



Newsletter – 15th May 2026



CELEBRATING GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Overall whole school attendance this week: 94.85%

Well done to class 6H for achieving the highest attendance this week.

Year One – Fun Run Fun!

Mrs Sales would like to celebrate the Year 1 children who took part in the Fun Run on Tuesday. They were a pleasure to take and all enjoyed cheering each other on. Every single one of them tried their best and all came away with a lovely medal. Thank you to all the parents and Grandparents who came to support them. The main emphasis was on the children having fun and enjoying being active but it is also important to acknowledge sporting achievement too. A special well done to Rupert, who came an impressive 4th and Heston who came in 7th from over 100 children taking part. A great effort from everyone.



Freedom Boat Adventures Trip (Year 5)

Our Freedom boat trip was amazing, we went really fast! We started the trip by picking up litter to do our bit for the environment. We collected lots of pieces of plastic near the water. The bird watching was brilliant, we saw a huge range of birds including geese and gulls and some others that we couldn't identify but they looked interesting! During the boat trip, it was so exciting, the boat was called 'Rozmaur' it was built fully accessible for people with disabilities to access the boat which is important. There was a lift to raise you up so you could see out of the window, we all got to drive the boat and even Mr Elmer had lots of fun! Both groups loved the experience today and wish that many more people and children get to enjoy the Freedom Boat Adventures experience.

Written by Year 5 (group 2)



We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Paul Button, Chris Dawson and the Freedom Boat Adventures team for providing the children with such an amazing opportunity.



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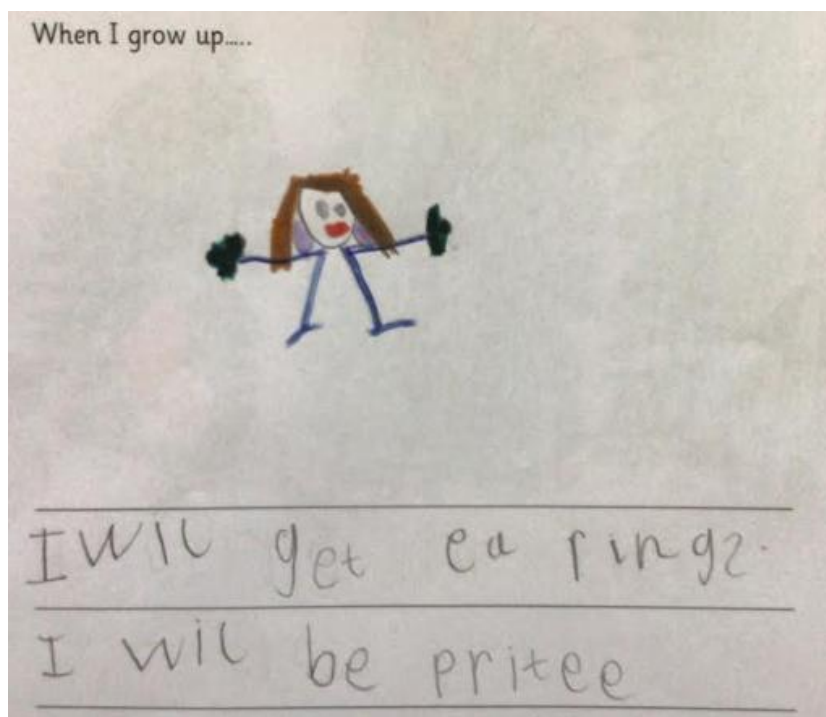
Our School Council recently discussed what to spend the money on that they had raised this year and also questioned why we did not have speakers on the far playground or the field. The children understood that we have to wait until we have enough money and do things in stages. As a result, they requested for us to get a quote so they could see how much it would cost. They worked out that with the money they have left, after buying some glue sticks (their choice!), they need to raise a further £500 in order to purchase the next speaker and to have it fitted. They shared some ideas about how they might raise the money. One of them was to sell ice lollies on a Friday after school during summer term. The second one was to challenge each child to raise £2.00 in any way they can. The School Council would really appreciate your support with their fundraising campaign. After half term, there will be a pot in each classroom to collect any donations.

They are very excited so thank you, in advance, for any support.

Well done to Year Six

A big well done to all the Year Six pupils who have worked extremely hard this week whilst completing their SATs. We try very hard to ensure the children know, it is an opportunity for them to just try their best and show off what they can do, and they have all risen to the challenge brilliantly. They have thoroughly enjoyed being with their friends for breakfast too!

Florence M's thoughts on growing up! (Rec1).



Safeguarding

Should you have any concerns about the welfare of a child, please do not hesitate to take action.

Please ring 999 immediately if you think a child is at imminent risk. For any matters within school please report immediately to a member of the safeguarding team. You can contact them by notifying the school office that you need to speak to a member of the safeguarding team and you will be put in swift contact.

Safeguarding team: Mrs T Wright,
Miss S Poole, Mrs A Khan
and Mrs C Jenkins

Next Week...

- Nursery Tour on Monday 18th for prospective parents
- Year 1 Farm Trip on Monday
- Year 2 Dress Rehearsal and Shows
- Ship Assemblies on Monday and Tuesday – Ship Captains and First Lieutenants to lead.
- Welcome to Reception Sept 2026 intake meeting for parents – Tuesday 6 – 7pm
- FOMISA Bacon Roll Morning– Friday 22nd May from 8.30am on the playground, £1.50.
- Friday 22nd May – BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM



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Stars of the Week



Nursery	Reuben is the Nursery superstar this week for his superb running skills on the running track. Reuben is also being celebrated for his kindness to other children in the nursery.
Rec 1	Florence M in Reception 1 has produced a lovely piece of independent writing remembering all her finger spaces, capital letters and a full stop. Well done Florence.
Rec 2	Ivy A is a super star. She has worked so hard on her reading, writing and math and is showing that she has made brilliant progress. We are so proud of her and all that she has achieved. Keep up the great work
1M	Roo S for his great effort in the fun run at Colchester Sports Park this week and great sportsmanship in PE. Roo has been working really hard in attacking and defending and cheering on his team. Well done!
1E	Poppy T is being celebrated this week for her fantastic non-fiction writing about farm animals. Poppy included some excellent facts that she had researched as well as using conjunctions and exclamation marks. Superb work Poppy, keep it up!
2E	Eva E for her excellent focus in our reading comprehensions this week. She has been working so hard to develop her comprehension skills and achieved almost full marks in our recent papers, well done Eva.
2B	2B Star of the Week is Billie for her excellent attitude to learning this week. I have been really impressed with Billie when facing challenges in her learning, she has not given up and has been motivated to do her best. Billie has also been working hard on her learning at home, practicing and writing some lovely stories. Well done Billie.
3D	Ava B for her work exploring speeches. We have been looking at what makes an effective speech including exploring famous speeches in history. Ava read out one of the speeches with a clear voice, appropriate expression and was extremely convincing. I can see a career which includes giving speeches in her future!
3T	Artie D for blowing us away with his participation, effort and focus this week. Artie has been confidently participating in all lessons, reading speeches aloud in front of the class with lovely expression and learning lots of new words in French. We are very proud of you Artie, keep up the great work!
4W	Jack R for showing great focus when doing his work, tackling tricky tasks cheerfully and contributing lots of answers in class. Well done, Jack!
4R	Star of the week this week is Lucas! He has been determined to produce fantastic writing all week. He has worked beautifully in groups, checked his work carefully, and made sure his presentation is top-quality.
5E	5E would love to celebrate Alfie P for writing a superb Greek myth with lots of tension and suspense. Alfie has been thoroughly enthused in his Greek topic since Easter and it is lovely to see him going above and beyond to learn new things about Ancient Greece.
5/6W	Mrs Wyatt would like to celebrate Martha S for her positive and resilient attitude during SATs week. Her determination and concentration have been noticed by us all. Very well done, Martha.
6H	This week Mr Hall would like to celebrate Roy for his absolutely fantastic attitude towards his SATs. He has approached each paper with enthusiasm and determination. He has spoken positively about his efforts both in the tests and in class. Excellent work, Roy!
6Y	Jacob A for his focus and willingness to seek every opportunity to help himself achieve the best in his learning. He has been a superstar!
Squash	Oliver H has shown dedication to completing the task set. He completed a paired rally with me of in excess of 16 shots which, for a year 2, is an incredible talent. One to look out for!