

Parents' Newsletter

Love, Respect, Honesty, Perseverance



Friday 6th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the first official spring newsletter as we move into March! I am so glad to say the weather got the message and we have not had a wet play all week, after so many!

We have had a really busy fortnight, the children loved the DT visit from Roots to Foods! We received a fabulous review from Darren about the children's engagement, behaviour and politeness. Once again, they made us very proud. More information about the day has been shared below. The book sale, World Book Day and the launch of our writing project have added to the excitement this week. In our next newsletter we look forward to sharing some of the children's work from the project which has focussed upon environmentally motivated children's fiction.

Parents of our Year 6 pupils have now been told their places for Secondary school and we hope the children are thrilled and have the news. Although places are not yet finalised for EYR for September 2026, we have had a flyer about Reception Readiness events within the locality. Please see the attached flyer for one being held in Braintree on the 18th March.

We hope that parents found the parent consultation evenings held last week useful and ideas have been shared as to how you can support your child's learning journey. As parents your involvement and engagement make such a difference for your child, by talking about school, by supporting activities such as reading and strengthening maths key facts knowledge, you are increasing your child's engagement and ultimately school success. We are really grateful for your attendance and engagement on not only our behalf but your child's. If, for whatever reason, you have not attended please contact your child's teacher through dojo to find a suitable time to have this session. Thank you to parents for completing our questionnaire as this supports us ensuring we are always aiming to offer the best service we can.

Warm Regards,

Bridgette Gough
Headteacher

Out and About – Spring 2

As promised to support families in enjoying the great outdoors without breaking the bank, we're excited to attach the link for the second of our ideas to encourage pupils to get out and about. Here we have attached the Woodland Trusts activity list, for ideas for hunting for various signs of spring within the local environment, happy hunting!

[Spring - Woodland Trust](#)

We talked to the children about favourite things to do outside as part of our environmental themed workshops this week and one of the things that came up was to picnic. I may be being a bit optimistic after yesterday's sunshine!!

<https://www.visitessex.com/blog/read/2025/06/top-10-picnic-spots-in-essex-b43>

Love Life and Learning

Reflections and Collective Worship

Last week we explored precious memories and linked this to the gift of time, the children heard the Bible story that tells of when Jesus was given a very precious gift his feet were bathed in perfume. A gesture made to show his worth. We also shared the story by Jarvis, Our Pebbles. I cannot recommend this beautiful picture book enough, such a special one. The children linked the two stories so well and could clearly see the importance of showing we care by giving those we love time. Our Reflections Table focuses on this theme as a reinforcing tool of this message. We have posted a picture showing that children currently have the opportunity to... Spend some time thinking about the best gift you could give someone you love, draw a picture or write what it is and who it would be to. Then put the paper into one of the gift boxes and bags here.



This week, to fit with both our Writing Project theme and World Book Day readings, we explored texts focusing on our stewardship of creation. I started the week by sharing there's a Rang Tan in my Bedroom, both the Greenpeace short film and the book. The children impressed me so much with their knowledge of the impact of mass production of palm oil on the rainforests and whether this was new knowledge or built upon existing knowledge they were highly engaged in the plight of the orangutan. The theme was explored through a number of means and we have put a couple of links here should you wish to explore and discuss as a family. Each worship also linked to elements of scripture including the following piece from the book of Genesis. Genesis 2:15, which calls us to "work and take care" of the earth.

<https://vimeo.com/284696941>

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/support-us/act/your-school/green-tree-schools-award/assembly/>

Headteacher's Cup

Joey Class: W1- Keegan

W2- Penelope

Aardvark Class: W1- Mya

W2- Oliver

Giraffe Class: W1- Orla

W2- Lybbie

Capybara Class: W1- Grayson

W2- Oscar

Koala Class: W1- Thomas

W2- Lucy

Jellyfish Class: W1- Willow

W2- Freddie W

Falcon Class: W1- Brody

W2- Rafe



Birthdays in March

Ava G

Grayson

Jacob H

Elijah

Mark

Phoebe

Oscar M

Lucy

Millie

Charlie H

Alice K

Mya

Enola

Flinn

Parker

Violet

Lilia

Logan



Going For Green

Ben M & Daice B

Sports Cup

Raven & Sidharth

Roots to Food Visit

Last week we welcomed Darren Tinkler from Roots to Food into school, once again, he worked with most of our classes. The children thoroughly enjoyed their session, and this experience complimented our Design and Technology event which took place last term. The dish completed took an Asian theme and showed the children how to cook from scratch using a recipe. They prepared all the vegetables and meat and with the use of an electric wok created a well-balanced main meal. Safe tool use and hygiene were an important part of the session and of course taste testing and review. This has all been made possible due to this event being sponsored by our PTA (SASHA). May I take the opportunity to thank them on behalf of our pupils and staff. We have enclosed the recipe to allow you to recreate the dish, should you wish, at home. We have included some pictures to share too!



Safeguarding

Stay Safe Online

In today's digital age, ensuring our children's safety online is more important than ever. We understand that guiding children navigating the complexities of the internet can be challenging for parents, especially when it comes to primary school-aged children who are increasingly exposed to various digital platforms. To support you in this vital role, we are pleased to share some valuable internet safety resources. These resources are attached to this fortnight's newsletter.

Here are some key tips to help keep your children safe online:

- Encourage open conversations about their online activities.
 - Set clear rules about internet usage and screen time.
- Use parental controls to monitor and limit access to certain sites.
 - Teach them to recognise suspicious messages or requests.

We invite you to explore these resources and share your thoughts or experiences with us. Together, we can foster a safer online environment for our children.

World Book Day

This week saw the children dress up, feel happy and let their imagination soar as we celebrated World Book Day! This year's theme, "Give it all you've got," encouraged our pupils to embrace their creativity.

To make this day even more special, teachers highlighted our current environmental theme through their selected books to encourage thought about their impact on the world. This celebration not only aligns with our school's writing project but also integrates with our collective worship theme. Enjoy some images of children sharing books at the end of this newsletter!

Book Fair Success

I want to thank our community for supporting this event and making it such a success. We will be able to purchase new books to build up our stocks and keep our boxes and shelves able to hold something engaging for everyone.

Spring Pickers Essex Wildlife Trust

As we welcome the vibrant beginnings of spring, we are pleased to share the latest newsletter from the Essex Wildlife Trust outlining their Spring Pickers Event. We are engaging with this initiative, to not only highlights the beauty of our local environment but also to reinforce our commitment at school to fostering a deep connection between our pupils and the natural world. Engaging with wildlife and understanding our role in conservation is vital, and we encourage families to explore the activities and events mentioned in the newsletter.

The Essex Wildlife Trust is dedicated to protecting and enhancing the natural environment across Essex. Their initiatives provide excellent opportunities for our students to learn about biodiversity and the importance of ecological stewardship. We invite families to participate in upcoming events, such as guided nature walks and conservation projects, which are designed to inspire a love for the outdoors and promote environmental awareness. Please engage with the programme encouraging the collection of just 5 pieces of litter a day between the 10th and 19th March.

Parking with Care

As part of our commitment to creating a safe and supportive community, we would like to remind all parents about the importance of considerate parking in our school vicinity. A safe drop-off and pick-up area is essential for the well-being of us all. By being mindful of where you park, you contribute to a safer environment for everyone.

To ensure the safety of our children, please consider the following parking guidelines:

- Always park in designated areas.
- Avoid double parking or blocking in other drivers.
- Be aware of pedestrians, especially young children, when driving in the vicinity of the school.

We appreciate your co-operation in making our school a safer place. Your efforts not only enhance the safety of our children but also strengthen our community spirit.

World Book day Celebrations 2026 !



Love Life and Learning

Roots for Food – 2026!



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