



# NEWSLETTER

A message from the

## Principal

Dear Parents,

As we end the Spring term recent weeks have seen our children not only share their success in learning with assessments in many classes, but we have also witnessed our children sharing their positive behaviours at some great events, from the school disco to trips to Colchester Zoo and Colchester Castle.

It is great to see our children arrive with a great smile in the morning ready for the day ahead and keen to return. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who make this possible; from the families at home, our staff on the minibuses, our teachers delivering lessons, our learning support team in class and delivering interventions, our catering team and staff that help at lunchtimes, our behaviour lead, our safeguarding team who are always making sure our children are safe and well, our attendance and office team who are key to messages working between home and school and so much more, our site team ensuring that all is clean and safe, and to our leaders ensuring that this all works and that our children have the right experience, and finally to our pupils who give every one of us reason to smile every day.

Once again, thank you all and enjoy the break ahead. Be safe and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

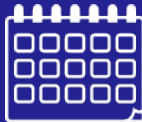
Marianne Cartwright

Principal



Dates for Your

**DIARY**



**27th March - Last day of term**

**13th April - Children return**

**16th April - Reception  
national offer day**

### **YEAR 6 LEAVERS HOODIES**

After Easter, we will be placing orders for the leavers' hoodies, which will be provided at no cost to parents or carers. We are pleased to be working with a local business to support our community.

**Mrs Lloyd's idea of *The Big Ticket Hunt* was a huge success!**

**We gave out over 80 tickets to children, rewarding them with an Easter egg for showing the 'Ravens Way'.**

**A big thank you to all the staff who generously donated the Easter eggs—your support made this possible!**



**Forget where's wally— can you spot Mrs Lloyd? - she's in this picture somewhere!**

## The Hub Visit Colchester Zoo

Pupils from *The Hub*, our provision for children with highly complex needs, enjoyed a fantastic visit to Colchester Zoo as part of their topic on animals and wildlife.

During the trip, they took part in a SEND sensory session where they were able to feel elephant hide, see the size of a gorilla's hand, and stroke real jaguar fur. The children engaged brilliantly throughout the day and loved exploring the different animal experiences the zoo had to offer.



## YEAR 1 COLCHESTER CASTLE TRIP

Carle class had a brilliant time exploring Colchester Castle! We were met by our tour guide, the very noble Sir Francis, who took us on an exciting knight-training adventure, complete with learning how to stand, march, attack and defend like real knights. Afterwards, the children had lots of fun discovering the castle for themselves, trying out interactive exhibits and even dressing up in medieval costumes. It was a fantastic day full of imagination, history and plenty of smiles and the children have enjoyed writing about their experience!



Come along to our Breakfast Club.

Please arrive at 8am at gate 2—all welcome



# FABULOUS FRIDAY

## BREAKFAST CLUB

<b>17th April:</b> Toast Cereals Waffles with Biscoff spread Fresh Fruit	<b>24th April:</b> Toast Cereals Pancakes with Golden Syrup. Fresh fruit Yogurts. Orange
<b>1st May:</b> Toast Cereals Beans on Toast Fresh Fruit Apple Juice	<b>8th May:</b> Toast Cereals Jam on Toast Fresh Fruit Orange Juice
<b>15th May:</b> Toast Cereals Crumpets Fresh fruit	<b>22nd May:</b> Toast Cereals Jam on Toast Orange Juice

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## TENDRING SHOW – SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 SUMMER TERM

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 - NEW	MTC (multiplication practice) 20	Years 3 & 4	Mrs Watson up until 5 <sup>th</sup> June
Monday	Board Games 12	Years 1 & 2	Mrs Pritchard
Tuesday	Netball 20	KS2	Mrs Harris
Tuesday	Choir 20	Years 1 - 6	Mrs Young
Tuesday - NEW	Bike Club - 6	KS2	Mr Delivett
Thursday – NEW	Book/Reading Club 20	Year 1-6	Mrs Sacre

After school clubs will run until the 3rd July with the exception of MTC which will finish on 3rd June. 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/>



Year 6, you are invited to  
IntoUniversity's **SATs Support**  
Session  
on  
1<sup>st</sup> April or 2<sup>nd</sup> April!

We will cover Maths and English  
revision and take part in fun Wellbeing  
activities.

**Where?**

IntoUniversity Clacton, Imperial House,  
20-22 Rosemary Road  
Clacton on Sea, Essex, CO15 1NZ

**What time?**

10:00-14:30

Lunch will not be provided

Scan the QR code to sign up for your preferred day.  
An IntoUniversity staff member will be in touch to  
confirm your session and eligibility.

1<sup>st</sup> April



2<sup>nd</sup> April



## The holidays are fast-approaching

Are you *looking* for something for your child to do during this time?

Why not sign them up to one of our Bikeability Courses.

- Chelmsford
- Harlow
- Witham
- Colchester
- Uttlesford



Please see below the link to book Easter holiday courses:  
<https://essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking>

# Dear Parents/Carers

Attendance has been exceptionally strong this term, and it's been wonderful to see such commitment from our pupils. The children have also been thoroughly enjoying our Friday non-uniform days, which have added a fun and positive end to each week.

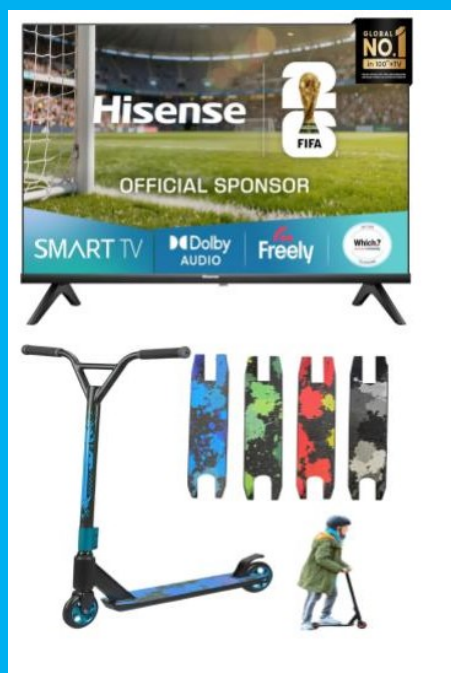
However, attendance on Fridays is still not as strong as we would like, and it is important to remind everyone that children are expected to attend school even if it is a half day. We're pleased to confirm that non-uniform Fridays will continue after half term, and I will be sharing upcoming themes with you very soon.

In addition, we are excited to introduce some fantastic attendance incentives next term, including the chance to win some big prizes such as a 40" TV and a stunt scooter. Any child who attends school every day for the entire term will be entered into the draw, so we encourage everyone to keep up the great attendance!

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support—it is greatly appreciated. Let's keep up the momentum for next term!

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 - 13th April - week 1

W/c - 20th April - week 2

W/c - 27th April - 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.pmgsschoolwear.co.uk](http://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