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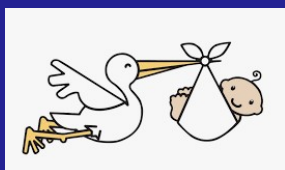
DIARY



18th Dec: Last day of term

5th Jan: Children return

All things festive: see page 2



Announcement:

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Hemingway has had a baby girl named Florence born on 10th November. Both mum and baby are doing well.

RECEPTION 2026

Applications are now open for Reception 2026– closing date 15th January 2026.

Please apply online via Essex County Council.



NEWSLETTER



A message from our

Academy Improvement Partner

Dear parent/carer

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that your preparations for the Christmas period are going smoothly.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as, Mr Trott, I am one of the academy improvement partners from Academy Transformation Trust.

Mrs Cartwright is currently absent from the academy, and I am supporting Mrs Cabak and Mrs Watson with running the academy on a daily basis. At the moment, we are not clear when Mrs Cartwright will return, but I will be here most days.

Please continue to communicate through your usual channels, but you are welcome to call 01255 424 328 if you wish to speak to me directly about anything that you wish to discuss.

I cannot believe that we are now two weeks away from the Christmas break. As I wander around the academy in the afternoons, there is plenty of Christmas singing as pupils prepare for our Christmas events. The times and dates for these were shared last week and are also contained in this newsletter for ease. We look forward to sharing your children's talent and festive celebrations with you soon.

Garry Trott



KEY DATES

December

Thursday 11th December

Peter Pan Panto in school for all children provided by 'Outside the Box Productions'.

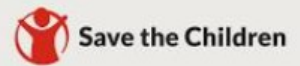


Friday 12th December

🎄 Christmas Jumper Day! 🎄

We are supporting the Save the Children charity again this year.

Children can wear their Christmas / festive jumper instead of their Ravens jumper or cardigan. Suggested donation: £1



Christmas Dinner Day

The kitchen will be cooking up a festive treat — the children will enjoy a delicious **Christmas Dinner** and celebrate the season!



Thursday 18th December—change of time

Christmas Fayre 2pm—4pm



Christmas Performances:

Tuesday 16th December
09.30—Year 1 & 2

Tuesday 16th December
2.30pm—Reception

Wednesday 17th December
2pm—Year 1 & 2

We will be holding a raffle at each performance —cash only





Enterprise Week & Christmas Fair

In the final week of term, each class will take part in Enterprise Week, using a £30 budget to create items or activities to sell at our Christmas Fair on 18th December. This project helps pupils learn about money, budgeting, and creativity across art, cooking, and design.

Children will run their own stalls, aiming to make a profit that will fund future class events. You will also be able to enjoy a festive performance from KS2 singing their Christmas songs.

Times for the fete

Please arrive 5 minutes before your child sings. Children will return to class with staff after singing, please inform us before if you will be taking your children home early after looking around the fete.

Times:

Year 1 - 2:00

Year 2 - 2:15

Year 3, 3/4, 4 - 2:30

Year 5 - 3:00

Year 6 - 3:15

Please bring some money along to support their enterprise and join us for a wonderful celebration of creativity and cheer!

Raffle tickets, teas and coffees will be on sale.



DONALDSON CLASS PRESENT
**'THE FIRST
CHRISTMAS STORY**



**16TH DECEMBER 2025
2.30**

TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE SOLD ALONG WITH RAFFLE TICKETS

RECEPTION CLASS

All Reception children will need black bottoms/leggings and a white t shirt.

Please put in a named bag.



FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER

RAVENS CHRISTMAS DINNER

MAIN:

**ROAST TURKEY, ROAST POTATOES, STUFFING, PIGS IN
BLANKETS, SEASONAL VEGETABLES, YORKSHIRE
PUDDING AND GRAVY**

VEGETARIAN:

**QUORN ROAST, ROAST POTATOES, STUFFING,
SEASONAL VEGETABLES, YORKSHIRE PUDDING AND
GRAVY**

DESSERT:

FESTIVE CAKE

OR

FESTIVE ARCTIC ROLL

**ALL MEALS SERVED WITH A CHRISTMAS CRACKER
AND A CHOICE OF JUICE.**

School meals are charged at £2.95 per meal. Please make payments via the MYCAS app.

Children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 receive a free meal under the Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme or if eligible based on individual circumstances.



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 & Friday
Year 6 - Pullman	Thursday (swimming until 12th February) & 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



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



Dear Parents/Carers

Attendance remains steady at the moment, with our current rate sitting at 94.5%, placing us on target and in line with other primary schools in the area which is great news.

As the colder weather brings an increase in common illnesses, please remember that coughs, colds, sore throats, rashes and similar minor symptoms are not authorised reasons for absence. Children should still come into school, and we will contact you and send them home if they are genuinely unwell. If you need to get in touch, please message me on Class Dojo or call 01255 424328, option 1, and leave a message.

Thank you for your continued support in promoting good attendance.

Mrs Love

Attendance Officer



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 - 8th December—week 2

W/c - 15th December— week 3

Change of menu on the following days:

Friday 12th December:

Christmas Dinner Day!



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

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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

Children's Occupational therapy Advice line



Need Advice About Your Child's Development?
If your child has a **North Essex GP** and is **not currently known to our service**, our **Advice Line** is here to help!
Call us on 01206 742 962 every Thursday 12:00-13:30.

Whether you're a **parent, school staff member, or health professional**, you can speak directly with an **Occupational Therapist** for practical guidance and support.

We offer advice on:

- Self Care** Eating, dressing, toileting, washing
- Play** Using toys, joining in with community activities
- Learning Opportunities** Taking part in nursery or school routines

We'll provide support over the phone and can signpost you to other helpful services if needed.

Children's Therapy and Continence service

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FREE PARENT WEBINARS

supporting your primary aged child with mental health and wellbeing

Provided by your Mental Health Support Team

@set_camhs_nhs

SIGN-UP & FIND OUT MORE



Do you need help supporting your child? We offer a variety of online workshops.

Coming up in December, we have:

- Positive Parenting: Supporting Your Child with Challenging Behaviour**
10th December 7pm

A workshop to help parents understand what might be causing challenging behaviours and tools and strategies to manage them effectively.

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Snow White And The Seven Dwarves

Written by Magnolia Edwards

Member of NETG



£11 Per Ticket

9th January 2026 @ 7:30pm

11th January 2026 @ 2:30pm and 7:30pm

Holland Public Hall, 139 Trinton Road, Holland On Sea, CO15 5UR

Buy Tickets At:

<https://www.seetickets.com/tour/cmp-presents-snow-white-and-the-seven-dwarves>

ClactonMusicalProductions@gmail.com

Purchase Tickets Below:



Essex County Council

Early help drop-in sessions



Weekly drop-in sessions – you can attend **any** session

These sessions are designed to give partners in Essex who work with children, young people & families the chance to: discuss anonymised cases, gain peer support, be signposted to advice & help to answer general questions.

These sessions are supported by our panel of subject experts from across the children's system including:

- Team Around the Family Support Officer (TAFSO)
- Inclusion Partners
- Engagement Facilitator
- Attendance Specialists
- Early Years Specialists
- Education Access Specialists
- Essex Youth Service
- Peabody Outreach
- Essex Child & Family Wellbeing Service
- Domestic Abuse Specialists
- DWP
- and others

These sessions **DO NOT** replace work undertaken by the Children & Families Hub as outlined in **Effective Support for Children & Families in Essex**

August 2020

North Essex drop-in session
Tuesday 15:30-16:30pm



[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Mid Essex drop-in session
Wednesday 12:00-13:05pm



[Click here to join the meeting](#)

South Essex drop-in session
Wednesday 13:00-14:00pm



[Click here to join the meeting](#)

West Essex drop-in session
Thursday 12:00-13:00pm



[Click here to join the meeting](#)

If you have any questions about the drop-ins email C&FPartnershipLeads@essex.gov.uk

PLEASE NOTE - Mid Essex has an **online booking system**, where you are able to pre-book a slot to present a case. Colleagues are still welcome to join the session without booking, but you won't be guaranteed a time to discuss your case.