

Newsletter No. 3 2024-25 – Friday 4th October 2024

Star of the Week

Well done to our 'Stars' for this week who all received their certificates in assembly today

BIRCH CLASS: Phoebe Brock

WILLOW CLASS: Gracie Carr

SYCAMORE CLASS: Varun Gunnam

LARCH CLASS: Ellie Stephen

CEDAR CLASS: Taylen Waters

BEECH CLASS: Alex Mancinelli

OAK CLASS: Harper Cranfield

REDWOOD CLASS: Benedict Cunningham

CHESTNUT CLASS: Keira Searle-Kemp

ROWAN CLASS: Ridwan Mohammed

MAPLE CLASS: Manasseh Darkwa



Well done Year 6!

Last week, Year 6 were in North Yorkshire on their residential visit. Despite less than perfect weather, the children had a fantastic time visiting lots of places in the North Yorkshire area. Sadly, the weather was against us on Friday and exceptionally high winds meant that we were unable to take our traditional 'hats' photograph at Whitby Abbey.

However, without fail, everywhere we went - including the centre we stayed at - we were approached by centre or venue staff or members of the public commenting us on the children's exceptional behaviour and manners. I don't think we have ever had so many positive comments about the children as we did this year. The staff and I were incredibly proud of the children for being such excellent ambassadors for our school and they were a pleasure to be with. Very well done, Year 6!

Miss Griggs

REMINDERS

Next week's MENU will be

WEEK 3

Please pre order by **TUESDAY**
08/10/24 for **WEEK 1**

Attendance this week
(up to & including Thursday)

Birch Class	95.5%	
Willow Class	93.3%	
Sycamore Class	97.7%	
Larch Class	100%	★
Cedar Class	98.0%	
Beech Class	98.7%	
Oak Class	96.2%	
Redwood Class	98.7%	
Chestnut Class	92.7%	
Rowan Class	97.4%	
Maple Class	96.7%	
WHOLE SCHOOL	97.0%	

Check Email and Bookbags
for...

* No additional letters sent this week



Year 6 – Secondary School Admissions

If your child is currently in Year 6, please be aware that online applications for a Year 7 place for September 2025 are **now open**. Further details can be found at

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary-school-places>

All applications must be made by the closing date of
31st October 2024.

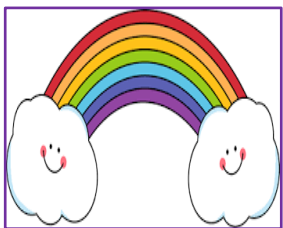
SAVE THE DATE!

We will be hosting an internet safety parent/carer workshop with 'The 2 Johns' on **Wednesday 27th November at 7.00 p.m.**

'The 2 Johns' are former police officers, renowned for their e-safety training. We have hosted them in school many times in the past and have always received extremely positive feedback from parents and carers. More details will follow about the event nearer the time, but please keep the date free. You can find out more about 'The 2 Johns' on their website: <https://esafetytraining.org/>

'FREE TUCK FRIDAY'

WELL DONE to **LARCH CLASS** who will have **Free Tuck** on **Friday 11th October**



Mrs. Richardson presents her 'Rainbow Award' each week in Friday's Star of the Week assembly. This is given to a child who has made a significant contribution when working in a group with Mrs. Richardson. Well done this week to **KYNAN** in Maple Class.

ROCKER OF THE WEEK

Each week, Mrs. Carter chooses our 'Rocker of the Week' – this is a pupil who has made significant improvement over the course of the week in any aspect of their times tables knowledge. Well done to **OLIVER M** in REDWOOD CLASS.



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	Naomi
Willow Class	Maria
Sycamore Class	Abbie
Larch Class	Ronnie G
Cedar Class	Leia
Beech Class	Lina
Oak Class	Ava
Redwood Class	Freddie C
Chestnut Class	Miguel
Rowan Class	Unathi
Maple Class	Kynan
Windmills	Flora

Diary Dates

Tues 15th Oct – PTA AGM 7.00 p.m.

Wed 16th Oct – Yr 5/6 Shared Learning (details to follow)

Fri 18th Oct – PTA Spooky Discos

Fri 25th Oct – Last day before half term



Parking

Already this term, I have had issues raised by local residents because parent/carer cars are blocking their driveways, meaning that they are unable to access their own properties. We try very hard to remain on good terms with our immediate neighbours, so please park both legally and considerately at the beginning and end of the school day. Please also be aware that stopping or waiting on the zig zags is also prohibited. Whilst this may be convenient for you as a driver, it is extremely dangerous for the children.

Similarly, please be aware that **under no circumstances** should the staff car park be used by parents/carers. On Wednesday this week, we had two incidents which could have resulted in an accident when two different parents/carers used the staff car park at the end of the day to park or use as a turning point. This is extremely dangerous and we would appreciate your co-operation. Thank you.

'At Home' Evenings

Thank you to everyone who has already taken advantage of our 'At Home' evenings this term – we hope you have enjoyed looking at your child's work and classroom. During 'At Home' evenings, please remember that your child/ren (including pre-school siblings) must be kept under your direct supervision at all times and that classroom/school resources must not be used. We have already had some classroom equipment broken this term when children have not been directly supervised by parents/carers. We would appreciate your co-operation – thank you.



Please remember to include a black or navy tracksuit in your child's PE kit. As the weather begins to turn colder, children need an additional layer when going outside for PE sessions. Thank you.

After school clubs

Please remember that all staff led after-school clubs finish at 4.00 p.m. and children should be collected promptly from the main office entrance doors. Clubs led by our Colchester United coaches finish at 4.15 p.m. – again, please collect your child from the main office entrance doors.

Please make sure that your child is aware of who is collecting them after their club session. We do expect children to attend every session of their chosen club – if, for any reason, your child is unable to attend, please put this in writing to the teacher leading the club, either in your child's Home/School diary or via an email to the school office. Thank you.

Parent Teacher Consultations

Parent Teacher Consultations will be held on **Tuesday 22nd** and **Thursday 24th October**.

These are ten-minute appointments with your child's classteacher and are an opportunity for you to discuss progress so far this term. Please remember that we ask that you **do not bring your child/ren along** to these appointments, as we have no facility for them to wait for you whilst you are in your appointment with teachers.

Bookings this year will be made through Arbor and the appointment system will go live on **Wednesday 9th October at 10.00 a.m.** The system uses the email address you have registered with us via Arbor.

Please ensure that you book **only one appointment** on **either** Tuesday **or** Thursday and not one appointment on each evening. The booking system will close at midday on **Wednesday 16th October**, in order to give staff time to prepare for each evening.

Asda Cashpot for Schools



Asda have launched their 'Cashpot for Schools' scheme, which runs until November 30th. The supermarket is offering to donate 0.5% of the value of any qualifying shop done at Asda to a primary school of your choice (hopefully Myland!) when you shop using Asda Rewards. All you have you do is download the Asda Rewards app, nominate our school and scan your Asda Rewards card when you shop. As of this morning, we are currently at £240-15! Please ask family and friends to nominate us too - thank you for your support!

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Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools

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- 1**
Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app
Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.
- 2**
Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com
Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.
- 3**
Asda does the rest
The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.

Once opted in and selected a school, we will add £1 to your chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started.

Each school will get an additional £50 added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app.

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Our School Council 2024-25

Congratulations to our newly elected School Councillors for 2024-25, who were all voted for by their classmates. Very well done to everyone who took part and made a speech too!

Our new School Councillors are Coen and Bella (Year 2), Joshua M and Muhammad (Year 3), Lulu and Freddie W (Year 4), Darcy-Ann and Keira (Year 5) and Manasseh, Jamie, Sofia and Raiya (Year 6). Mrs. Dhanak is looking forward to working with our new team!

