

Newsletter No. 6 2024-25 – Friday 25th October 2024

Star of the Week

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

BIRCH CLASS: Deontay-Prince Wilson

WILLOW CLASS: William McKenna

SYCAMORE CLASS: Demelza Marshall

LARCH CLASS: Edley Wilson

CEDAR CLASS: Jayden Kakokoda

BEECH CLASS: Maya Tucra

OAK CLASS: Matilda Varletta

REDWOOD CLASS: Freddie Waghorn

CHESTNUT CLASS: Ruby Lucas

ROWAN CLASS: Ava Bocking

MAPLE CLASS: Dylan Wakefield



Half Term Round Up

What a busy first half term of the academic year this has been! The children have been working extremely hard and are definitely ready for a break. Thank you to everyone who came along to Parent Teacher Consultations this week – the staff and I hope that you found it a useful opportunity to discuss your child's progress and pointers for further development. We will send details of the rearranged appointments for Sycamore and Larch classes after half term.

On Wednesday this week, we had the first of our Open Mornings for parents/carers of prospective Reception pupils for next September. We had some of our Year 6 pupils act as 'tour guides', showing groups of adults around our school. Everyone was so impressed with the children and just how confident and articulate they were. We are all very proud of them for doing such a great job!

Next week is half term – we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 4th November**.

Miss Griggs

REMINDERS

When we return after the break, the MENU will be

WEEK 1 (NEW MENUS)

Please pre order by **TUESDAY** 05/11/24 for **WEEK 2 (NEW MENUS)**

Attendance this week
(up to & including Thursday)

Birch Class	91.0%	
Willow Class	95.0%	
Sycamore Class	96.0%	
Larch Class	97.3%	
Cedar Class	94.7%	
Beech Class	93.3%	
Oak Class	98.9%	★
Redwood Class	97.3%	
Chestnut Class	97.2%	
Rowan Class	97.4%	
Maple Class	96.3%	
WHOLE SCHOOL	96.1%	

Check Email and Bookbags
for...

* Year 3/4 – Mayan Workshop



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>

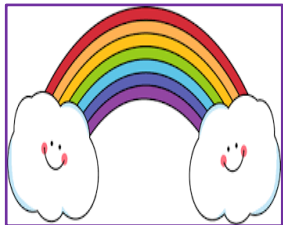
All applications must be made by the closing date of
31st October 2024.

THANK YOU for your donations to Colchester Foodbank. Mrs. Dhanak and the School Council will be taking these to the Foodbank after half term.

The '2 Johns' will be visiting school on **Wednesday 27th November**. They will work with the children and staff during the day and then hold a Parent/Carer Workshop at 7.00 p.m. We would strongly encourage all parents/carers to attend as the information shared about how to keep children safe online is invaluable. Every parent/carers who attends on the evening will be entered into a prize draw, with a £50 supermarket voucher of your choice for the winner (Tesco, Sainsbury's, Asda etc).

'FREE TUCK FRIDAY'

WELL DONE to **OAK CLASS** who will have **Free Tuck** on **Friday 8th November**



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 **RORY** in Sycamore 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 **ARTHUR** in CEDAR 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	Archie
Willow Class	Boudica
Sycamore Class	Florence
Larch Class	Kuku
Cedar Class	Enid
Beech Class	Freddie D
Oak Class	Beau C
Redwood Class	Dexter
Chestnut Class	Caleb
Rowan Class	Imthadh
Maple Class	Sofia
Windmills	William Mc

Diary Dates

Fri 25th Oct – Last day before half term

Mon 28th Oct – Fri 1st Nov – **HALF TERM**

Mon 4th Nov – Children return to school

Tues 26th Nov – Yrs 3/4 Shared Learning – 2.15 p.m. (details to follow)

Wed 27th Nov – The 2 Johns Parent Workshop 7.00 p.m.



Medi Tracker

After half term, we are aiming to launch 'Medi Tracker'. This is an online reporting and communication system for first aid incidents and will replace our usual 'pink forms'. The system will record and store all incidents, however minor, as well as sending email alerts to parents and carers if your child has received first aid in school.

We have thought particularly carefully about notifying parents/carers of 'bumps to the head'. The system will automatically send you an alert, even for a minor bump to the head – in the same way that we currently send you a pink form. For more significant bumps to the head, we will also telephone parents/carers to speak to you personally. Similarly, if we have any concerns about any injury, we will also call you to speak to you (in addition to receiving a notification from the Medi Tracker system.)

We hope that this will not only save time, but also prevent pink forms getting lost between home and school. (Please make sure that we have your most up to date email address on our system – thank you.)



Yesterday, Years 5 and 6 went to the Garrison to play squash. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to play on a real squash court and it was lovely to see just how much progress the children have made this half term.

The children were also exceptionally well behaved – well done, Years 5 and 6!

Punctuality



The staff and I have noticed that a growing number of pupils are consistently late for school each day. Making sure your child is at school and ready to learn, before the pupil doors close at 8.50 a.m., is key to ensure they don't miss out on important learning and start their school day unsettled. In addition, children who are 'only 5 minutes late' every day actually miss three whole days of school across an academic year.

Of course, we understand that there will be an occasional emergency which prevents you from getting to school on time. If this is the case, please phone ahead and let us know. Please also remember that all children who arrive after the pupil doors close must be signed in at the office by an adult. Thank you for your co-operation.



Come to our Pudsey shop!

All available from the office or via 'School Shop' on Arbor from Tuesday 5th November



All Pudsey Badges

£1



All Wristbands £1



Pompom key ring

£3-50



Pudsey key ring with trolley coin

£2-00



Pudsey Water Bottle £3-50



Pudsey Ears £2-50

