



Dates for Your

## DIARY



### April

4th - Last day of term

16th—National offer day,  
Reception 2025

22nd—Children return

### May

5th - Early May bank holiday

23rd - Last day of half term



### NATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFER DAY

16th April - National offer day  
for Reception 2025. Parents/  
carers will be notified by Essex  
County Council of the school  
they have been offered for  
Reception 2025.

# NEWSLETTER

A message from the

## PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents,

As I come to the end of my first term as Principal of Ravens there is much to celebrate. Our children continue to share how proud they are of their learning and are keen to demonstrate our values of aspiration and success. It is great to see the children celebrate and help each other showing our value of being nurturing.

I am loving seeing children's learning on the class dojo pages, if you have not signed up please do!

After the Easter holidays we will begin our new school times, the gates will open at 8:30 and the school day will start at 8:35. Children will finish at 3:15 as usual except on a Friday when pick up is at 1pm.

When the Easter holidays begin please enjoy them, celebrate all the hard work and successes.

Children return on Tuesday 22nd April.

*Mrs M Cartwright*

*Principal*



## PARENTS EVENING

Parents evening is taking place on :

Tuesday 1st April – 3:15 – 5:15pm

Wednesday 2nd – 4:30 – 6:30pm

Please book your time slots on the MYCAS app.

All teachers will be in the hall with the exception of Ms Shelton who will be in her classroom

## FOOD TASTING EVENT

Tuesday 1st April - 3.15pm

In the hall



Come along and sample some of the items on our menu. All welcome.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

All after school clubs have now finished. There will be new clubs after Easter, more information and how to sign up will be sent out the first week back.

## BOOSTERS

Boosters have now finished for this term





## ***NEW SCHOOL DAY STRUCTURE.....***

***We will be changing the school day structure after the Easter Holidays. Children return to school on Tuesday 22nd April.***

***Gates open at:  
8.30am***

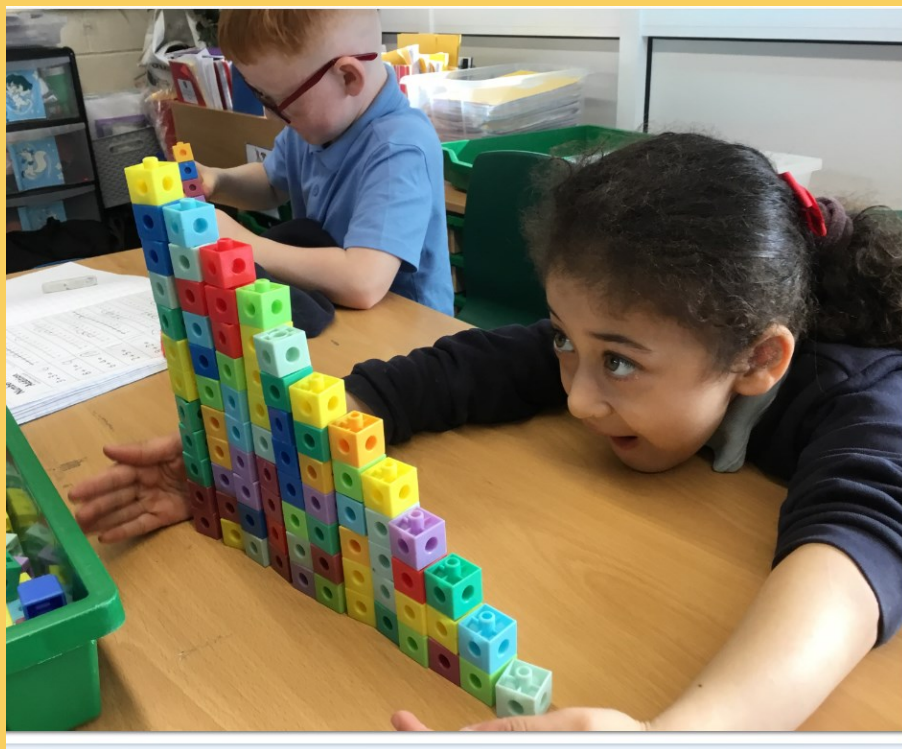
***Start time:  
8.35am: Monday to Friday***

***Finish time:  
3.15pm: Monday—Thursday  
1pm: Friday***

**For those children accepted for the Friday afternoon provision, collection is 3.15pm from the hall.**



# KS1 Having fun learning!



Maths

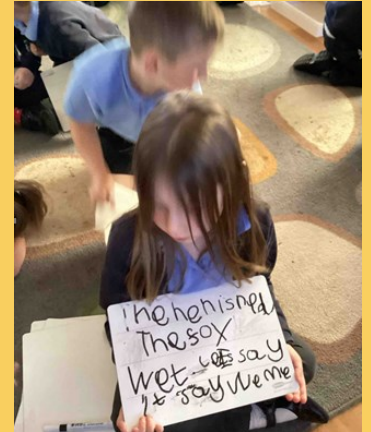


Sensory Play





## RECEPTION CHILDREN ACTING OUT 'HANDAS SURPRISE' STORY



## YEAR 6 CREATIONS

Environmental Art

A selection of sea creatures created by Year 6, using recycled materials

# Local Events



**EASTER**  
at **BETH CHATTO'S**  
PLANTS & GARDENS

**5TH-21ST APRIL**  
Closed Sundays & Mondays, except Bank Holiday Monday when we are open!

 **TAKE PART IN OUR EASTER TRAIL  
AROUND THE GARDEN - FIND THE  
EGGS, WIN A PRIZE**

 **FREE CRAFT ACTIVITIES DAILY FOR  
CHILDREN**

You can prebook tickets  
**WWW.BETHCHATTO.CO.UK**

 Beth Chatto's  
Plants & Gardens

Beth Chatto Plants & Gardens, Clacton Road, Elmstead Market, CO7 7DB  
email: customerservices@bethchatto.co.uk



 **COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION**

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**Premier League  
Disability Football  
Festival**

**INCLUSIVE U'S  
FOOTBALL CAMP**

**WHAT TO EXPECT?**

- » **Expert Coaching:** sessions will be led by our FA qualified coaches, who are experienced in working with SEND players.
- » **Skills Development:** enhance your skills through fun football drills, including passing, dribbling, shooting and much more.
- » **Special Guests:** meet Colchester United players and club mascot Eddie the Eagle!
- » **Exciting Rewards:** every participant will receive a Colchester United themed prize, with additional medals and trophies available to be won.

**WHO?** Young people aged 5-16 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities  
**WHEN?** Friday 11th April, 10am-2pm  
**WHERE?** Shrub End Community and Sports Centre, CO2 9BG  
**COST?** £15

**TO INSPIRE, ENRICH  
AND UNITE OUR COMMUNITIES**

Registered Charity Number: 1159381

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#enrichourcommunities





## **Free School Meals - Important Information**

On 1 April 2018, Transitional Protection (TP) Free School Meals (FSM) was introduced. This meant that if a pupil's eligibility to means tested FSM ended, they would remain entitled to FSM, which would last until the end of the phase of education that they are in when TP ends.

**Transitional protection for Free School Meals is ending on 31 March 2025.**

From 1 April 2025, the Government's transitional protection arrangements for means tested Free School Meals (FSM) will end. Any eligible claims confirmed from this date will no longer be protected. This means any child confirmed as eligible for free school meals from 1 April 2025 will be subject to ongoing checks to confirm continued eligibility. This will not impact any children who are already confirmed as eligible.

For all pupils who become eligible for FSM for the first time from 01 April 2025; their FSM eligibility will be reviewed regularly and status changed accordingly and paid meals added to their MYCAS account for payment.

Children in reception, year 1 and year 2 automatically get free school meals. This is called Universal infant free school meals (UIFSM) and you do not need to apply for it.

If you are a low income family and your child will be using free school meals, you can support your school by letting them know you are using the service. Your school will then be eligible to apply for more funding to support the provision of education for children in the school.

Read the list of bullet points under 'Children in year 3' to determine whether you are a low income family.

If your child is in Year 3 or above, and you receive one of the listed qualifying benefits, your child may be eligible for free school meals.

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (not Working Tax Credit), with an annual income below £16,190
- Pension Guarantee Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance, income related
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act, 1999
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Universal Credit, with a household income of £7,400 or less (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

For more information and to apply for Free School Meals please go to Essex County Council Website.





'You can't achieve your dreams if you don't turn up to chase them'

The winners are.....

Week ending 21st March -

Amelia 98%

Week ending 28th March -

David 97%



## ATTENDANCE

For all school attendance queries or if your child is going to be absent from school please contact our Attendance Officer, Mrs Love on:

01255 424 328 option 4





# Safeguarding

As the weather gets warmer and we venture more outside with children. Please see below a useful website on tips and hints on how to keep children safe near roads.

<https://capt.org.uk/pedestrian-safety/>



## Top tips from the Child Accident Prevention Trust:

Focus on the core steps of crossing the road safely:

- **Think!** First find the safest place to cross.
- **Stop!** Stand on the pavement near the kerb.
- **Look and listen!** Look all around for traffic and listen.
- **Wait!** Until it's safe to cross. If traffic is coming, let it pass.
- **Look and listen again! ...**
- **Arrive Safely**

Remember younger children won't always remember road safety rules, especially if they're distracted or spot a friend across the road.



# Send



## Send Coffee Mornings

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 9.00 – 10.30

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 9.00 – 10.30

**CANCELLED**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 9.00 – 10.30

**CANCELLED**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 9.00 – 10.30



This is a chance for parents to meet other parents as well as a representative from the behaviour team, Pastoral team as well as your SENDCO, to ask any questions/get advice.





## LUNCH NEWS

We have a three week menu rota

W/c - 31st March: week 3

W/c - 21st April: week 1

Please ensure the school are aware of  
any food allergies or dietary  
requirements your child has.

### PACKED LUNCHES

Please be reminded we are a nut  
fee school.

### **PE Days**

PE days will change after  
Easter, we will be sending  
out more information later  
this week.

# Term dates

## Easter Break

7th April—21st April

## May Half Term

26th May—30th May

## Summer Hols

Pupils finish: Mon 21st July

## Bank Holiday

5th May

## Non Pupil Days

Fri 28th March

Fri 20th June

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our uniform supplier is PMG  
school wear, please go to  
[www.pmgschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.pmgschoolwear.co.uk) to  
order uniform.

