

Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

This Week

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

On Monday I held an assembly about New Year’s Resolutions. We discussed what this means and the types of resolutions that can be made.

We were also visited by Carol and Helen from Clacton Library this week who told the children all about the new Winter Read which is taking place this January and February.

Reception have started their new topic ‘People Who Help Us’. The children will enjoy finding out about many different jobs that people undertake and what they involve.

Next Week

Please can you remind your children that next week is Presentation Week. The children who have the most improved presentation or most outstanding presentation will receive a certificate for their effort.

Cold Play

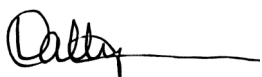
When temperatures are far too low, for the children’s wellbeing, playtime will be restricted to approximately ten minutes with any remaining play taking place indoors.

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—Wednesday, and Year 2—Thursday

Kind regards




**Mrs K Maguire-Egan
Head Teacher**



Key Dates	
January	
6th-17th	People Who Help Us Week: Reception
13th-17th	Presentation Week
23rd	Year 2—Wonder Dome—Space Experience Day
27th-31st	Chinese New Year Week
28th & 30th	Chinese Cultural Days
29th	Police Visit
Menu	WC 13th January Week 1

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★ **Attendance** ★ 

★ **The class winners were** ★

★ **Ducklings, Hedgehogs** ★

★ **and Robins.** ★

★ **Well done to all classes** ★

★ **but especially** ★

★ **Ducklings whose** ★

★ **reward will be extra** ★

★ **time in the adventure** ★

★ **playground.** ★

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Warm Coats
In view of the colder weather, please make sure your child comes to school in a warm winter coat, gloves and a hat.

Parking



Before Christmas we received a call from a resident in Windsor Avenue stating that one of our Parents had parked their blue Peugeot 208 on their drive.

I understand that driving and parking around the school area can be difficult but please do not park on residents drives or block their drives. Thank you.

Cake Sale

The Cake Sale that took place before Christmas raised £200.

All money will be used to purchase resources for the children. Thank you so much for your continued support. Thank you also to the PTA for their continued support

Year 1

Castles and Dragons Topic Monday 13th 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 13th January.

Kitchen Equipment

Due to new equipment being installed in the kitchen and staff requiring extra training, there may be some slight differences on the menu. Thank you.

Parent Information Session—Reaching Your Full Potential



We would like you to join us!

WEDNESDAY 29TH JANUARY

8.45AM to 10AM



In order for your child to achieve their best outcomes and work at their full potential, there are some strategies that can be used at home as well as in school to aid this achievement.

I would like to invite parents to a one hour session where Subject Leaders can share ways to support your child out of school with English and Maths.

Please join us from 8.45am for a bacon roll (vegetarian option available) and a coffee/tea to see what you can do to support your child from home.

If you are interested in booking a place on this session, please call the school office to reserve your spot.

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

Closing Date 15th January 2025

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

Reception Year

Can you please make every effort to return your child's reading book and read with them every day.

Please also encourage your child to practise putting on and taking off their jumper independently. Thank you for your support.

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.