



NEWSLETTER

A message from the

PRINCIPAL

Dates for Your

DIARY



27th Oct-31st Oct: Half Term

3rd Nov: Non Pupil Day

18th Dec: Last day of term

15th & 16th Oct—Parents evening, refreshments available to purchase in the hall.

ROAD CLOSURE:

Nayland Drive has a planned road closure from 20th - 31st Oct , Please find an alternative place to park and allow extra time for your journey.



Year 6 Parents

Applications close on
31st October for secondary
school places

www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

National offer day:

2nd March 2026

Over recent weeks there has been a lot to celebrate in our assemblies. We have seen incredible attendance from so many of our children, they are proud of how well they are doing and competition between classes is high.

We have also seen children proud of their achievements in their reading and their online maths, competing against other classes and increasing their own scores. We are so proud of how well they are approaching their learning.

With nearly two weeks until we end the half term we are aware that some think that half term is earlier - it has seemed a long half term - but please keep up the attendance, the children are gaining from it and able to engage in learning with confidence.

Continue to look on your class dojo pages, it is great to see what the children are learning on there and receive reminder messages from the class teachers.

Mrs M Cartwright

Principal



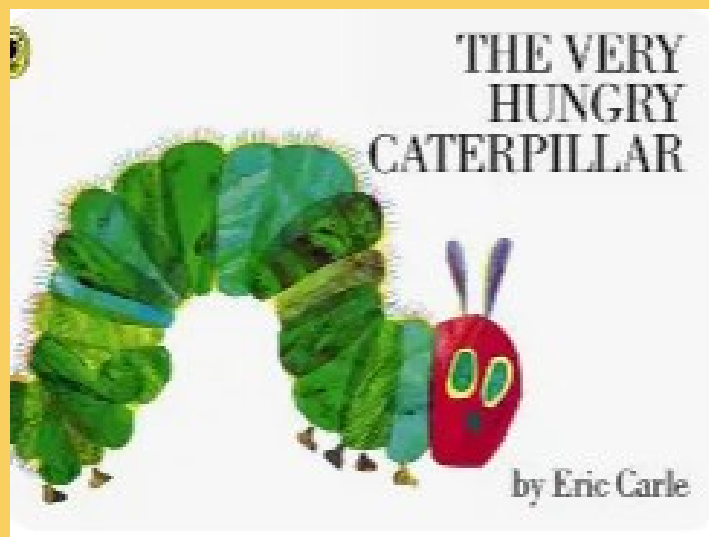
Update on Miss Wright – Year 1 Teacher

Miss Wright, our Year 1 teacher, wanted to let you know that she is currently away from school following a recent diagnosis of cancer. She is in good spirits and has begun her treatment. We know many of you will want to join us in sending her your thoughts and best wishes during this time.

Miss Wright remains in close contact with staff and visits the school when she is able, as she greatly misses the children. If you do see her in the community, a warm smile or kind word is always appreciated.

In the meantime, we are ensuring that Year 1 continues to receive consistent support and high-quality teaching with Mrs Harris. Thank you for your understanding, support, and kindness.

We will share any further updates with you as appropriate, and we kindly ask that Miss Wright's privacy is respected.



PE DAYS

See below:

YEAR GROUP	PE DAY
Reception - Donaldson	Tuesday & Friday
Year 1 - Carle	Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 2 - Bond & Browne	Tuesday & Thursday
Year 3 - Jeffers	Wednesday & Thursday
Year 3 / 4 - Dahl	Monday & Wednesday
Year 4 - Rosen	Tuesday & Thursday
Year 5 - Morpurgo	Monday & Tuesday
Year 5 - Wilson	Monday & Thursday
Year 6 - Tan	Thursday (swimming until 20th Nov)
Year 6 - Pullman	Thursday & Friday

Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on PE days.

PE Kit

Navy or White polo / t-shirt

Black shorts

Trainers

In winter -a black or navy tracksuit





AUTUMN DISCO

Thursday 23rd October

KS1 3.15-4.15 | KS2 4.30-5.30

Tickets £5 this includes
a drink, hotdog and snacks.

Tickets to be available
• from 13th October



Please pay via your MYCAS account under the club section.

Children in Reception, year 1 and 2 may bring a change of clothing in a named bag to get changed into after school.



Children in need Friday 14th November. Where something spotty or pudsey related with school uniform. Can be a pudsey or spotty t-shirt with school skirt/trousers or a headband etc.

£1 suggested donation

October Half Term Activities

October half term clubs with Essex ActivAte is now live for bookings. These free activity clubs are available to eligible young people across Essex, who are in receipt of income related free school meals. From sports and creative arts to outdoor adventures and wellbeing sessions, each club provides a safe, supportive environment where participants can stay active, make new friends, and enjoy a nutritious meal each day.

Parents / carers can use the Find Your Active, Activity Finder and filter to Essex ActivAte October half term programme, to see what's on and get in contact with clubs to book free spaces. Copy and paste the link:

<https://www.activeessex.org/children-young-people/essex-activate/about-essex-activate/>



Safeguarding

Stay Safe This HALLOWEEN



Be Alert

Put electronic devices down. Walk, don't run across the street, and always look both ways before crossing.

Stay in Groups

A responsible adult should accompany young children on neighborhood rounds. Older children or teenagers going out alone should follow an approved route and stick with their friends.

Choose a Safe Costume

Make sure costumes aren't so long that they become a tripping hazard. Wear makeup and hats rather than costume masks that can obscure vision.

Be Visible

If children and teenagers are out after dark, instruct them to travel in well-lit, familiar areas. Use reflective tape on costumes to help stay visible in low light.



FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS

HERE ARE FIVE TOP TIPS TO KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ON BONFIRE NIGHT

- 1** Do not let children play with fireworks. Rockets and sparklers are very dangerous. If your teens want to use sparklers, make sure they keep them outside and away from their face, clothing, and hair
- 2** If you can, go to an organised fireworks display. If you do your own display make sure you have read all the safety instructions and never let children handle or light fireworks
- 3** Store fireworks in a safe, sturdy and childproof box and keep it away from children at all times. Fireworks always need handling with extreme care
- 4** Always ensure children are supervised at all times. Never let a child pick up a used sparkler or unlit firework.
- 5** Make sure children aren't wearing loose clothing. Always have water or a fire extinguisher handy

DRESSING FOR COLD WEATHER

COLD



Labels in image:

- warm hat
- 2-3 layers
- gloves
- outer layer to keep out wind, wet snow
- boots water proof
- 1-2 layers

Send



■ Educational Psychology Parent Helpline ■

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new **support offer for families**.

This helpline provides:

- Advice
- Support
- Signposting

A **confidential, private, and safe service** for parents and carers.
No referral is needed – just book an appointment.

■ When is it available?

- Alternating **Mondays and Tuesdays**
 - **1:00pm – 5:00pm**
- **25-minute appointments** via MS Teams

■ Easy Booking

- Instant booking confirmation
- No waiting around

■ How to book

For booking details and further information, please speak to **Mrs Cabak**.

A SEND survey will be sent out shortly by Mrs Cabak, please take the time to complete—your views are important.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

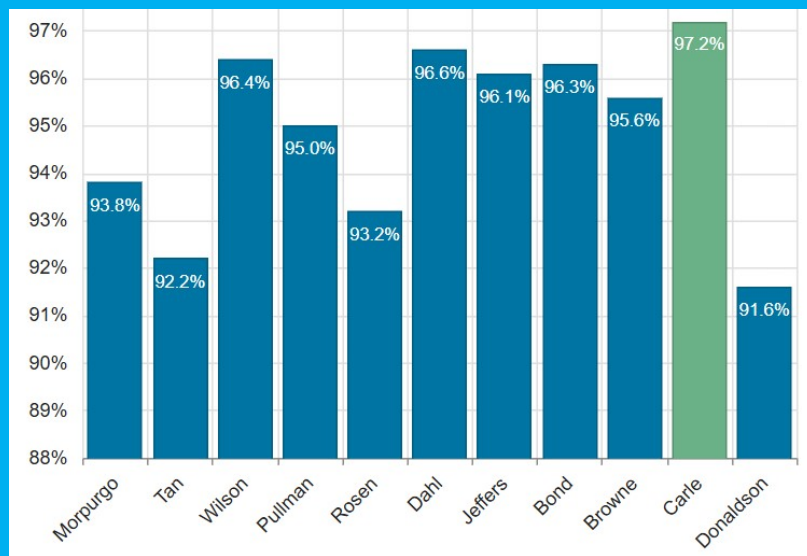
Our attendance is looking amazing and I am so impressed with the children's willing to come into school.

When I take part in assembly on a Friday the children really engage in why it's important to come to school and fully understand that by coming to school their school work is improving and we have seen this in the amount of certificates we give out every Friday for the children's improvement in English/Maths/Phonics and reading. It is lovely to see how proud the children are when they are being clapped and cheered.

Our attendance is currently sitting at 94.9% which is brilliant and we are above most of the schools in the area. It is so nice to be at the top end of the table rather than at the bottom so I would like to thank all Parents/Carers and children for all your help in achieving this.

Please see below the table for Attendance from Sept to now in classes.

Let's keep this going and stay at the top.



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 1





LUNCH NEWS

We have a three week menu rota

W/c - 13th October: week 1

W/c - 20th October : week 2

W/c - 3rd November : week 3

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
free school.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our uniform supplier is PMG
school wear, please go to
www.pmgschoolwear.co.uk to
order uniform.

Term dates

Autumn 2025

October Half Term
27th Oct - 31st Oct

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Non Pupil Day : 3rd Nov

Last day of term: 18th Dec

Spring 2026

Pupils return: 5th Jan

February Half Term
16th Feb - 20th Feb

Last day of term: 27th March

Summer 2026

Pupils return: 13th April

Bank Hol: 4th May

May Half Term
25th May - 29th May

Non Pupil Day: 26th June

Last day of term: 17th July