Our School Newsletter
May 2025

Our School Vision -

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

Matthew (7:12)

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the final half term of the year. We are looking forward to a busy few weeks, with Ducklings planning a trip to Frinton beach, Sparrows going to Beth Chatto Gardens and Woodpeckers looking forward to their residential trip. Woodpeckers and Robins will also be working hard for their KS2 performance - please note one of the dates for this has changed (all dates on the calendar below).

As ever, we are asking for help in sourcing some things we need for the school - our gardening beds have rotted away so we are looking for some railway sleepers if anyone has any hidden away at the bottom of the garden! The ability to transport them if we do find any would also be hugely useful if anyone is able to offer the use of their van (and driver!).

Robins and Woodpeckers are looking for some props for their performance -

A lollipop lady type of crossing sign

Fluffy dice for a car

A light saber

Please let us know if you can help!

I hope you have all had a lovely half term, and that the warm weather is going to last - please ensure you send suncream, a sunhat and a water bottle with your child each day as children cannot play out on the field at the hottest part of the day without protection - if they don't have hats, we ask them to stay in the shade.

Finally, just a reminder that we have two large boxes full of unnamed lost property in the reception area outside the main office - please come and claim anything you have lost as anything left will be put in the FoGT sale boxes or given to charity at the end of term.

Best wishes, Mrs Overton

This half term's value for Collective Worship will be **Honesty**. We will learn about the importance of telling the truth and will investigate the meaning of the Bible verse -

"Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbour, for we are all members of one body." Ephesians 4:25

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Diary Dates (new dates in red)

June

Monday 2nd – Non Pupil Day

Thurs 5th – Mental Health Workshop for pupils

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

Week beginning 9th June – Y4 Multiplication Check / Y1 Phonics Check

Tues 10th – Kids Inspire assemblies and workshop

Tues 17th – KS2 Consortium Sports Afternoon

Monday 23rd 10.30am – First visit for our new Reception children

Monday 23rd – Fri 27th – Y6 Transition week (specific dates to be decided by the secondary schools e.g. Gilberd 24th/25th; Honywood, Stanway, Philip Morant 26th.; Honywood also 27th)

Tues 24th – EYFS Multiskills morning

Friday 27th – Sparrows Trip to Beth Chatto Gardens

Fri 27th – FoGT Summer Fayre

Monday 30th 10.30am– Second visit for our new Reception children

July

Tues 1st 2pm – KS2 Afternoon Performance

Weds 2nd 1.30pm – Third visit for our new reception children

Weds 2nd – Mental Health Champions Graduation (more info to follow)

Fri 5th 9.15am – Music assembly for Mrs Brooks' students

Fri 5th 6pm – KS2 Evening Performance

Sat 5th – Camp Night

Monday 7th 10.30am – Fourth visit for our new Reception children

Weds 9th – Fri 11th – Woodpeckers Residential Trip

Monday 14th 10.30am – Fifth visit for our new Reception children

Monday 14th 2pm – RockSteady Concert for parents

Weds 16th 9.15am – Woodpeckers Ukulele Concert for parents

Weds 16th – Family Picnic and Sports Afternoon 12pm – 3pm

Friday 18th 10am – End of Year Community Worship at Church

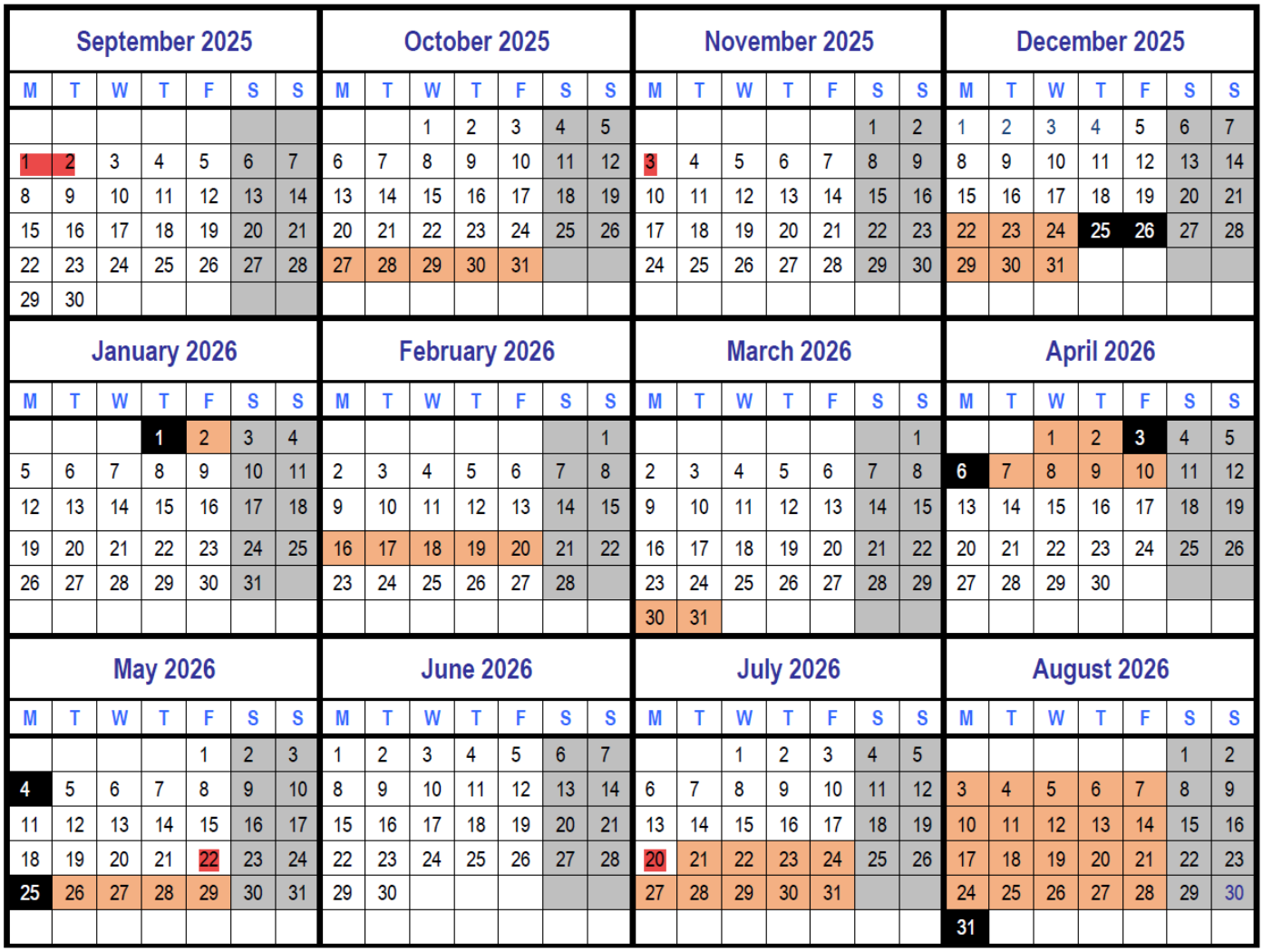
Tues 22nd 2pm – Leavers Assembly

Tues 22nd – final day of term

Next year: first day back for pupils is Wednesday 3rd September.

Non-Pupil days are 1st and 2nd September, 3rd November, 22nd May and 20th July. Date sheet for 2025/2026 attached.

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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