



Newsletter – 20th March 2026



CELEBRATING GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Overall whole school attendance this week: 94.63%

Well done to class 1E for achieving the highest attendance this week.

Reception pupils – Learning on the farm

Reception all had a great day out and learnt so much at Jimmy's Farm. All staff said the children were a pleasure to take out and a real credit to the school.



Immersive learning for Year Two pupils

On Tuesday our Year Two children visited the Braintree Museum to gain first hand experience of what school was like during Victorian times. The pictures along with Juno and Millie's write ups say it all!



On Tuesday we visited the Victorian Museum at Braintree. I really enjoyed going to the Victorian classroom because we did Arithmetic and handwriting on chalk boards. The teacher pretended to be strict and it was very fun. Juno Owen
After that we went on a museum trail to find Victorian toys and ice skates. We also looked at different Victorian objects. My favourite one was the rat catcher. It was a exciting trip.
Millie Pattenden

Pupils engaged fully in the Victorian classroom. These experiences make learning come alive. They make it memorable and easier for the children to build on their knowledge and make links to other areas of their learning.





★Stars of the week★

Nursery	In the nursery this week, Barney has been our most enthusiastic and helpful member of the team. He has recalled our science learning about the caterpillar life cycle, when reading our class texts and has joined in wholeheartedly during exploring time and tidy up time - organising his friends to move larger objects. Thank you Barney for an amazing week.
Rec 1	I would like to celebrate Sofia H. Sofia is ALWAYS doing the right thing. She is a great role model and a real pleasure to have in the classroom. Thank you Sofia for everything you do.
Rec 2	This week we are celebrating Reuben! He is showing good listening skills and a keen interest to share his ideas. He has been particularly excited to share his knowledge of animals and it has been wonderful to see him so motivated to learn.
1M	Miley C for her excellent batting skills in cricket this week. Miley remembered how to hold the bat correctly and had a great hit! Keep up the hard work.
1E	1E would like to celebrate Lucie W for her fantastic effort in unaided writing this week. Lucie remembered all of her capital letters, full stops and used a word mat to correctly spell all of her common exception words! Amazing work Lucie, keep it up!
2E	Rio W-B for really fantastic efforts with his work this week and a super attitude towards learning.
2B	2B Star of the Week is Leo R for always modelling such excellent behaviour. Leo was a brilliant role model to our class this week on our trip to Braintree Museum and showed super listening skills as well as sharing some great ideas and facts during each session. Well done Leo.
3D	I would like to celebrate Mia A for a fantastic start to our work on fractions. She came up with some lovely ideas to describe the part-whole relationship of fractions. She was also able to recognise equal and unequal parts of a whole.
3T	Harrison T for his amazing efforts, in his role as one of the Willy Wonkas, particularly as he has really pushed himself out of his comfort zone with his performance skills.
4W	Esther P for having a great attitude this week and for her kindness. Well done, Esther!
4R	Our star of the week this week is Summer. She is producing fantastic, descriptive work in English, is being an independent learner in Maths and has been spotted making some very brave tackles in Rugby! What a week for her!
5E	5E would love to celebrate Reuben B this week for being a complete superstar. Reuben's confidence has been growing and growing, day by day and he did wonderfully well in all activities this week as a result of all of his hard work. Well done Reuben, keep it up!
5/6W	Lula P for an excellent piece of writing to pitch her film. She is always so positive and a joy to have in the classroom.
6H	My star of the week is Monty. To mix things up, I asked the children who they believed should be star of the week and why. Three names came up but Monty was definitely the favourite! The reasons the class gave were that he always tries his best, is incredibly helpful to everyone and always shows good manners. It was such a pleasure to hear the children praise Monty for all his hard work; he is a very deserving winner!
6Y	Purdey H this week for being an all-round absolute superstar! She has really shone in English, sharing some really perceptive and thoughtful insights into the book, Breadwinner.

Would you like your child to sit the 11+

Registration for the test commences from 12th May – please see information on the CSSE website www.csse.org.uk



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In the news...

The outbreak of meningitis in Kent has been heavily covered in the news and may be causing anxiety in Essex. The public health team at Essex County Council have said that there is no increased risk to anyone in Essex unless they have a direct link to a case of meningitis in the Kent outbreak and been contacted by the UK Health Security Agency. Simply being a contact of a person with a direct link does not increase the risk. If you would like to know more about the outbreak and how it is managed there is an update on the [UK Health Security webpage](#). If you would like to know more about meningitis and how to spot it the [NHS webpages](#) give good advice.

FOMISA Easter disco

FOMISA are organising an Easter disco on Thursday 26th March for all pupils from Reception to Year 6. It will be from 4.15 – 5.15pm. Please see attached poster for details.

School Council Competition Time

The School Council are running a number of Easter Competitions. We are having our usual Easter Bonnet Competition and, for the second year, a 'Guess the number of Mini-Eggs in the jar'. Following many requests from the children they are also running an Easter Cake Competition. All details for each event are below:

Easter Bonnet Competition

The age categories are Reception and Nursery, Year 1 and Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. This year we are also doing a parent category! It is 50p to enter. Please bring entries into school, to the main hall, on Friday 27th March.

Easter Cup Cake Competition

The idea of this is that children who decide to enter will create an Easter themed cup cake arrangement. To enter, please send in a photo of your display (or email it to the class teacher) and send in one cup cake for the taste test. We will then ensure the photo and the cup cake are displayed for your entry. The age categories are Reception and Nursery, Year 1 and Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. It is 50p to enter. Please bring entries into school, to the main hall, on Friday 27th March.

'Guess the number of mini-eggs in the jar'

Children can guess the number of mini eggs in a jar. It is 20p a go and School Council will be running this on the playground at play and lunchtime on Friday 27th March.

Parents Evening Appointments

Please remember to check the time of your Parents Evening appointment, ahead of next week.

Uniform

Please note we move to summer uniform after half term, if you are thinking ahead to purchase any items of uniform, please do check our policy and remember there is plenty of stock in the uniform hut for a fraction of the cost of buying new.

Hut Opening Hours:

Monday- before school, during drop off
Wednesday – after school, during pick up
Friday – after school, during pick up

Please note, next Friday is the last day of term and is a non-uniform day! All £1 voluntary donations will go directly towards the purchase of equipment for the children, from our spending priority list.