

## Newsletter No. 7 2024-25 – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### Star of the Week

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

**BIRCH CLASS:** Archie Ellis

**WILLOW CLASS:** Boudica Mackenzie-Li

**SYCAMORE CLASS:** Harper McDowell

**LARCH CLASS:** Peter Beadles

**CEDAR CLASS:** Sophie Bocking

**BEECH CLASS:** Lina Richardson

**OAK CLASS:** Guy Pattenden

**REDWOOD CLASS:** Jack Brundle

**CHESTNUT CLASS:** Ellie Murrells

**ROWAN CLASS:** Kira Short

**MAPLE CLASS:** Millie Skinner



### Children in Need

Next Friday (15<sup>th</sup> November) is Children in Need Day and the School Council have been busy discussing with Mrs. Dhanak how they would like to support this.

The school councillors would like everyone to come to school in sporty clothes in exchange for a donation to Children in Need. The School Council are also running two colouring competitions – one for Reception/Key Stage 1 and the other for Key Stage 2. Please make sure entries are named and returned to school by **Thursday** next week, so that judging can take place. There will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes in both competitions. Our Pudsey shop is still open and items may be purchased online (via the 'School Shop' on Arbor) or by coming along to the office hatch. Thank you for your support!

On a separate note, now that the evenings are darker much earlier, we are concerned about children in Years 5 and 6 walking home on their own from after school clubs. Please make sure that you have let us know who will be collecting your child from their after school club if we do not already have this information from you – thank you.

Miss Griggs

### REMINDERS

Next week's MENU will be **WEEK 2 (New Menus)**

Please pre order by **TUESDAY**  
12/11/24 for **WEEK 3**

Attendance this week  
(up to & including Thursday)

Birch Class	91.3%	
Willow Class	94.4%	
Sycamore Class	98.7%	★
Larch Class	94.7%	
Cedar Class	98.3%	
Beech Class	97.3%	
Oak Class	94.8%	
Redwood Class	96.9%	
Chestnut Class	96.9%	
Rowan Class	97.1%	
Maple Class	95.7%	
WHOLE SCHOOL	96.2%	

Check Email and Bookbags  
for...

- \* Online Safety Workshop with the 2 Johns – sent by email today
- \* School photographs - sent home today



## Online Safety – the 2 Johns

As you are aware, the '2 Johns' will be visiting school on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November**. They will work with the children and staff during the day and then hold a Parent/Carer Workshop at 7.00 p.m. In order to help us plan, we would be grateful if you could respond to the letter sent today regarding the parent/carers workshop. All responses can be made via Arbor – please confirm your attendance by **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**. 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).



As it is Remembrance Day on Monday, children who belong to Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies or Guides may wear their uniform to school if they would like to.

Please be aware that we have chickenpox in school at the moment. Guidance can be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

### 'FREE TUCK FRIDAY'

**WELL DONE** to **SYCAMORE CLASS** who will have **Free Tuck** on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 **ZAHRA** in Redwood 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 **ZAHRA** 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	Deontay-Prince
Willow Class	Lorenzo
Sycamore Class	Bella C
Larch Class	Oliver L
Cedar Class	Theresa
Beech Class	Amiya
Oak Class	Mia
Redwood Class	Charles B
Chestnut Class	Sophia
Rowan Class	Emily F
Maple Class	Anne
Windmills	Arthur R

## Diary Dates

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Children in Need Day – dress in sporty clothes

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

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Nov** – The 2 Johns Parent Workshop 7.00 p.m.

See also list of Christmas dates attached to today's newsletter



## School Council

The School Council would like to say THANK YOU for your donations to Colchester Foodbank – we know that these will be very much appreciated.



Don't forget to come dressed in something **sporty** in exchange for a donation for Children in Need. We hope that you will enter our colouring competitions – one for Reception/Key Stage 1 and one for Key Stage 2. There are 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes in both competitions. THANK YOU!



# Come to our Pudsey shop!

All available from the office or via 'School Shop' on Arbor



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



Pudsey Pens £1



# CHRISTMAS DATES

## Tuesday 10th December

9.30 a.m. EYFS Performance

2.00 p.m. KS1 Performance

7.00 p.m. Yrs 5/6 Carol Concert (St. Michael's Church)

## Wednesday 11th December

2.00 p.m. KS1 Performance

7.00 p.m. Yrs 3/4 Performance

## Thursday 12th December

KS2 Elfridges (details to follow)

9.30 a.m. EYFS Performance

2.15 p.m. Yrs 3/4 Performance

## Friday 13th December

Reception/KS1 Elfridges (details to follow)

## Monday 16th December

RockSteady concert (details to follow)

## Wednesday 18th December

Christmas Lunch (details to follow)

Ticket details to follow