Our Welcome Back School Newsletter

Our School Vision -

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

Matthew (7:12)

Dear Parents,

It's been lovely to see the children settle back into school so well and to chat to them about their summer holidays. The field is still looking a bit the worse for wear after the heatwave but we hope for some green grass eventually!

We were delighted to welcome Amelia, Danny, Evelyn, Faith, Isadora, James, Olivia and Vienna to Ducklings Class - we hope they and their families will be very happy at Great Tey. We also welcomed Mrs. Hunt as a teaching assistant in Woodpeckers Class, Mrs. Taylor in the office and Miss. Roach in the kitchen – we hope they will be very happy here too! In other news, I know you will join me in sending our love and best wishes to Mrs. Rawlinson, who is currently off sick after an op – we look forward to welcoming her back soon.

Topics this term are -

Ducklings - Creep, Crawl and Wriggle followed by Starry Night after half term

Sparrows – Moon Zoom (though this is currently a secret …)

Robins – Tribal Tales (about prehistoric times) followed by Blue Abyss (oceans)

Woodpeckers – Pharaohs (Ancient Egypt) followed by Hola Mexico! (Ancient Mayas)

In collective worship this half term we are learning about spirituality – what it is and why it is important. We will be learning that being spiritual is not the same as being religious.

Club letters will come home soon, with the aim of starting clubs on 21st September. In the meantime, places are available in Bear Club after school if needed; please let the office know.

We are continuing to run our very popular RockSteady sessions in school time on Monday afternoons – children can learn to play drums, keyboard, guitar and bass or to sing as part of a rock band – please contact the office for further details.

We are aiming to ensure every class enjoys at least one big trip to somewhere exciting this year - unfortunately, due to a lack of payments we cannot afford to run as many trips as we did last year. More info on this will follow soon for each class.

Wishing you all a happy Autumn Term. Best wishes, Mrs. Overton

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Ducklings

YR / 1

Our PE Days are Monday and Wednesday - please wear PE kit on those days and remove earrings!

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Teacher	Ms. Lambert	Ms. Lambert	Mrs. Canning and Ms.. Lambert	Mrs. Canning	Mrs. Canning
TA	Mr. Hallard Miss Roberts	Mr. Hallard Miss Roberts	Miss Roberts	Mr. Hallard Miss Roberts	Mr. Hallard Miss Roberts

Sparrows

Y1 / 2

Our PE Days are Monday and Wednesday - please wear PE kit on those days and remove earrings!

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Teacher	Mrs. Canning	Mrs. McDiarmid	Mrs. McDiarmid	Mrs. McDiarmid	Mrs. McDiarmid
TAs	Mrs. Reeve	Mrs. Reeve Mrs. Longman	Mrs. Reeve Mrs. Longman	Mrs. Reeve Mrs. Longman	Mrs. Longman

Robins

Y3 / 4

Our PE Days are Monday and Friday - please wear PE kit on those days and remove earrings!

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Teacher	Miss Spicer	Miss Spicer	Miss Spicer	Miss Spicer	Miss Spicer
TAs	Mrs. Atkins Miss Robertson	Mrs. Rawlinson Miss Robertson	Mrs. Rawlinson Miss Robertson	Mrs. Rawlinson Miss Robertson	Mrs. Rawlinson Miss Robertson

Woodpeckers

Y5 / 6

Our PE Days are Monday and Friday - please keep PE kit in school for those days and remove earrings!

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Teacher	Mrs. Rought	Mrs. Rought	Mrs. Rought	Mrs. Amey	Mrs. Amey
TA	Mrs. Hunt	Mrs. Hunt	Mrs. Hunt	Mrs. Hunt	Mrs. Hunt

Diary Dates Autumn Term 2026 - 2027

September

Weds 9th – new Reception children stay for their first full day

Thurs 10th – photographer in for individual photos

Weds 16th – Woodpecker whole class ukulele lessons begin (10 weeks in class)

October

Fri 2nd - Harvest Community Worship in church at 10am (new Ducklings will not attend this service until they are a little older!)

Mon 5th and Tues 6th – Y6 Level 2 Bikeability (for those who have given consent, bikes and helmets needed. Bikes can be brought in on Monday morning and left in the school hall overnight on Monday ready for Tuesday).
Tues 6th – Y4/5 Level 1 Bikeability (for those who have given consent, bikes and helmets needed)
Tuesday 13th - Sparrows Class Parent Consultation afternoon 1pm - 3.30pm
Weds 14th - Robins Class Parent Consultation afternoon 1pm - 3.30pm
Thu 15th - Woodpeckers Class Parent Consultation afternoon 1pm - 3.30pm
Thu 15th - Whole School Parent Consultation evening 3.30 - 6.00pm
Mon 26th - Half Term Week
Saturday 31st – closing date for Y7 secondary place applications

November

Mon 2nd - Non-Pupil Day for staff training
Mon 9th - Open Afternoon for Reception children September 2027
Weds 11th - Remembrance Service in church at 10.45 am (new Ducklings will not attend this service yet)
Thurs 26th – Jack & the Beanstalk Panto at The Mercury Theatre (subsidised by FoGT)
Fri 27th – Flu immunisations (only given by the School Nurse team with your consent)

December

Mon 7th - Rocksteady concert 2.30pm
Weds 9th - Christmas Lunch / wear a Christmas jumper day
Tues 15th - Ducklings and Sparrows Class Nativity Performance 2pm
Weds 16th - Ducklings and Sparrows Class Nativity Performance 9.15am
Thurs 17th - Christmas Carol Concert in church 6pm
Fri 18th - final day of term

January

Spring term begins on **Monday 4th January** for all classes.
Fri 15th – closing date for applications for Reception 2027 places

Essex County Council School Term and Holiday Dates for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools - Academic Year 2026-2027

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= Weekends

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

Autumn Term:	Tuesday 1 September 2026 – Friday 18 December 2026 *Half Term 26 October – 30 October*	74 days
Spring Term:	Monday 4 January 2027 – Thursday 25 March 2027 *Half Term 15 February - 19 February*	54 days
Summer Term:	Monday 12 April 2027 – Wednesday 21 July 2027 *Half Term 31 May – 4 June, and May Bank Holiday - 3 May*	67 days
		195 days

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Spring Term:	Tuesday 4 January 2028 – Friday 31 March 2028 *Half Term 14 February - 18 February*	59 days
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