

'Striving for Excellence'
Headteacher: Mrs D. Dack

NEWSLETTER 8 APRIL 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you know we had Ofsted this term, we are still awaiting their report and we will advise you when the report is published. Thank you for all your kind words and support during this time.

We would like to wish you all a lovely Easter break and look forward to seeing you all back on Tuesday 18th April.

WORLD BOOK WEEK

This year we had dress as a word for World Book Day. We have had some really lovely feedback from both parents and pupils on how they enjoyed making their signs/costumes. The pupils looked Fantastic!

COMIC RELIEF

We had a great day celebrating Red Nose Day (not sure who enjoyed it more, the children or staff) everyone looked amazing. We raised a whopping £320, thank you for your support and contributions.

**Well done Mrs Green for
being such a good sport!**



MOTHERS DAY CELEBRATIONS

A massive thank you to all the children who came along to the Mothers's Day stalls and purchased something special for their mums, nans and aunties. The stalls were so successful the PTA sold out of all there gifts. Thank you to the PTA members who sourced the gifts and sold them.

PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended the online Parents Consultations and 'Book Looks' this week .

SWIMMING AND CLUBS

After the Easter holidays, swimming and clubs will resume the week commencing 24th April 2023.

PLEASE SEE BELOW CHANGES TO SWIMMING LESSONS

Year 6 will not be swimming this term.

5PA will swim on a Monday instead Thursday.

4P will swim on a Wednesday instead of a Monday.

Foundation will start swimming lessons this term.

Swimming contributions can be paid on Pay360.

3rd - 14th April	Easter Hoildays
	SUMMER TERM 2023 Year 6 stop Swimming/Foundation Stage Start swimming
17th April	Inset Day —No pupils
18th April	Pupils back to school
19th April	Year 4 Trip - Colchester Castle
21st April	Year 5 Trip - Hindu Temple
1st May	Bank Holiday
8th May	Bank Holiday
Week of 8th May	SATs Week—Year 6 & Breakfast
Week of 15th May	KS1 SATs
23rd May	Class Photos
26th May	Year 5—Trip to Thorndon Country Park
29th May—2nd June	Half Term
5th June	Pupils and Staff return to school

IMPORTANT INFORMATION—TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

Improving school attendance is a key priority for all schools across Essex. Where families choose to take a family holiday during term time, this can detrimentally impact a pupil's progress and can prevent them from fulfilling their true academic potential. Our school attendance policy, available via our school website, clearly sets out the process that parents should follow if they wish to apply for leave during term time. Please note that applications should only be made, if you feel that there are exceptional circumstances which mean that the leave cannot be taken during the school holidays. **We would ask all parents to note that, where families choose to go on holiday during term time and the absences are coded as unauthorised, Essex County Council may not issue penalty notices and may instead proceed to prosecution and place the case directly before the Magistrates for their consideration in court.** If found guilty by the Magistrates, parents could face a fine of up to £2,500 and/or 3 months imprisonment.