

Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

This Week

On Monday the children attended an assembly to celebrate Remembrance Week and we talking about the meaning of this special time. We learnt about what happened on 11th November 1918 and how families remember those who were lost in the war. On Tuesday the children attended an additional assembly led by Fr. Matt from St James Church in Clacton who told them the story of St Martin. He re-enacted the story where a Roman soldier saw a woman suffering from cold conditions and showed love by cutting his cloak in two to provide her with warmth. The children observed the two minutes silence and sang Remembrance songs.

Thank you to everybody who donated to this exceptional cause. All monies raised will be given directly to the Royal British Legion. Details of the amount raised will be given next week.

It was wonderful to see so many children supporting Children in Need today, wearing lots of Pudsey and colourful clothing. All monies raised will be given directly to Children in Need. We will advise you of the amount raised shortly. Thank you to everybody who supported this worthy cause.

On Thursday the Year 2 children were visited by a representative from Wild Science. They brought in a snake, a cockroach, a gecko and a fat-tailed gerbil for the children to see. They also talked to the children about their habitat, what they ate, their body parts and what they do to survive in the wild.

The children were very excited and enjoyed seeing the animals and talking about amphibians, carnivores, herbivores, the climate and the Rain Forest.

Age Appropriate On-line Viewing

It has come to my attention that some of our children are watching online material that is not age appropriate. One particular set of characters are called Italian Brain Rot. This contains some shocking characters and images. If you are allowing your children to use devices, please ensure your child uses the age appropriate apps. Thank you for your understanding and support.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards



Mrs K Maguire-Egan: Head Teacher



Key Dates	
November	
28th	Non Pupil Day
December	
2nd	Non Uniform Day for Bazaar
8th & 10th	Yr 1 Christmas Concert
9th	Yr 2 Pantomime at Princes Theatre
9th	Reception & Yr 1 Panto at School
10th	Christmas Dinner
11h	Christmas Jumper Day and Bazaar
Menu	WC 17th November Week 1

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Attendance



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

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

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Coats



Some children are still coming to school without coats. It is essential your child comes to school in a warm coat, that is also labelled with their name.

Reminders

All children must come to school with their bookbag.

Please ensure your child does not bring any toys from home into school.

Only water is permitted in water bottles.

Toy Donations



Our Reception team would appreciate donations of any good quality toys that you may no longer need.

If you are having a pre-Christmas sort out and have some donations, we would welcome being considered.

Thank you.

Volunteers

We currently have Parent Governor Vacancies and volunteer roles to read with the children. Please contact the school office for more information.

Parking

Once again, I find myself having to remind parents/carers about driving and parking within the school area. Some people are driving too fast and without care, which could easily result in an accident. Some drivers are also not taking notice of the parking road markings. Please do not park on double yellows, in the turning bay or in the housing estate next door. I am in contact with Essex County Council Parking Enforcement to see what they can provide to ensure the safety of our children and parents/carers and how I can report parking incidents to them.



Extra Information

Non Uniform Day

We are holding a school non-uniform day on Tuesday 2nd December in return for donations for our Christmas Bazaar for raffle prizes and tombola prizes. A letter giving more information will be sent out shortly.



Christmas Bazaar and Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day and our Christmas Bazaar will both take place on Thursday 11th December this year. The Bazaar will start straight after school and there will be lots of amazing activities and prizes to be won. More information will follow shortly.



Christmas Concerts

Reception Christmas Concerts will take place on 17th & 18th December, Year 1 Christmas Concerts will take place on 8th & 10th December and Year 2 on 15th and 16th. Nursery will contact parents directly. More information regarding tickets and times will be sent out shortly.

Reception & Year 3 Admissions for Academic Year starting in September 2026

If you need to apply for a Reception/Year 3 place for your child, please note this needs to be completed online. Applications are now open and you must complete your application by the statutory national closing date of 15th January 2026. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

Reducing our Carbon



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

THIS WEEK'S ENERGY SAVING TIPS



Install insulation in the loft. This will help prevent heat escaping up through the top of your property (ideally 100% natural sheep wool).

Install a low flow shower head.

Fundraiser by Year 2 Pupil

One of our Year 2 pupils, Mason, is cutting all his hair off and donating it to The Little Princess Trust. The cut is booked for Saturday 29th November, 10am, at Little Darlings hairdressers in Clacton.

The aim is to raise £700, as that is how much it takes to make, fit, and style a wig for a child / young adult. Mason has already raised £280.

If you would like to support Mason and donate, please visit the link below:-

https://fundraise.littleprincesses.org.uk/fundraising/masons-hair-cut-donation-page?edit=page&utm_medium=FR&utm_source=dssb-FM&utm_content=MPC



Charity
**Victorian
Christmas
Market**

Saturday 15 November 2025
9.30 am – 3pm

Princes Theatre, Station Road,
Clacton on Sea, CO15 1SE

£1 per person
(under 16s are free)

- Father Christmas
- Queen Victoria and her entourage
- Christmas cards & decorations
- Jewellery, candles, gifts
- Crafts, toys, tombolas
- Books, fair trade goods
- Stocking fillers, preserves
- Refreshments, lunches and cakes

All proceeds to charities attending


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