 March 2027

Thursday 6 May 2027

Friday 7 May 2027

Free Family Events in Chelmsford

A snapshot of low or no cost fun & family-friendly activities across Mid Essex Helping you make the most of the summer holidays!

Families across Mid Essex can enjoy a range of free, fun summer events in Braintree, Chelmsford, and Maldon.

This guide highlights local activities, support, and welcoming spaces to help keep children entertained.

This is just a starting point, there are many more opportunities available through local organisations, offering plenty to explore this summer. Scan here to take a look at our web page for further activities on offer.

Find out more here!



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SUMMER 2026 Highlights in CHELMSFORD

20th & 21st Jul
10am-5pm

MARSH FARM SEND FEST

Suitable for aged all ages
Festival for children and young people with SEND and their families, with activities, animals, and entertainment. Tickets from £10. Free tickets also available for eligible Essex residents benefit-related FSM or Universal Credit. Contact kerry@independenceproject.co.uk for more details



27th - 31st Jul
10am-12pm and 1-3pm

PICNIC IN THE PARK

Suitable for 3-11 yrs
Free themed activity days at Melbourne Park. Activities include: sports, games, crafts and food demonstrations. A free lunch is available for anyone accessing benefit-based free school meals. Please book a space via www.chelmsford.gov.uk/picnicinthepark



22nd Jul - 21st Aug
10am-12pm and 1-3pm

PLAY IN THE PARK

Suitable for 3-11 yrs
A series of free 2 hour play sessions in parks and parish venues around the Chelmsford District. Activities include: sports, games and crafts. Some sessions have additional 'Extras' including inflatables, petting zoos and more. Please book a space via www.chelmsford.gov.uk/play



6th Aug
10.30am-1pm

FREE SCHOOL UNIFORM EVENT AT CHRIST CHURCH

Suitable for families with school-aged children ages 4-16 yrs
You are invited to pick up free pre-loved school uniform (subject to availability). Local organisations will also be on hand offering information, advice, and support. Location: Christ Church Chelmsford, 164 New London Road, CM2 0AW



24th Jul- 28th Aug

ESSEX YOUTH SERVICE SUMMER SESSIONS

Suitable 11-16yrs
Weekly Gaming Sessions at Chelmergate Youth Centre CM2 0LG. These sessions run every Friday from 1pm-4pm during the holidays starting the 24th July. SEND session are also running from Galleywood Youth Centre, Contact youthwork@essex.gov.uk for more details.



Need more support?

You can find information relating to advice, services and support for children, young people and families at:

www.essex.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/support-children-young-people-and-families