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Diary Dates



30th September – Reception Cooking Week

4th October – Year 5 Bikeability, Year 1&2 to Saffron Hall Benedetti Concert & Year 3 Organ Concert at St Mary's Church

7th October – Year 5 Bikeability & Flu Immunisations

8th October – Year 5 Bikeability

9th October – Year 5 Bikeability

10th October – Year 5 Bikeability

11th October – Year 5 Bikeability

15th October – Year 5/6 Mass 9.30am

18th October – Year 5&6 Young Shakespeare

21st October – Year 1 Indian Dance Workshop

23rd October – Year 4 Altru Drama Day & PSA Second-hand uniform & Cake Sale 3.15pm

24th October – School Disco

25th October – Harvest Assembly 9am

28th October – 1st November – Half Term

4th November – Pret-a-Portrait, Individual & Sibling Photos.

5th November – Year 3 Cambridge Museum & Clothing Collection

6th November – Parents' Evening 5.30pm – 8.30pm

11th November – Year 6 Cooking

13th November – Year 5 Saffron Walden Museum & Year 6 Tea Concert 2pm

14th November – Parents' Evening 4pm – 7pm

18th November – Year 5 Cooking Week

19th November – Year 6 to Genome Campus

20th November – Year 6 Victorian Day

Lunch

w/c 30th September Week 1

Please pay lunches on School Money - £2.40 per day

Swimming

30th September – Year 3&5

1st October – Year 2

Harvest Festival Assembly – Friday 25th October at 9am

On Friday the 25th October, Year 2 will be leading our Harvest assembly. All children in the school will be invited to take part by donating one food item (see below) that we will distribute as a school to the local food bank. We will start collecting from next week. Thanks so much for your continued support and help.

If you are able to donate, please send in one item from the following:

Reception – Tinned Fruit, Tinned Rice Pudding & Custard

Year 1 – Fruit Squash, Tinned Potatoes & Instant Mash

Year 2 – Long Life Juice, Tinned Vegetables & Toothpaste (Adult & Child)

Year 3 – Tinned Meat & Fish, Cooking & Pasta Sauces

Year 4 – Rice (Inc. Microwave rice), Noodles & Toilet Rolls

Year 5 – Cereal, Oats & Sanitary Items

Year 6 – Tinned Pasta (Ravioli), Shampoo & Soap

Amazon Wish List

Thank you so much to those parents who have donated items from our Amazon Wishlist. We have been overwhelmed by your generosity and the children and staff are delighted with their new resources. Your kindness is hugely appreciated.

Whole school

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/27JCM888N3PK1?ref=wl_share

Reception

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2E4OX9JIEXF69?ref=wl_share

Year 1

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2OX2O970HN5E8?ref=wl_share

Year 2

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2AC2JC10HWQJU?ref=wl_share

Year 3

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/AKJ191IPSEI3?ref=wl_share

Year 4

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1TDLAOU98VP1I?ref=wl_share

Year 5

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/Y0RYPZXPNDOL?ref=wl_share

Year 6

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2SXREEINZKWSG?ref=wl_share

Craft

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1OEIB37LNSP6T?ref=wl_share

Music

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/ZCYOQLUAWOND?ref=wl_share

Prayer of the Week

Sunday 29th September is the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Alleluia, Alleluia

Your word is truth, O Lord: Consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia

Dear God

Help us to be curious about your world

Help us to understand how others feel and to treat others how we would like to be treated

Let us feel the joy when someone has done well

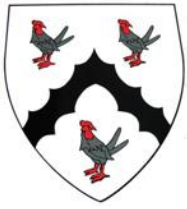
We give thanks for all the opportunities we have

And we ask God to help us encourage others

To be the best they can be

Amen

Cecilia, Will, Martha and Lenny – Year 5



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Year 6 – Harry Potter

Year 6 enjoyed a wonderful day at the Harry Potter Studio on Tuesday. They took part in a literacy lesson, writing their own instructions for a Quidditch board game. They enjoyed touring the studios, using the green screen to ride a broomstick and tasting some Butterbeer. They were delighted to receive a free souvenir guide. Back in class they have been inspired to make wands in DT and write potion recipes in English.



Secondary School Admissions for September 2025

Secondary school admission round opened on Thursday, 12 September 2024, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2025.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2024.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

Reception 2025 - Open Mornings

Our open mornings for new starters in September 2025 will be held on Tuesday 12th November and Wednesday 4th December at 9.30am. Please do spread the word to anyone you think might be interested.

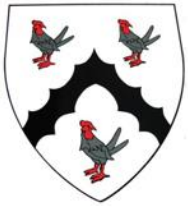
After Club Collection

Please note, the side gates down the Year 3 side of school will be locked at 3.30pm each day. Therefore, all club children will need to be collected using the main gate past Year 1 (right side of school). Please do not open the gate once it has been closed.

Thank you.

Coding Club – Message from Mr Pittock

We are looking for donations of any spare USB optical mice that you no longer need and would be willing to donate to coding club. I think the children will find it easier to use Scratch with a mouse rather than



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using laptop touchpads. They do have to be USB optical mice though, which should apply to any mouse made in the last 15 years. Thank you.

Plea for games/construction kits

We are hoping to expand our collection of construction kits and board games for our after-school double club. If you are having a clear out, we would be grateful for any donations. Many thanks.

NSPCC – Speak Out Stay Safe Workshops

Following on from our NSPCC assemblies last term, Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 will be having a workshop delivered by NSPCC Schools Service on Thursday 3rd October.

Feasts of St Theresa and St Francis

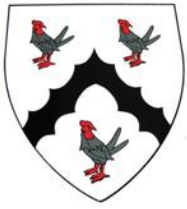
Next week, we celebrate the feasts of St Theresa (1st October) and St Francis (4th October). We will be joining in with 'Little Way Week' as part of our Catholic life 'doing small things with great love'. The children are encouraged to think of some kind little things they can do each day. Further information and activities can be found on the Mission Together website. <https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/st-therese-of-lisieux/>



Sports News

On Thursday 26th September our Year 3 and 4 girls took part in a football festival at Katherine Semar School. They had a fun morning trying out lots of football skills and drills with children from across the town. All the children took part with a smile and enthusiasm. Well done.





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PSA News

PSA meeting 17th October – 7.30pm

Come and have a glass of wine with us and discuss fundraising ideas and plans for this year. Everyone is welcome – we look forward to seeing you!

School Disco – 24th October

We will be holding a School Disco on Thursday 24th October. Please see attached poster for more information.

Christmas Wreath Workshop

The PSA are excited to announce a Christmas wreath-making workshop on Thursday 28th November at 7pm. The tickets will cost £35 per person and will include all materials and a glass of prosecco. There will also be a bar and a raffle. Numbers are limited to 40 people and tickets will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis so please book early. You may buy tickets from the shop on School Money.

Uniform donations

Many thanks for all of the recent donations; your generosity is very much appreciated. The cupboard is now full but we will be pleased to start accepting donations again after the next uniform sale (date to be confirmed but expected towards the end of October).