



Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

This Week

Welcome back. It was wonderful to see all the children returning to school this week telling stories of how much they enjoyed the Christmas holiday.

On Monday I held an attendance assembly, where winners were picked at random and won smart watches for their 100% attendance last term. The lucky winners can be found on page 2. We also talked about the importance of coming into school every day and the benefits of doing so. There will be more prizes at the end of this term for children who have 100% attendance.

This week Dan Sceats from Essex Music Services came into school to teach all the classes African Drumming. All of the children in school had the chance to experience playing a drum. He taught them basic drum beats and more complicated rhythms, where they really had to concentrate and work as a team. The children really enjoyed the experience.

Cold Play

When temperatures are far too low, for the children’s wellbeing, playtime will be restricted to ten minutes with any remaining play taking place indoors.

PE & Dance Kits

Can you please make sure your child comes to school in their PE/Dance kit on their PE day. Tracksuits in the colder weather are acceptable. PE/Dance days for each year group are: Reception—Tuesday, Year 1—Thursday, Year 2—Wednesday.

School Closures

In the event that there is heavy snow fall and conditions are too dangerous to open the school, a text will be sent through the school office advising of this. Details of any closures will also be put on the school website.

Driving and Parking

I have had many complaints regarding parking in unauthorised areas and dangerous driving. Please do not park on residents drives. I have contacted North Essex Parking Partnership to request a presence of wardens in the mornings and afternoons and I will be contacting our local MP too. I will update you once I receive a reply.



Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs K Maguire-Egan: Head Teacher

Key Dates	
19th-23rd	Presentation Week
21st	Space Dome— Yr 2
13th Feb	Valentine’s Dinner
10th	Reception Valentine Disco
11th	Year 1 Valentine Disco
12th	Year 2 Valentine Disco
Menu	WC 12th January –Wk 1

If you need to apply for a Reception/Year 3 place for your child, please note this needs to be completed online. The application process is now open and the statutory national closing date for applications is 15th January 2025. Applications can be

made online via
[www.essex.gov.uk/
admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)



Attendance

The class winners this week were Kingfishers in first place, followed by Rabbits and Ducklings.

Well done to all classes but especially Kingfishers whose reward will be extra time in the adventure playground.

Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for the following:

Relief Mid Day Assistants

Parent Governors

Volunteer Readers

If you would like to find out more information, please contact the school office.

Head Teacher's Surgery

I hold a surgery every Thursday afternoon. If you would like to see me to discuss any issues, please contact the school office to make an appointment.

Warm Coats

In view of the colder weather, please make sure your child comes to school in a warm winter coat and ensure their coat is zipped/buttoned up.

Reception & Year 3 Admissions for Academic Year starting in September 2025

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100% Attendance Winners

The winners of the smart watches for 100% attendance in the Autumn Term were: Shade—Cygnets, Princess—Hedgehogs and Nazat—Woodpeckers. Well done to all the children. I hope you enjoy your prize.

All children who have 100% attendance for this Spring Term will have their names put in a hat and will have the same chance of being selected to win an amazing prize.

Reminders

All children should come to school with a water bottle, containing only water
Please support your child with their homework and hand it in on time
Please read with your child daily and complete their reading diary

Book Bags

Book bags are now back in stock at £4.50 each and can be purchased from the school office.

Year 1

Castles and Dragons Topic Monday 12th January



To support their new Topic, all Year 1 children are invited to come into school dressed up as their favourite medieval character on Monday 12th January.

School Uniform



School uniform will only be available to purchase on-line shortly. More details will follow soon.

Reducing our Carbon Footprint



Below are this week's tips on how to save money and reduce our carbon footprint.

THIS WEEK'S ENERGY SAVING TIPS



- Use a slow cooker or an air fryer - with a slow cooker you can cook a meal for about the same cost as powering a lightbulb
- Keep track of your spending with a smart meter and spot energy-guzzling appliances
- Switch to LED lightbulbs they use up to 80% less energy.

After School Clubs

Please find below a list of the after school clubs for the Spring term. All clubs will commence on Monday 19th January 2026, with the exception of Dance/Cheerleading which will start next week. (These have been booked separately on a different system)

Booking links will be available from 12/01/2026. A text message will be sent containing the link to be used.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Football Y1 (SW)	Dodgeball Y1/Y2 (SW)	Basketball Y1/Y2 (SW)	Football Y2 (SW)
Cookie-Story Y2 (MG)	Music Singing Y2 (KW)	Construction YR (LT)	Creative Art Y2 (KME)
Colouring-Film Y2 (TW)	Art and Craft Y1 (JH)	Construction Y2 (RH)	ICT Y1 (NC)
Colouring-Film Y1 (TY)			
Construction Y1 (IB)			
Reading YR (AD)	CHEERLEADING Y1/Y2	DANCE/CHEERLEADING YR	DANCE Y1/Y2