



# NEWSLETTER

Dates for Your

## DIARY



Term Dates:

### FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Pupils Finish: Thur 9th February

Pupils Return: Mon 20th Feb

### EASTER BREAK

Pupils Finish: Fri 31st March

Pupils Return: Mon 17th April

### BANK HOLIDAY

MONDAY 1st May

MONDAY 8th May

### MAY HALF TERM

Pupils Finish: Fri 26th May

Pupils Return: Mon 5th June

### SUMMER HOLS

Pupils Finish: Fri 21st July

### Non Pupil Days

Friday 10th February

Friday 30th June

A message from

## Miss Minter

Dear Parents & Carers



### ClassDojo

As you know we have been trialling using Class Dojo for green dojos.

In order to share information with you quickly we are hoping to share the dojos with you at home.

There is a messaging teacher facility in the app. Please understand responses are dependant on individual teacher and should be within school hours.

Have an amazing half term. You guys have worked so hard!!

Tuesday 7th February	Safer internet day
Thursday 9th February	Kestrels Library visit
Thursday 9th February	School Disco
Thursday 9th February	Last Day of the half term
Friday 10th February	Non Pupil Day
Monday 20th February	Back to school
Tuesday 21st February	Year 5 in school visit
Tuesday 28th February	Ks2 SATS Meeting for parents.
Wednesday 1st March	Road Safety
Thursday 2nd March	Road Safety
Friday 31st March	Last day of term

# ATTENDANCE

Attend today, achieve tomorrow...

Swans	74%
Robins	87%
Owls	91%
Doves	88%
Magpies	79%
Finches	93%
Woodpeckers	89%
Jays	99%
Blackbirds	93%
Kestrels	91%
Hawks	77%
Lapwings	94%
Eagles	95%
Wrens	91%

## WORK WITH US

It's an exciting time at Vertas and due to business expansion, we're currently looking for Cleaners and Caretakers to join Vertas. If you take great pride in your work and want to join the team - we want to hear from you!

We'll even pop your name in a prize draw for the chance to win an Amazon Tablet, if you refer a friend and they're successful!

Reach out to our recruitment partners at Opus now:  
ianda@opuspeoplesolutions

Please ensure your referred candidate has your email address. Prize will be drawn in November. Terms and conditions apply - we can provide these on request.

Minutes late per day	Learning time lost in a year
5 minutes	3½ days
10 minutes	7 days
15 minutes	10 ½ days
20 minutes	14 days
30 minutes	21 days

## Winners

### Jays

### 99%



This week our stick insects are moving to Jays Class for the incredible attendance of 98%.

# SEN NEWS

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## Developing Resilience and Wellbeing

**A FREE four week course for Parents/Carers of children  
(0-19) SEN&D/Emotional difficulties**

### Resilience Training

Introducing the idea of building resilience (managing the daily family pressures and stress), and using what we know, can help children and ourselves to bounce back when life is particularly tough.

Resilience is the ability to withstand and recover from stressful life challenges, strengthened and more resourceful. The course focuses on what it means to be a parent of a child/children and the particular challenges the family may face on a daily basis

The course aims to build parents' resilience, so they are well placed to enjoy their journey bringing up their children:

- Share and explore their travels so far
- Take note of and celebrate the skills they have acquired along the way
- Map their needs in preparation for the next adventure
- Practise and rehearse possible strategies for building their skills and strengthening their resolve to journey on



"I enjoyed learning about meeting and knowing my basic needs, resilience in a meeting – learnt skills to have a positive attitude. To put into action all that I have learnt on the course" (Parent comment)

### Course details

**Dates:** 22nd Feb 1st 8th 15th  
March 2023

**Times:** 10:00 to 13:30

**Venue:** Jaywick Community Resource  
Centre, Brooklands Gardens, Jaywick,  
Clacton-on-Sea CO15 2J5

### For more information, or to book:

Contact EXTRA on 01255 475001 Text 07794991987, or  
email [admin@extrasupportforfamilies.co.uk](mailto:admin@extrasupportforfamilies.co.uk) or link to book:  
<https://interactchelmsford.wufoo.com/forms/z1u3p2l31fotsrw/>



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# Safeguarding



## This Month's Focus

### North East Essex Crisis Cafe

The Crisis Cafe provides a safe, welcoming space where people experiencing emotional distress or mental health crisis can receive support outside of normal working hours and is a community-based alternative to crisis mental health services. The Crisis Cafe is open 7 days a week, excluding bank holidays from 5pm to 10pm and you can self-refer by contacting us on 0300 330 9492

Further information on Class  
Dojo





# What Eagles Class have been up to this week.

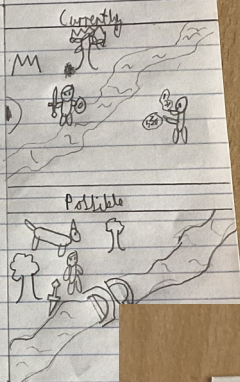
Help spread peace in Folio!

Can you help us return Folio to a Peacefull state?

Both the Reads and the Unreads want the land of Folio for themselves so this war may be a while. We need you to join us and end the war as friends. All this fighting over land can be ended simply by sharing. Both sides of the war have their own good things, so by sharing we will all have good things and won't fight. You don't want one of our good sides gone, do you?

The greatness of our team

Our team are peacemakers that are trying to make the Reads and Unreads friends so we won't lose one or the other. If you join our team and help us return peace then both sides can share land and live in harmony. Also, with the Reads and Unreads together anything could be possible with the imagination and knowledge. All of these wonderful things could happen if you joined and helped us bring peace.



Bringing the peace to Folio

Together we can end the war and make Folio a nice place where we are all friends.

Making our

Don't hold back

Tristan

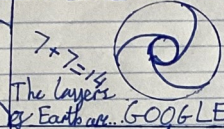
End Folio's War!

About the War

The war in Folio has been raging on for months, and hasn't come to an end. It would be better if the Unreads hadn't been so aggro aggressive in the first place. We need YOU to help end this war and create peace once more.



Reads



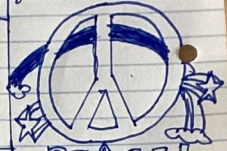
The Layers of Earth are GOOGLE

Unreads

We are stories, destined to be repeated until the end of time. Some are ruthless, destructive and annoying. They include: Jack and the Beanstalk and Goldilocks and the 3 Bears.

Before

5 months ago we used to be a peaceful and organised civilisation. Reads and Unreads together, stories and facts.



The Unreads broke the balance, started a war, and killed innocent people. They want full control. There was no space for stories.

WE NEED YOU!

HELP FOLIO

30/01/2023



There can be few things as powerful as regularly reading to a young child. It has astonishing benefits for children: comfort and reassurance, confidence and security, relaxation, happiness and fun. Giving a child time and full attention when reading them a story tells them they matter. It builds self-esteem, vocabulary, feeds imagination and even improves their sleeping patterns

## BENEFITS OF READING to your Child

Parents play an integral part in their children's education and helping them reach their full potential. Here are some benefits of reading to your children:

**Creates new bonds.**  
With a majority of our days spent looking at computer, TV and phone screens, it's important to take a few moments to spend quality time with your children. Reading to your children also can build an emotional connection. It's a win-win.

**Teaches them the basics.**  
Teaching children to read is like building a house — you need to have a solid foundation that you can build upon later in life.

**Improves logical thinking skills.**  
Reading to children helps their ability to grasp abstract concepts, apply logic, recognize cause and effect, and use good judgment.

**Helps them sleep.**  
Getting a good night's rest is important for developing children, and reading to them while they are in bed can calm their minds and bodies.

**Improves communication skills.**  
When you spend time reading to children, they will be much more likely to express themselves and relate to others in a healthy way.



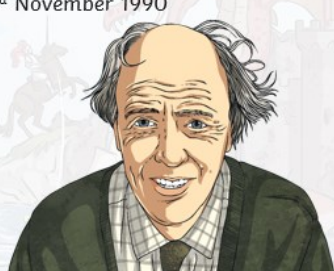
## Roald Dahl

13<sup>th</sup> September 1916 – 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1990

Hometown: Llandaff, Cardiff, Wales, UK

Famous Books:

- James and the Giant Peach
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- Matilda
- The Witches
- Fantastic Mr. Fox
- The BFG



**Interesting Facts:**

- Roald Dahl served in the Royal Air Force during the Second World War, where he became a Flying Ace.
- During one of his flights, he was in a horrible crash after his airplane hit a boulder. He fractured his skull and was temporarily blinded.
- All six of the above mentioned books were turned into major motion pictures.
- Dahl helped to invent the "Wade-Dahl-Till" valve, a valve used to drain excess fluid from the brain. He saw the need to create the valve after his infant son was struck by a taxi and suffered from a traumatic brain injury.

Lapwings	Lily B– Bronze Reader
Kestrels	Pheobe B Gold )
Owls	Oliver N - Silver
Doves	Erick B - Silver reader

Year 2	Jake B
Year 3	Harry P
Year 4	Oliver B



Year 5	Charlie
Year 6	Mosiah H



## Safer Internet Day 2023

Tuesday 7th February

Get involved with Safer Internet Day 2023.

This year's theme: "Want to talk about it?"

Can you design a poster for Safer Internet Day .

There will be a prize for the best KS1 and KS2 poster and the posters will be displayed in school.

Log on to your Purple Mash account and look at the 2Dos for the poster competition.

Closing date—19th February.

Create a poster to promote online safety in your school.







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# Online Safety Tips For Children

Do's



## 1 KEEP YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION PRIVATE ONLINE

Only share it with people you know like friends and family. Ask a trusted adult, like your teacher or a family member, to help you change your privacy settings so that strangers can't see it.

## 2 SPEAK POLITELY AND BE KIND TO OTHERS WHEN YOU SPEAK TO THEM ONLINE

Treat them like you would treat them in real life and always remember your manners.

## 3 TELL A TRUSTED ADULT IF YOU ARE BEING BULLIED ONLINE

If other another person is sending you nasty messages, a trusted adult will be able to help you collect evidence and report the person to the relevant authorities.

## 4 USE PASSWORDS TO PROTECT YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

Ask a trusted adult to help you create a password that you can easily remember but which is hard for other people to guess.

## 5 ALWAYS CHECK WITH A TRUSTED ADULT FIRST BEFORE USING A DEVICE OR DOWNLOADING A NEW APP

This is so that they can check it is safe for you to use and make sure the privacy settings are right.

## 6 TELL A TRUSTED ADULT IF YOU SEE SOMETHING ONLINE WHICH YOU DON'T LIKE

This can include anything that upsets you, makes you feel sad or which you're unsure about.

## 7 USE THE INTERNET TO HAVE FUN AND TO HELP YOU FIND OUT INFORMATION ABOUT THINGS

Remember to ask your trusted adult for help and always use child friendly search engines so that the information you get back is safe.

Don'ts



## 1 ACCEPT FRIEND REQUESTS FROM STRANGERS OR PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW

Always tell a trusted adult if somebody you don't know tries to contact you online.

## 2 SPEND TOO MUCH TIME ON YOUR DEVICE

Instead, go out and play with your friends, get some fresh air and try to exercise more. This will help you stay fit and healthy.

## 3 REPLY TO MESSAGES FROM ONLINE BULLIES OR PEOPLE WHO SEND YOU NASTY MESSAGES

The most important thing to do is to tell a trusted adult and then block the person from contacting you.

## 4 COPY PEOPLE'S WORK ONLINE OR PRETEND IT IS YOURS

This is called plagiarism and can get you into a lot of trouble.

## 5 BE MEAN OR NASTY ONLINE

Behave online like you would in real life and don't post anything that can make you look like a bad person. Things that you post online can stay there for a very long time.

## 6 USE YOUR DEVICES CLOSE TO BEDTIME

This will allow your brain to rest so that you can get a good night's sleep, stay focused at school and perform better in class.

## 7 SHARE PERSONAL INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET WITH STRANGERS

Always tell a trusted adult if somebody you don't know asks you for your personal information.

[www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com)

Twitter - @natonlinesafety

Facebook - /NationalOnlineSafety

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# Our fantastic Hall of Fame

Year Group	Class Name	Children's Names	Class Name	Children's Names
6	Wrens	Louis A	Eagles	Rocco O'C
		Dollie G		Esma Y
5	Lapwings	Maisie-Mae M	Hawks	Kizzie M
		Macey W		Paige B
4	Kestrels	Philippa H	Blackbirds	Denis M
		Harry D		Dani J
3	Jays	Luna L	Woodpeckers	Peyton M
		Harry P		Lillie-Ann H
2	Finches	Darcey – Rae B	Magpies	James Anthony R
		Thomas W		Ellie-Rose Trebys
1	Owls	Lincoln R	Doves	Freddie M
		Connor T		Ella-Rose E



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