

Newsletter No. 11 2025-26 – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

## Star of the Week

There was no 'Star of the Week' assembly today, as the hall was in use for other events.



## PTA Christmas Fair



The PTA team and parent/carer volunteers have been very busy over the last few weeks, preparing for tonight's Christmas Fair. This is one of the PTA's main fundraising events, so please come along this evening to join in the fun if you are able to. The Fair starts at 5.00 p.m. and we look forward to seeing you there.

PTA funds go directly to supporting every child in the school, including a generous subsidy towards class visits each year, for which we are very grateful. We hope to see you this evening!

Miss Griggs

## REMINDERS

Next week's MENU will be

**WEEK 3**

Please pre order by  
TUESDAY 09/12/25 for **WEEK 1**

Attendance this week  
(up to & including Thursday)

|                |       |   |
|----------------|-------|---|
| Birch Class    | 96.7% | ★ |
| Willow Class   | 95.5% |   |
| Sycamore Class | 95.2% |   |
| Larch Class    | 95.2% |   |
| Cedar Class    | 95.3% |   |
| Beech Class    | 95.3% |   |
| Oak Class      | 96.0% |   |
| Redwood Class  | 90.7% |   |
| Chestnut Class | 93.6% |   |
| Rowan Class    | 87.0% |   |
| Maple Class    | 91.3% |   |
| WHOLE SCHOOL   | 93.7% |   |

Check Email and Bookbags  
for...

- \* Yr 3/4 Performance – final arrangements
- \* Yr 5/6 – Arrangements for church rehearsals and concert



## Christmas Performances

Children and staff are busy preparing their various presentations to perform to parents, carers and families over the next week. Please remember that we ask you to sign up via Arbor, in order that we know how many people will be at each performance. (The only exception to this is the Year 5/6 carol concert at St. Michael's Church, where no sign-up is needed.)

Please be aware that we ask parents and carers not to film or take photographs during any of our Christmas performances. We will take a range of photographs prior to the performances and these will then be placed on our website. We have several children in school who cannot be filmed or photographed and we appreciate your understanding.

## Reception – September 2026

Do you have a child due to start school in Reception in September 2026?

The Reception admission round is now open. Please be aware that all applications must be made by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.

If you already have a sibling at school, you must still make an application by the closing date.

Further details can be found at [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)

Our Christmas Postbox will be available for children to use from **Tuesday 9th December**. It would be very helpful if envelopes could show the full name and class (if possible) of the person the card is for.

Thank you!



## 'FREE TUCK FRIDAY'

WELL DONE to **BIRCH CLASS** who will have Free Tuck on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December



## ROCKER OF THE WEEK

Well done to last week's Rocker – **JAMES** in CHESTNUT Class. Here is his photo as promised!



## VIP Table



Each week, one child from each class is chosen by Miss Griggs for their kindness, good manners and sensible

attitude. Well done this week to:

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| Birch Class    | Sophia    |
| Willow Class   | Stirling  |
| Sycamore Class | Francesca |
| Larch Class    | Rufus     |
| Cedar Class    | Jacob     |
| Beech Class    | Jude      |
| Oak Class      | Aarvi     |
| Redwood Class  | Maya      |
| Chestnut Class | Juliet    |
| Rowan Class    | Edie      |
| Maple Class    | Avanthika |
| Windmills      | Indie S-P |

## Diary Dates

**TONIGHT** – PTA Christmas Fair – 5.00 – 7.00 p.m.

Please also refer to the list of Christmas dates on this week's newsletter



## Roman Cup Yr 6 Finals

Our Year 6 team participated in the Roman Cup Finals at the Garrison yesterday. We successfully qualified from Round 1 into the Silver group of the finals, which consisted of six other schools from Colchester and the surrounding area. Our team of 4 children did an amazing job, winning 20 out of 24 matches and, as a result, we finished as **WINNERS** of the Silver Tournament. What a fantastic result - we are very proud of the team!

Well done to Vihaan, Elliot, Millie and Edie for their achievement.





# **CHRISTMAS DATES**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

**2.00 p.m. EYFS Performance**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

**2.00 p.m. KS1 Performance**

**7.00 p.m. Yrs 5/6 Carol Concert**

**(at St. Michael's Church)**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

**9.30 a.m. EYFS Performance**

**2.00 p.m. KS1 Performance**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

**9.30 a.m. RockSteady concert**

**7.00 p.m. Years 3 and 4 Performance**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

**9.15 a.m. Years 3 and 4 Performance**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas Lunch**