



Dates for Your

DIARY



Friday 17th July: Last day of term

**Children return Wednesday
2nd September**



NEWSLETTER

A message from
the



Dear parents / carers

As we reach the end of year it is an opportunity for celebrations. Firstly, well done across the academy on the massive improvement in attendance. Last year our attendance as an academy was 90.8% and we are now sitting at 94% and celebrating so many children with significantly improved attendance. Thank you to all the families that have worked with us to make this happen.

We must also celebrate the rise in our outcomes across the academy, our data in Early years, Phonics, and the Multiplication check all show that our children are achieving more, well done to all the staff involved across the academy for making this happen!

Acknowledging that achievement is also outside of the classroom, our year six children have ended their time with us and they have shone whilst attending their residential, overcoming fears and showing their resilience climbing heights they didn't believe possible, working together and as always showing respect to others. Their leavers assembly today was also an opportunity to see how much they have grown as characters and are ready for secondary. We will miss them greatly but know they are ready for their journey ahead.

As this is my final newsletter I would like to say a thankyou to the whole Ravens community, the families, the staff, the children at Ravens are amazing and I know will continue to do great things.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday, returning on Wednesday 2nd September.

Marianne Cartwright
Principal



WOW

WHAT AN AMAZING YEAR!

We have been out to Duxford today, where a few schools were visiting including Ravens Academy. Your schools stood out in that all the students were well behaved, smart, and respectful and listening to their teachers. The teachers in turn led their groups calmly and quietly.

I wanted to write to say how proud the school should be of them and their exemplary behaviour. School trips are not planned or managed easily, yet I could be forgiven for thinking this was the case today.

(Well done to Year 6 children and staff involved.)



DUXFORD

THIS YEAR HAS BEEN A VERY BUSY ONE!

Many trips and in school visitors to name a few:



Colchester Castle



Panto



Jimmy's Farm



Penguin Books



Duxford



Curve Water Park



Exotic Animals visit



Planetarium Dome visit



Football, Cricket & Rugby tournaments



Great Athlete visit

WE ARE SO
PROUD
OF OUR CHILDREN WHO
REPRESENT THE SCHOOL
AMAZINGLY!

“ Our Great Athlete, Sean Rose, told us that Ravens is the best behaved and most enthusiastic school he has ever worked with. He was so impressed with our students that he said he would love to come back and work with us in the future. ”



SAFEGUARDING & SUPPORT



EVERY CHILDHOOD IS
WORTH FIGHTING FOR



Contact the NSPCC Helpline

You can contact our Helpline by calling

0808 800 5000

or emailing help@NSPCC.org.uk.

We're
here
to listen.



Our voice Helpline is available 10am–4pm Monday to Friday.
You can email help@NSPCC.org.uk at any time for free.
You have the option to remain anonymous.



If we have not yet responded to you and your concerns for the safety of a child increase, please contact the **police** or local **Children's Services** directly. Please be assured that we'll action all contacts that our Helpline receives.

Essex Children's social care



0345 603 7627

Out of hours support
0345 6061212

Homelessness support

Salvation Army



01255 42328

Citizens Advice



01255 377080

National debtline



0808 8084000



You are not alone. Help is always available.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

We are delighted to share that our school attendance has continued to improve and is now sitting at 94.1% – a fantastic increase from 90.8% at the same time last year. This is a huge achievement, and we would like to say a big thank you to all our parents and carers for their continued support throughout the academic year, as well as to our children for making such a great effort to come to school every day.

As we come to the end of another successful school year, we would like to thank everyone for working together to make attendance such a priority. There is still plenty to look forward to this week! On Friday, we will be giving away our Nintendo Switch and gaming headphones, with every child who has achieved 100% attendance this term being entered into the prize draw. Two lucky winners will be chosen!

Our children also had an amazing time enjoying the 100% attendance bouncy castle yesterday, and tomorrow we have our 95% attendance bouncy castle, giving even more children the chance to celebrate. It has been wonderful to reward our pupils for their commitment to attendance, and we hope everyone enjoys these final celebrations as we finish the academic year together.



Mrs Love.

Attendance Officer

To report your child's absence please telephone:

01255 424 328 option 1



Martello Beach

Public Sessions

- 27th July - 7th August
- 10am, 11:15am & 12:30pm

Book your session in advance at swimsafe.org.uk, scan the QR code or visit us on the day



Scan me to book!



Come and join us!

Swim Safe teaches children where it's safe to swim, how to float and what to do if they or someone else get in trouble.

Each hour long session is completely **FREE** and led by trained instructors which includes safety advice and up to 30 minutes in-water tuition.

We hold public sessions and sessions specially designed for school classes too. Children need to be aged between 7 and 14 and able to swim 25 metres unaided to take part.

Visit swimsafe.org.uk to book your place in advance!



WHITEGATES COURT CO16 9RS

LITTLE CLACTON TENNIS CLUB

TEENS SPORTS CAMPS

£30 FULL DAY

9+ YRS

JULY-AUGUST

TO BOOK

SCAN ME

9AM - 3PM

HALF DAYS AVAILABLE

LCTCMORE@GMAIL.COM

CLACTON RUGBY CLUB

MINI & YOUTH RUGBY

IF YOU CHILD IS AGED BETWEEN 6 AND 16, BOY OR GIRL, WE'RE LOOKING TO STRENGTHEN OUR TEAMS WITH NEW TALENT FOR NEXT SEASON!

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- CHILDREN FROM YEAR 2 AND UP TO JOIN NEW AND ESTABLISHED TAG RUGBY TEAMS
- CHILDREN AND YOUTHS UP TO YEAR 11 TO JOIN ESTABLISHED BOYS AND GIRLS CONTACT RUGBY TEAMS

WHAT WE CAN OFFER:

- OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN SOME GREAT TEAMS
- DEVELOP SPORTS AND LIFE SKILLS BOTH ON AND OFF THE PITCH
- PLAY REGULAR MATCHES, FESTIVALS AND TOURNAMENTS ACROSS ESSEX AND SUFFOLK
- SOCIAL EVENTS
- LOW COST TO TAKE PART - £35 JOINING FEE, £10/MONTH SUBSCRIPTION

IF YOU'RE READY FOR A NEW CHALLENGE WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

JOIN US ON SUNDAY MORNINGS FROM 10:00

INTERESTED?

CONTACT MY CHAIRMAN, DAVID WILLIAMS ON 07779 640 746 OR EMAIL: CLACTONMYRUGBY@GMAIL.COM

GET IN TOUCH TODAY!

USEFUL INFORMATION

Eligible families have been sent free holiday activity codes. To book your child onto a session go to:
<https://www.activeessex.org/children-young-people/essex-activate/>



The poster for Essex ActivAte features the ActiveEssex logo, the Essex County Council logo, and the UK Government logo. The main title is 'Essex ActivAte FREE' with 'FREE' in large green letters. Below the title, it says 'holiday clubs, fun activities and food across Essex and Thurrock!'. A paragraph explains that Essex ActivAte is the name for the exciting holiday activity and food clubs delivered by Active Essex! During school holidays, club providers across the county offer free clubs for eligible primary and secondary children, giving them the chance to get active, make friends, learn new skills, and support their wellbeing. The programme also offers:

- ✓ Specialist SEND, mental wellbeing and youth clubs
- ✓ Sports and games, arts and crafts, cooking and much more!
- ✓ Nutritious snacks and tasty meals
- ✓ Activities run by qualified, local club providers
- ✓ Family support, resources and guidance
- ✓ Discretionary paid and paid for spaces

At the bottom, there is a search bar with the website www.activeessex.org, social media icons for Facebook and Instagram with the handle @EssexActivAte, and a QR code labeled 'SCAN ME'. A small disclaimer at the bottom left states: 'Free places are for children eligible for income-related free school meals. Only book a space if your child will attend. Non-attendance means other children may miss out on this valuable holiday opportunity.'

Attn Year 5 parents:
Secondary School applications open in September for year 7 2027 applications. Closing date 31st Oct 26. Applications must be made via Essex County Council.



School Lunches

W/c 13.07.26 - Week 1
W/c 31.08.26 - Week 3
W/c 07.09.26 - Week 2
W/c 14.09.26 - 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 (including chocolate spread)

SCHOOL UNIFORM

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

Summer 2026

Last day of term: 17th July

2026-27

Children return: 2nd Sept

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Oct Half Term: 26th –30th Oct

Children return: 2nd Nov

Non Pupil Day: 27th Nov

Christmas Hols: 21st Dec– 4th Jan
Children return: 5th Jan

Feb Half Term: 15th—19th Feb

Children return: 22nd Feb

Easter Hols: 26th March - 12th April

Children return: 13th April

May Bank Hol: 3rd May

May Half Term: 31st May - 4th June

Children return: 7th June

Non Pupil day: 25th June

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