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Diary Dates



15th October – Year 5/6 Mass 9.30am

18th October – Year 5&6 Young Shakespeare

21st October – Year 1 Indian Dance Workshop & Year 3 Cooking Week

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

24th October – School Disco, Infants 3.30 – 4.15pm & Juniors 4.45 – 5.45pm

25th October – Harvest Assembly 9am

28th October – 1st November – Half Term

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

5th November – Year 3 Cambridge Museum & Clothing Collection

6th November – Reception Builders Day & Parents' Evening 5.30pm – 8.30pm

8th November – Break the Rules Day

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

28th November – Wreath Making 7pm

30th November – Christmas Fete

6th December – Reception Class Shooting Stars

7th December – Spirit of Christmas 4pm.

9th December – Reception Cooking week

Lunch

w/c 14th October Week 1

Please pay lunches on School Money – £2.40 per day

Swimming

14th October – Year 3&5

15th October – Year 2

Free School Support Courses

We have been asked to make parents/carers aware of an opportunity to attend fully funded (FREE) school support courses, that are funded by the ESFA (Education Skills Funding Agency).

Aspire Education will be running their courses until the end of this year, starting a new cohort approximately every 3 weeks.

Their ncf | cache certificated courses aim to support parents and carers who are looking to get back into work or change career, that fits in with their families. The online webinars are run with full tutor support, within term times only and within school hours, making the courses more accessible to learners with children.

Please see the attached flier for more details.

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.

Message from Mr Pittock

Thank you to everyone who donated a mouse for Coding Club. We are very grateful and now have enough.

Prayer of the Week

Sunday 13th October is the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Alleluia, Alleluia

Blessed are you, Father.

Lord of heaven and earth for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Alleluia

Dear Heavenly Father,

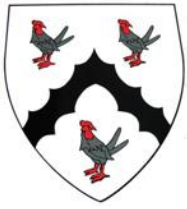
We thank you for St Thérèse and her 'little ways'.

Her acts of kindness, humility and faithfulness remind us how we should all live our lives.

Help us to be kind, so that our school, our homes, our parish, and our world might be filled with your mercy and love.

Amen

Year 4



House Competitions

The closing date has been extended, children now have until **Monday 14th October** to submit their entries.

St Peter – We would like you to create a picture made out of items collected from nature. You can use leaves, sticks, conkers, pebbles, flowers, feathers or anything you can find.

You can bring in the picture or you can take a photograph and bring it in or email it to the school office. Please give your entries to Chloe or Teddy in Year 6.

St Bernadette – We would like you to design a pumpkin. You can draw, colour, paint, build or collage. If you want, you can even carve a real pumpkin and send a photograph to the school office. Please bring your designs or photographs of your designs to Luigi and Grace in Year 6.

St Francis – We would like you to create an animal picture out of items collected from nature. You can use leaves, sticks, conkers, pebbles, flowers, feathers or anything you can find. We have attached a template you can use if you want.

You can bring in the picture or you can take a photograph and bring it in or email it to the school office. Please give your entries to Isaac or Alice in Year 6.

St Theresa - We would like you to create a forest scene out of items collected from nature. You can use leaves, sticks, conkers, pebbles, flowers, feathers or anything you can find. You could even create your scene inside a cardboard box.

You can bring in the scene or you can take a photograph and bring it in or email it to the school office. Please give your entries to Sebastian or Aurelia in Year 6.

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

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Year 1

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Year 2

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Year 3

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Year 4

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Year 5

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Year 6

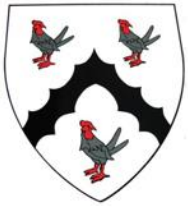
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Craft

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Music

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More Sports News

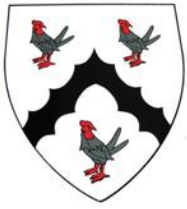
On Wednesday 9th October our yr 5/6 boy and girls football teams took part in the USSP football tournaments held at Herberts Farm. The boys began the day with a tough game against St Marys Stansted, which ended in a draw. A win against Henham raised their spirits with a fantastic goal from Oliver Birchall. Their toughest game saw them face a very strong Great Chesterford side, which they narrowly lost 1-0. A draw against Clavering and a win against St Marys Saffron Walden saw them win gold in the medium school competition and through to the tournament final against the small school winners and large school winners. A last minute header from Max Dorren from a corner saw us draw our first game, however a 1-0 loss against Flitch Green saw them draw second place overall. Well done to all the boys who took part and a special thank you to Mr Anderton for refereeing.

The afternoon saw the turn of the girls who faced a very tough game against a strong Great Chesterford side. Narrowly losing 1-0, the girls then drew against Clavering after a last minute penalty scored by Eliza Vigar. Gaining in confidence, the girls faced Henham and after a further draw they were determined to lift their game. Facing Rodings, they played with confidence and great team work. With goals from Sophie Kemp and Eliza they won their match. Their last game of the day against Stansted St Mary's, saw them again win with ease, earning them a well-deserved Bronze medal. Well done girls, your team work and determination paid off. A huge thank you to Mr Wynne for refereeing the afternoon. Boy and Girl of the tournament were Max Dorren and Eliza Vigar.



On Thursday 10th October our sports ambassadors took part in a training session learning and developing skills to help them become effective leaders. They enjoyed interacting with ambassadors from across the partnership, learning how to organise and lead tournaments. The children had a great morning and left with their Sports Ambassadors badges and armed with new skills which they will put into place next week at our Multiskills afternoon.





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Harvest Festival Assembly – Friday 25th October at 9am

On Friday 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

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. **The deadline to purchase tickets is 25th October.**