



15th May 2026

## Newsletter No 30

### Message from Mr Bullivant

It has been another fantastic and busy week in school, with lots of exciting learning taking place across all year groups.

Firstly, a huge congratulations to Year 6 for completing their SATs this week. The children have been absolutely amazing every single day, showing incredible resilience, determination and maturity throughout the tests. We are so proud of all the hard work they have put in across the year, and this week has been a true testament to their commitment and positive attitude. To celebrate the end of SATs week, the children enjoyed a non-uniform day and a well-earned Domino's Pizza treat together — a fantastic way to mark the occasion. Well done, Year 6!

Year 1 have had a very busy and exciting week. The children carefully wrote letters to King Charles before taking a walk to the post box to send them. They were incredibly enthusiastic about posting their letters and are now eagerly looking forward to receiving a response from the King!

Meanwhile, Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed a wonderfully messy science lesson exploring the digestive system. Through a series of hands-on experiments, the children recreated the digestive process to better understand how our bodies work. Mr Bear described the lesson as “amazing but disgusting,” which I think sums it up perfectly!

Year 5 have certainly been keeping active in science this week while learning about exercise and its impact on the human body. The children measured their heart rates and blood pressure after physical activity and even took on the role of doctors using stethoscopes. Thankfully, I can confirm there were no emergency operations carried out during the lesson!

It has been lovely to see so much enthusiasm, curiosity and excellent learning throughout the school this week.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Warm regards,

Mr Bullivant

## Message from Miss Newley

I am so proud of all the effort of Year 6 this week. They all tackled the tests with a fantastic attitude.

Thank you to all of the parents/carers for your support in ensuring great attendance and punctuality. We look forward to this continuing as we move into the final half term helping to get the pupils ready for secondary school.

Best wishes

Miss Newley

## Attendance Matters

Good attendance is essential for children to make the most of their learning and to fully take part in all the experiences school has to offer. Every day in school really does count, and even small amounts of absence can quickly add up to lost learning time.

To help raise the profile of good attendance across the school, we have recently launched an exciting new initiative called **Attendopoly**. Each week, the three classes with the best attendance — particularly those achieving or exceeding our school target of **96%** — earn the opportunity to roll the dice during our **Celebration Assembly**.

Where they land on the board could lead to a range of exciting prizes for the class, making attendance something we can all celebrate together. - last week Year 4 enjoyed hot chocolate with Miss Symonds!

We look forward to seeing which classes make it onto the Attendopoly board next week. Thank you, as always, for your support in ensuring children arrive at school every day, on time, ready to learn.



Attendance results – week ending 15th May 2026

EYFS	98.81 %
Year 1	99.13 %
Year 2	94.76 %
Year 3	96.30 %
Year 4	96.96 %
Year 5	96.36 %
Year 6	100 %
Whole School	96.77 %
YTD (from 01.09.2025)	94.46 %

## Summer Term 2026 Dates

Dates for the Summer Term

Monday 1st June 2026 - Inset day

Monday 1st June -12th June - Year 4 Multiplication checks

Monday 8th June 2026 - Sports Day – KS1 9-10.45am – KS2 1.15-3pm

Tuesday 9th June 2026 - Year 6 Crucial Crew

Thursday 11th June 2026 - Sports day reserve – KS1 9-10.45am – KS2 1.15-3pm

Friday 12th June 2026 - Group Photos

Monday 15th June 2026 - SEND coffee morning Yr5/6 transition

w/c Monday 8th June 2026 - Phonics Screening check for Year 1 (and some YR2 pupils)

Thursday 18th June 2026 - Year 6 1st transition day at Thurstable

Thursday 25th & Friday 26th June - Year 6 Transition days at TLA

Thursday 25th June 2026 - Year 6 transition day at St Helena School

Thursday 25th June 2026 - Year 6 2nd transition day at Thurstable

Thursday 25th June 2026 - Year 6 transitions day at Paxman Academy

Thursday 25th June 2026 - EYFS Meet the Teacher 9.30-11.30am – transition / move up day

Monday 29th June – Friday 6th July 2026 - One Plan Meetings

Tuesday 30th June 2026 - EYFS Stay & Play 4-5pm

w/c Monday July 6th 2026 - Reports out during this week

Tuesday 7th July 2026 - SATs results released. These will be checked and shared with pupils and parents/carers as soon as possible.

Tuesday 7th July 2026 - Year 6 performance to parents

Wednesday 8th July 2026 - EYFS Stay & Play 2-3pm

Thursday 9th July 2026 - iROCK concert invitation only

Thursday 9th July 2026 - School Disco

Friday 3rd July 2026 - After School Clubs finish

Monday 13th July 2026 - Open Classrooms – parents invited

Tuesday 14th July 2026 - Gardening Competition

Thursday 16th July 2026 - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Friday 17th July 2026 - Last day of term.

Monday 20th July 2026 - Inset day

## Achievements Outside of School

We are keen to celebrate the children's achievements outside of school and would love to hear from you if your child has taken part in something special they enjoy. Please send a brief description and a photo if you wish, of your child's achievement to be included in the newsletter.

## Well done Teddy!

Last weekend Teddy from year 5 participated in the ESF football tournament. With over 1000 grassroots teams participating, ESF26 is the biggest youth football festival of its kind in the UK

Teddy's team competed against top league academy teams and overall they finished in 5th place!

He was presented with his medals and trophies by the VIP guests Sue Smith and Jermain Defoe





## Special Award for Writing



Year	Awarded to
EYFS	Mabel
Year 1	Evelyn
Year 2	Brian
Year 3	Ava
Year 4	Archer
Year 5	Delliah
Year 6	Lilia

## Times Tables Rock Stars & Numbots Challenge



We are trying to increase engagement of the pupils with the excellent Numbots and TTRS programmes.

We will be handing out a certificate for the child, in each class, who has engaged the most with their class TTRS/Numbots on a weekly basis.

Please encourage your child to play at home.

Year group	Most engagement this week
1	Cameron
2	Danny
3	Tymofii
4	Nathaniel
5	Daisy
6	Isla

## Useful Info



Are you worried about your child travelling to secondary school on their own in September?

Is your child anxious about travelling to school by bus for the first time on their own?

Being able to travel independently is a key life skill.

Travel Training gives people with SEN or additional needs the confidence and skills to travel on buses and trains independently. We can also help with walking routes.

Anyone can refer using our online referral form, we aim to be in touch within 10 days

[www.travel-training.co.uk](http://www.travel-training.co.uk)

[Travel.training@essex.gov.uk](mailto:Travel.training@essex.gov.uk)

03330322872

Please take a look at our travel training video by clicking here: [Travel Training, The journey to independence - Essex County Council](#)



**Are you a parent of a Year 5 child who has Special Educational Needs?**

Worried about transition to secondary school?

Ask questions? SEN support or EHCP

What might provision look like for your child in Year 7?

**Come and meet with Jane Hearn, Nicola Chisnall and Emily Henty from SEND services.**

**9<sup>th</sup> June** 9.30am to 11am  
Old Heath Primary School  
Old Heath Road, Colchester CO2 8DD

**16<sup>th</sup> June** 1.00pm to 2.30pm  
St Michael's Primary School  
Camulodunum Way, Colchester CO2 9RA

**24<sup>th</sup> June** 1.30pm to 3.00pm  
Monkwick Junior School  
School Road, Colchester CO2 8NN

All dates are open to parents of pupils in Year 5 on the SEN register at any school listed


Fingringhoe Primary school  
Mersea Primary School  
Langenhoe Primary School  
Cherry Tree Academy  
Old Heath Primary School  
Monkwick Junior school

St Lawrence Primary School  
Montgomery Primary School  
St Michael's Primary School  
Gosbecks Primary School  
Kings Ford Academy

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Moving Up from  
Infants to Juniors  
17<sup>th</sup> June 10 am and 7 pm

Moving Up from  
Primary to Secondary  
24<sup>th</sup> June 10 am and 7 pm



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## Autism Anglia

We'd like to highlight Autism Anglia's Community Connect — a *free* support service specifically for children with neurodiverse needs and their families.

**! No diagnosis needed !** Support available even if your child is just *on a pathway* or you're exploring possible neurodiversity

They can help with: 🌟 Autism-related questions or concerns 🌟 Communication and social interaction 🌟 Emotional regulation 🌟 Sensory needs 🌟 Anxiety or behaviour linked to neurodiversity

Find out more here: 📍 <https://www.autism-anglia.org.uk/our-services/community-connect/>

If you're unsure if this service is for you and you'd like some advice, don't hesitate to ask.

Mrs Donnelly

## Cherry Tree Foodbank

At Cherry Tree, we understand that life can sometimes bring unexpected challenges, and there may be times when a little extra support with food is needed. That's why we're launching the **Cherry Tree Foodbank** — a resource available to all our families whenever it's needed.

To help us keep the foodbank stocked, we welcome donations of **long-life food items**, including:

- Cereals
- Long life milk
- Tinned potatoes
- Pasta and rice
- Sauces
- Tinned vegetables
- Baked beans
- Tinned pies
- Tuna and other canned goods

Every contribution, big or small, makes a real difference.

If you'd like support, please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can call, email, or drop by to speak with me directly. I'll be happy to put together a food hamper for you, and I can also provide food bank vouchers if needed.

Together, we can support one another and make sure no family goes without.

Warm regards,

Miss Symonds

## Communication with school.

When trying to communicate with members of staff at Cherry Tree, please bear in mind that they are working extremely hard with the children.

We aim to acknowledge all parent communication within 48 hours - this includes phone calls and emails.