Our School Newsletter
March / April 2025

Our School Vision -

"In all things, treat others as you would like to be treated."

Matthew (7:12)

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Church service this morning - thank you for joining us, we hope you enjoyed the singing and the children sharing their work.

A few Easter thank you's -

The children are coming home today with an Easter Egg that was donated by Milbank Concrete Ltd, a local company based in Earls Colne who have a fantastic community outreach programme - many thanks to them for the eggs and for the offers of future support for school projects and to Mr Wheeler for finding them!

Thanks also to the fabulous FoGT and to everyone who supported the Quiz and the Easter Fair after school on Tuesday. We hope the children enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt and the different stalls.

Also, a huge thank you to David Morton from Tey Farm Systems, who has donated £150 towards sports kits for the children when they attend out of school sports events - many thanks to David for this support.

Next term, we have some national assessments taking place - the Y6 SATs in the week beginning 12th May, the Y1 phonics check in June and the Y4 times tables check also in June. Class teachers will be happy to discuss these if you would like more information.

Just a reminder that we have two boxes full of unnamed lost property sitting outside the office, so please come in and claim anything you have lost. Please, please name all items of clothing over the Easter break so that they can quickly be returned to their owners.

Lastly, we have been given a child's acoustic guitar - free to a good home if anyone would like it!

Wishing you all a happy, sunny Easter holiday! Best wishes, Mrs Overton

Next term's value for Collective Worship will be **Patience**. We will learn about the Bible verse -

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law." **Galatians 5:22-23**

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March and April in Ducklings Class

Zachary said, "I've done good maths and counting to 20!"

Annie said, "I liked having cookies for snacktime!"

Maisie confirmed, "We've been having snack on the field!"

Arthur said, "I've been doing good reading and good learning!"

Wren told me, "I've done good writing and I was in the Golden Book!"

Jack said, "I've been playing with Wren and all my friends!"

Rowan agreed, "I was in the Golden Book too for counting and knowing my numbers!"

Tilly said, "Me and Mr Hallard made a picture of an aeroplane and it was so good he gave me a stamp!"

Saint said, "I did good counting and I did maths and everything and I can ride on a horse!"

March and April in Sparrows Class

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Otto told me, "In topic I really liked making our sloths and snakes."

Hendrix said, "I liked doing fractions in maths because I like it when it gets a bit tricky!"

Zachary told me, "I've liked all of it. MY favourite was probably doing music and the Samba dancing."

Lacey said, "I liked weaving our Easter Eggs. I used red, blue and yellow and it looks really good."

Molly said, " I loved doing the samba dancing and playing all the instruments. It sounded good. I liked making my sloth and my butterfly!"

Clara said, "I liked doing the jungle trail. I had fun when Ellie was back. I like doing the gym trail. I like all of them, the trampoline and the blue thing (blue body sock!).

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March and April in Robins Class

Robins Class have enjoyed learning all about geography, geology and people of mountainous areas such as the Himalayas.

Grace told me, "In topic we were doing weaving because there's a tribe that lives in the mountains that makes their own clothes and things by weaving."

Florence said, "I really enjoyed my maths because I get it now! We have been learning about maths and capacity."

Phoebe said, "I have really enjoyed RE and learning about the different religions. I really love learning about Christianity."

Jake told me, "I've liked doing maths because I'm good at it so it's really easy! And spellings!"

Reg agreed, " I like doing my spellings now because I practice with my Grandma and I keep getting 10/10!"

Oscar said, " I really liked when we went to the church and did the singing. I really liked singing Spring Chicken!"

March and April in Woodpeckers Class

Alana - I really liked it when we tested the different materials for Professor Karlsson

Olivia - I liked it when we drew the botanical illustrations and working on settings

Pia - I enjoyed looking at and drawing flower paintings

Paradise - I enjoyed the science like testing materials

Gracie Davis - I enjoyed building pulleys

Lillie - I felt content painting the orchids

Archie - I loved building the pulley systems for Professor Karlsson

Seb - I liked building the pulley system for the mineshaft

Emmett - I loved building the pulleys

Damir - I liked the pulleys and the egg hunt

Meredith - I liked the pulley building and reading the class book

Lincoln - I like testing the materials that Professor Karlsson gave us

Freddie - I liked making the pulleys and testing the materials for Professor Karlsson

Martha - I liked the flower painting

Georgie - I was pleased that I got the Class Citizen award

Ellie - I like being a coach helper in PE and the egg hunt.

Charles - I enjoyed building the pulley system and finding out how they worked

Connie - I liked making the pulley system as I enjoyed building it. I'm proud of how well it worked.

Lilly - I liked the challenge of building the pulley system - it's good to have a challenge in life.

Nahdia - I liked working on soundscapes as we got to listen to what was around us.

Gracie Downes - Playing hockey in PE was fun!

Esme - I liked doing the church treasure hunt as I liked seeing things I wouldn't have noticed before.

Ronan - I was proud of my pulley system. I enjoyed working as a team - we did really well.

Isla - Mae - I liked building the pulley system as it was fun to make and see what others had tried.

Diary Dates (new dates in red)

April

Mon 7th – Monday 21st – Easter Holidays

Tues 22nd – First day back

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Tues 29th – Class Photos

May

Mon 12th – Thurs 15th – KS2 SATs week

Weds 14th – Road Safety Talks for Reception and Y5

Fri 16th – FoGT Break The Rules day

Thurs 22nd – KS1 Born to Move Festival (more info to follow)

Mon 26th – Fri 30th – Half Term

June

Monday 2nd – Non Pupil Day

Thurs 5th – Mental Health Workshop for pupils

Fri 6th – Pentecost Community Worship in Church 10am (change of time)

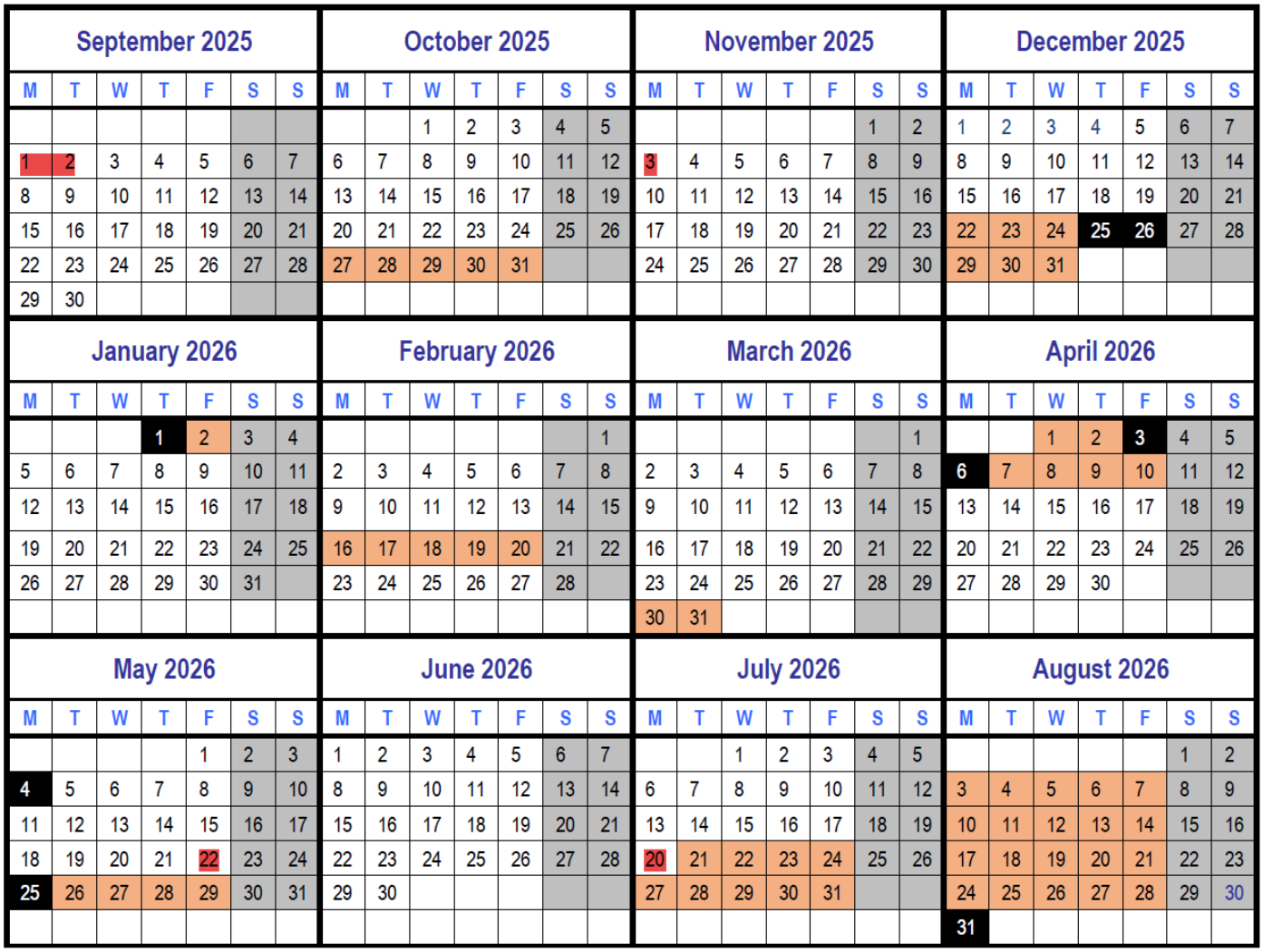
Tues 10th – Kids Inspire assemblies and workshop

Tues 17th – KS2 Consortium Sports Afternoon

Monday 23rd – Fri 27th – Y6 Transition week (specific dates to be decided by the secondary schools e.g Stanway – Thurs 26th.)

Tues 24th – EYFS Multiskills morning

Essex County Council School Term and Holiday Dates for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools - Academic Year 2025-2026



= Schooldays

= School holidays

= Bank holidays

= Weekends

Non Pupil Days are marked in red

In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

Autumn Term:	Monday 1 September 2025 – Friday 19 December 2025 *Half Term 27 October – 31 October*	75 days
Spring Term:	Monday 5 January 2026 – Friday 27 March 2026 *Half Term 16 February - 20 February*	55 days
Summer Term:	Monday 13 April 2026 – Monday 20 July 2026 *Half Term 25 May – 29 May, and May Bank Holiday - 4 May*	65 days
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