

'Striving for Excellence'
Headteacher: Mrs D. Dack

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and we hope you all enjoyed the holidays.

Mrs Dack



CHRISTMAS FETE

We had a wonderful time at the Christmas Fete. We would like to thank everybody on the PTA committee who worked very hard to ensure the children all had a great time. The total amount raised for all Christmas activities and events was £5770.41. Thank you to all of you who have donated over the last year.

CITIZENS OF THE TERM

The following pupils have been awarded Citizen of the Term by their classmates and teacher. This is for being a good role model to others and excelling over the Autumn term.

6P Lilly, 6S Todd, 5P Emily Mc, 5PA Arabella, 4S Emilia, 4N Connie, 3F Bella, 3A Hayden, 2W Olivia G, 2WR Willow, 1Q Olivia C, 1HL Harper, 1W Rory, F1 Finley, F2 Austin.

YEAR 3 CAROL SERVICE

Year 3 sang the Christmas carols so beautifully on Friday 8th December to parents/carers and on Wednesday 6th December to the whole school.

YEAR 3 VIKING DAY

These re-enactment days were very successful learning experiences for the children. Thank you for providing the costumes.

YEAR 2 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

Year 2's Christmas production was performed amazingly by all the children at both performances. Thank you for your help with costumes and props.

FOUNDATION & YEAR 1

Both Foundation and Year 1 all looked lovely in their nativity costumes.

RECEPTION ADMISSIONS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR STARTING IN SEPTEMBER 2024

As you may be aware, the primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 6 November 2023**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2024.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2024**; applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

SPRING TERM 2024	
4th January	Pupils return 8.40am
11th January	Year 5—British Museum Trip. Please be at the school for 7.20am.
26th January	Year 4—Stone Age Workshop
1st February	Film Night—3.15pm to 4.45pm (more information to follow)
10th February	PTA Magic Night (more information to follow)
13th February	Pancake Races (more information to follow)
19th—23rd February	HALF TERM
26th February	Pupils return 8.40am
4th March	Book Week
6th March	Mother's Day PTA stalls
7th March	World Book Day—dressing up day
8th March	Mother's Day PTA stalls
11th, 12th & 13th March	Book Fair—3.15pm Millennium Hall
15th March	Red Nose Day—non uniform
18th March	Year 2—Hanningfield Reservoir Trip
22nd March	Year 1—Colchester Zoo Trip
25th & 26th March	PARENT/CARER BOOK LOOKS Come and look at your child's learning: Monday 25th March 3.15-4.15pm Tuesday 26th March 3.15-4.15pm
27th & 28th March	PARENT/CARER CONSULTATIONS—School Cloud Wednesday 27th March 3.30-6.00pm Thursday 28th March 3.30-6.00pm
29th March– 12th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
15th April	Inset Day—No pupils
16th April	Pupils back to school

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Parents and carers are invited to come and see your child's work at their class assembly. These assemblies will start at 2.40pm. KS1 - Millennium Hall and KS2 - Viking Hall. Please put the date in your diary.

4S— 18th January

2W—29th February

1W—25th April

4N— 25th January

2WR—7th March

F1—2nd May

3A— 8th February

1Q— 14th March

F2—9th May

3F—15th February

1HL—21st March