



Week 12
8 July
2026

Attendance News

The highest attendance for the week beginning 29 June was Y1 Dolphins with 99.3%.

***** Parents please join us tomorrow from 1.30 *****

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 tomorrow. Due to the expected heat, we have rearranged venues:
the children's work will be on display in their classrooms with dance and drumming in the junior hall.

1.45	Y2	Dance
1.55	Y3	Drumming & Dance
2.05	EYFS	Dance
2.15	Y1	Dance
2.25	Y4	Drumming
2.35	Y5	Gumboot Dance
2.45	Y6	Dance

1.55	Y5 presentations	Y5 rooms
2.05	Y6 presentations	Y6 rooms
2.15	Y2 presentations	Y2 rooms
2.35	Y3 presentations	Y3 rooms

Other year groups have recordings of the children's work as part of their exhibition.

Please join your child/ren in their classroom from 1.30

A reminder that children break up for the summer holidays at 1.30 on Friday 17 July

Y5 Baking

As part of their learning about South Africa, Year 5 had the opportunity to make a malva pudding which is a traditional South African dessert. This rich, sweet sponge is baked and then soaked in a warm buttery sauce. The children were amazed by just how much sauce the pudding absorbed but all agreed that it tasted delicious.

Mrs Master



Volleyball

On Monday, years 3, 4 and 5 enjoyed a volleyball masterclass led by Great Britain coach Mr Lewis from Boswells. They learnt to set and dig a volleyball before taking their new skills onto the volleyball courts with the volleyball coaches.

Mr Lamb

Colchester Zoo

All our classes have now spent a great day at Colchester Zoo. The children really enjoyed seeing all the animals they have been learning about. A big thank you to all our parent helpers.



Race For Life

Charlotte in Y6 is taking part in a Race for Life Pretty Muddy to raise money and save lives. Every single pound donated makes a difference to Cancer Research UK's groundbreaking work, if you would like to sponsor Charlotte <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/susies-race-for-life-327469579>



Rockband

Congratulations to our Rock Steady bands for another fantastic performance for their parents. Their rhythm, singing, musicality and stage presence were outstanding. It was a wonderful concert that reflected all the hard work and dedication they have put in.

Mrs Master

PTA News

Bubble Bash - Cancelled

We made the difficult decision to cancel yesterday's Big Bubble Bash due to the high temperatures and the potential risk to the children.

We were really disappointed, as we know the children had been looking forward to it. However, the safety and wellbeing of all children had to come first.

We hope to rearrange the event early in the new school year so the children still have something exciting to look forward to.

Thank you for your understanding.

Summer Raffle

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our summer raffle, which was drawn yesterday. We hope all our winners enjoy their prizes and we're grateful to everyone who took part and helped raise funds for our school community.

Dinner Menu w/b Monday 6 July



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pork & carrot meatballs Pork	Sausages Pork, gluten & sulphites	Tomato pasta bake Gluten & dairy	Meaty pizza Pork, gluten, dairy & may contain sesame	Assorted fish Fish & gluten
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Pop Quorn Gluten & eggs	Veggie Bolognese Soya & spaghetti Gluten	Jacket potato with cheese dairy	Cheese pizza Gluten, dairy & may contain sesame	Veggie selection
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Spaghetti Gluten Mixed vegetables	Mash Baked beans	Salad	Salad	Chips Garden peas
Ice cream tubs Dairy	Pancakes Gluten, egg & dairy	Fresh fruit platter	Assorted chilled desserts	Assorted desserts

Diary Dates Dates changed or added this week in red

Summer 2026		
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	
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.

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