



Dates for Your

DIARY



24th Feb - Class Photo's

**2nd March - Secondary school
national offer day**

3rd March - World Book Day

**3rd March - year 1 & 2 Music
Festival**

NEWSLETTER

A message from our

Academy Improvement Partner

Dear parents/carers

I hope we find you and your family well.

Despite the grey days and the ongoing rain, I wanted to share with you some moments of celebration. As part of our ongoing improvements, a range of Year 6 pupils are helping to run lunchtimes. It is fantastic to see them interacting with pupils, serving them water, assisting pupils to cut up food and generally keep the hall clean and tidy.

It also great to see your children engaged in some of the after school clubs like: football, netball and computers.

In this newsletter you can read about the Year 5 Greek

Day and the Key Stage One cricket Festival. This week

Year 3 visited the local church as part of their Religious Studies lessons.

Thank you to those parents who are making sure their children have the right clothes for rainy weather. Don't forget that put any lost coats, bags and lunchboxes to the right of the gates.

Best wishes

Garry Trott



YEAR 5 GREEK DAY

Year 5 had an unforgettable start to their new topic this week as they immersed themselves in a full Greek Day experience. Pupils and staff arrived dressed to impress, ready to take part in an exciting **Portals to the Past** workshop.

Throughout the day, the children explored what life was like in Ancient Greece. They played authentic Greek games, tried on traditional clothing, and examined replicas of weapons used in famous battles. They also worked together to build timelines, helping them understand how Ancient Greece fits into world history.

It was a fantastic hook into their new learning, and the enthusiasm from pupils and staff made the day truly special. Year 5 are now eager to dive even deeper into their topic over the coming weeks.



KS1 Cricket Festival

On Monday 19th January, a group of our KS1 children visited SIGMA Sixth Form College to take part in an exciting cricket festival alongside pupils from other local primary schools. The event gave our young learners the chance to develop new skills, try out fun cricket activities, and experience the joy of friendly competition.

Our children threw themselves into every challenge with enthusiasm, showing fantastic teamwork, resilience, and sportsmanship throughout the day. It was wonderful to see them supporting one another, celebrating each success, and embracing the opportunity to learn something new.

Every child had a brilliant time and returned to school buzzing with pride. We are incredibly proud of how confidently they represented our school and the positive attitude they brought to the festival



PE DAYS

See below:

| YEAR GROUP | PE DAY |
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| Reception - Donaldson | Wednesday & Friday |
| Year 1 - Carle | Tuesday & Wednesday |
| Year 2 - Bond & Browne | Tuesday & Thursday |
| Year 3 - Jeffers | Monday & Thursday |
| Year 3 / 4 - Dahl | Monday & Wednesday |
| Year 4 - Rosen | Monday & Thursday |
| Year 5 - Morpurgo | Monday & Tuesday |
| Year 5 - Wilson | Tuesday & Wednesday |
| 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.

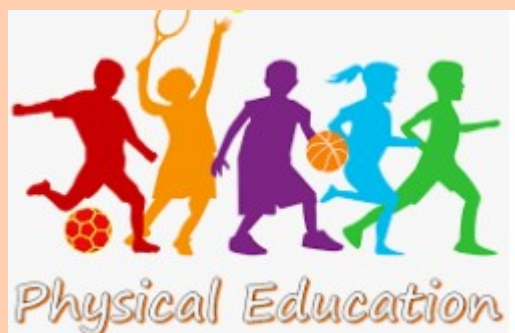
PE Kit

Navy or White polo / t-shirt

Black shorts

Trainers

In winter -a black or navy tracksuit



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS/BOOSTERS

| Day | Club / Spaces | Year Group | Staff Name |
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| Monday | Football KS2 20 | KS2 | Colchester UTD & Mr Clark |
| Monday | British Sign Language 20 | Years 4, 5 & 6 | Ms Shelton |
| Monday | TT Rock Stars 20 | Years 3 & 4 | Mrs Norman |
| Monday | Board Games 12 | Years 1 & 2 | Mrs Pritchard |
| Tuesday | Netball KS2 20 | KS2 | Mrs Harris |
| Tuesday | Choir 20 | Years 1 - 6 | Mrs Young |
| Thursday | Recorder 10 | KS2 | Mrs Sacre |

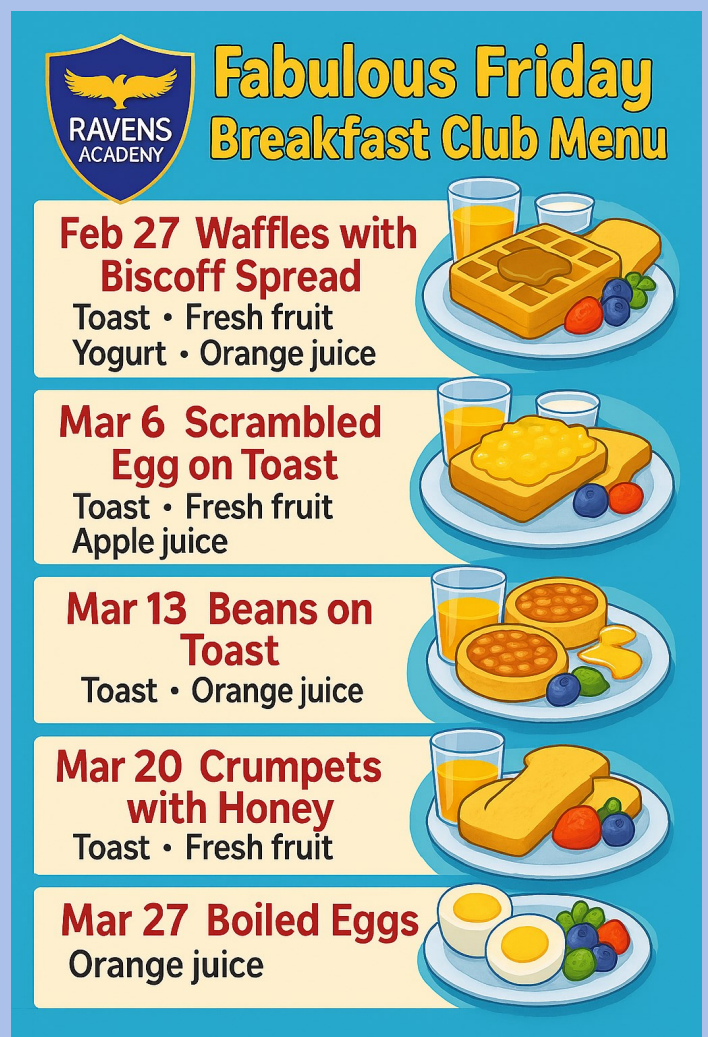
After school clubs will run until the Easter Hols. Please sign up via the MYCAS app.

***** Please ensure your child has suitable clothing and footwear to change into for football club if it is not their PE day*****

BOOSTERS– INVITE ONLY

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| Monday | Maths Booster – Yr 6 invite only <u>4pm finish</u> | Mrs Watson |
| Tuesday | Spelling Booster – Yr 6 invite only | Mr Jeetooa / Ms Pilgrim |
| Tuesday | Reading Booster – Yr 6 invite only | Mr Perryman / Ms Paul |

Come along to our Breakfast Club.
Please arrive at 8am at gate 2—all welcome





Spring Term

The Essex SEND Local Offer Roadshows

Are you a parent or carer of a young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) aged 0 to 25? Do you want to know what support is available in your area? Come along to one of our Essex SEND Local Offer Roadshows.

You can chat with teams from Education, Health and Social Care, as well as local support groups and activity providers.



The marketplace is free and there is no need to book. Children are welcome!



Drop in between 9:30am and 12:30pm



This term we are in Chelmsford, Harlow, Colchester and Basildon

Scan the QR Code for all the information, including dates and venues or visit the Essex Local Offer at:

<https://send.essex.gov.uk/i-think-my-child-needs-help/essex-local-offer-roadshows>



In Partnership with



Dear Parents/Carers

Attendance has been fantastic the last few days, and we would like to thank everyone for the effort made to ensure children are in school and ready to learn. Unfortunately, once again, our Friday attendance has let us down. We do understand that the weather has not been great recently; however, it is still very important that children attend school every day to maintain routine and make the most of their learning opportunities. After half term, we will be introducing themed non-uniform days every Friday to help boost Friday attendance, and we would really appreciate the support of parents and carers in encouraging children to be in school and take part.

Kind regards

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 - 9th February - week 3

W/c - 16th February 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
free school.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

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

Term dates

Spring 2026

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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