



NEWSLETTER

A message from the

Principal

Dates for Your

DIARY



20th March - Spring Disco

**24th March—Reception Zoo
Trip**

27th March - Last day of term

13th April - Children return

Dear Parents,

Over recent weeks our children have taken part in some amazing learning opportunities, from lessons with drones, and a science week that has seen children take part in virtual lessons, practical investigations and learn all about the world around them. Hopefully you will have seen pictures on class dojo and heard lots of exciting information from your children as well as the updates within our Newsletter.

Last week we were very proud of our catering team, who not only cook a well balanced menu each day but once again maintained their five star rating at our Food safety inspection - well done!

Finally, it is great to see our attendance improving. Attendance and punctuality have a significant impact on children, we are so proud of our children who are improving their attendance and closing their learning gaps.

Marianne Cartwright

Principal



YEAR 5 & 6 DRONE RAF WORKSHOP

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils had an exciting opportunity to put their coding skills — along with their maths knowledge of measurement and angles — to the test as they programmed and piloted their very own drones.

The workshop, fully funded and delivered by the RAF, aimed to inspire young people to explore coding, computing and STEM subjects. Pupils worked collaboratively to apply their coding knowledge, planning and inputting precise instructions to guide their drones safely around a mapped course.

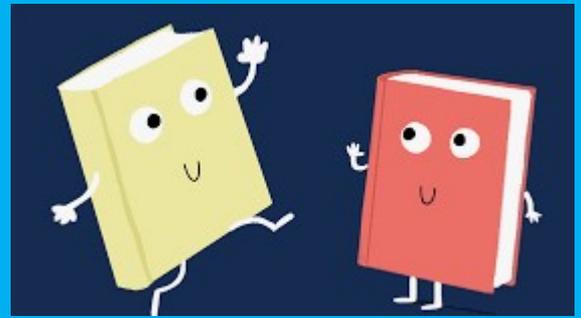
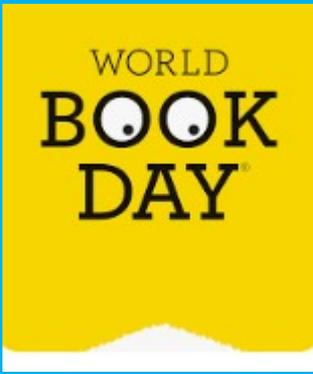
It wasn't just the children who were challenged — staff also joined in and put their navigational skills to good use! The hall buzzed with teamwork, problem-solving, and plenty of enthusiasm as drones zipped around the room.

A huge thank you to the RAF for providing such an engaging, hands-on learning experience and for encouraging our pupils to think ambitiously about future pathways in STEM.



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WORLD BOOK DAY - 5TH MARCH

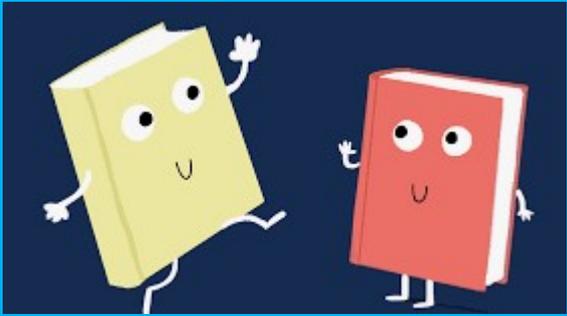
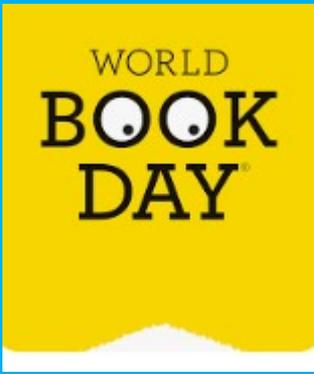
Our school was filled with excitement and imagination as pupils came together to celebrate World Book Day. The day was a wonderful opportunity to promote a love of reading and to celebrate the magic that books bring into our lives.

Children arrived at school dressed as their favourite book characters, turning the classrooms and playground into a colourful parade of wizards, superheroes, princesses, explorers and much more. From classic characters to modern favourites, it was fantastic to see the creativity and enthusiasm that everyone brought to the day.

World Book Day was a fantastic celebration of reading across the whole school. Thank you to all the pupils, staff and families who helped make the day so special. We hope the excitement of the day inspires everyone to keep reading and exploring new books long after the costumes are put away!

Staff also embraced the spirit of the day by dressing up as their favourite literary characters, much to the delight of the children. Their enthusiasm helped create a fun and inspiring atmosphere across the whole school. *See the photo below to spot some familiar faces in costume!*





WORLD BOOK DAY - 5TH MARCH



TENDRING SHOW – SATURDAY 11TH JULY – FREE CHILD E-TICKET

As a thank you for exhibiting in the Celebration of Education Tent this year the Tendring Show are offering free child e-tickets for every child in our school. To claim your ticket(s), simply redeem this promotion code at the checkout of the online ticket page on their website

<https://www.tendringshow.co.uk/about/tickets-admission/>

‘Super Early’ Saver tickets until 31st March.

PROMOTION CODE: RAVEN



PE DAYS

See below:

YEAR GROUP	PE DAY
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	Wednesday & Thursday
Year 5 - Wilson	Tuesday & Swimming on a Thursday until 14th May
Year 6 - Tan	Friday
Year 6 - Pullman	Friday

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

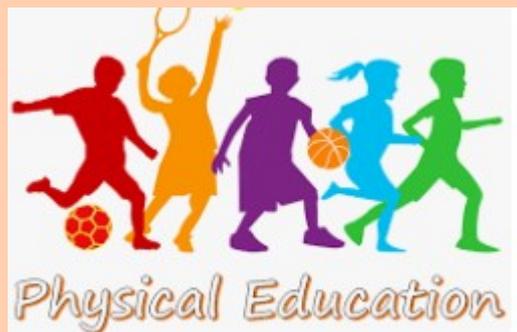
PE Kit

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
Monday	Football KS2 20	KS2	Colchester UTD & Mr Clark
Monday	British Sign Language 20	Years 4, 5 & 6	Ms Shelton
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—4.15 finish

Tuesday	Reading	Mr Perryman
Tuesday	Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation	Mr Jeetooa
Thursday	Maths	Mr Jeetooa & Mr Perryman

Holiday Activity Vouchers—Easter Holidays

Easter holiday clubs with Essex ActivAte are now live to book across Essex , with thousands of free activity spaces available for eligible school aged children. Families can now book onto many local clubs and activities, offering a brilliant mix of fun activities, movement, and a free, nutritious meal each day. The programme also provides reliable and supportive childcare throughout the school holidays, helping families manage routine, work and wellbeing.

To book a free place at an Essex ActivAte Easter club, eligible parents will receive an email containing a HolidayActivities voucher code. Each child will receive their own unique code and booking link, taking parents straight to the HolidayActivities platform, where you can log in or create an account to secure their space.

Take a look at the club directory over on the **Active Essex** to see what clubs are on locally copy and paste this link:

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





**RAVENS
ACADEMY**

SPRING DISCO

Friday, 20th March

£5 a ticket including food & drinks



**Reception & KS1
1pm - 2pm**

**KS2
2.30pm -
3.30pm**



**Tickets available
from the MYCAS App**

Dear Parents/Carers

We are delighted to see that attendance has really improved recently. Our themed and non-uniform Fridays have been great fun for the children and have helped to encourage excellent attendance across the school. It has been wonderful to see so many pupils taking part and enjoying these special days together. Because of this success, we are pleased to say that we will be continuing our themed and non-uniform Fridays throughout the summer term. Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support in helping to make these events so positive and in ensuring children attend school regularly.

Mrs Love

Attendance Officer

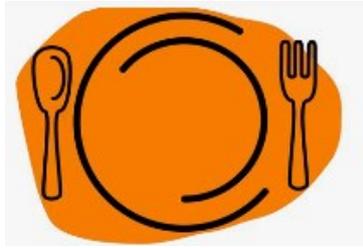


ATTENDANCE

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 - 16th March week 1

W/c - 23rd March week 2

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.pmgsschoolwear.co.uk to order uniform.

Term dates

Spring 2026

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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