

Newsletter No. 23 2025-26 – Friday 17th April 2026

Star of the Week

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

BIRCH CLASS: Mei Sainty

WILLOW CLASS: Matthew Ninoj

SYCAMORE CLASS: Elsie-Rose Tripp

LARCH CLASS: Dyuthi Sridhara

CEDAR CLASS: Ronnie Griffiths

BEECH CLASS: Bradley Margerison

OAK CLASS: Coen Shah

REDWOOD CLASS: Tanvi Dawda

CHESTNUT CLASS: Mahitha Kamatham

ROWAN CLASS: Reyansh Mohapatra

MAPLE CLASS: Sophia Beadles



Parking

Welcome back to the start of the Summer Term. I have enjoyed hearing from the children all about their Easter break and the staff and I look forward to a busy and productive term ahead.

You will have seen by now the extensive works that were carried out over the Easter holidays by the Safer Streets team and Essex Highways. These works are designed to make the area around our school much safer for pedestrians – especially our pupils. However, there is now considerably less availability for parking. Please remember that the proprietors of The Dog and Pheasant kindly allow parents/carers to park in their car park at morning drop off and afternoon pick up times, which is an extremely helpful gesture. Please do make use of this if you can. This week, we have already received complaints from our immediate neighbours, due to parents/carers blocking their driveways. Please remember that local residents need access to their properties **at all times** and blocking driveways, even for a couple of minutes, causes them inconvenience. Please park considerately – thank you.

Miss Griggs

REMINDERS

Next week's MENU will be **WEEK 2 (NEW MENUS)**

Please pre-order by 21/04/26 for **WEEK 3 (NEW MENUS)**

Attendance this week
(up to & including Thursday)

Birch Class	96.8%	
Willow Class	96.4%	
Sycamore Class	96.8%	
Larch Class	95.9%	
Cedar Class	91.5%	
Beech Class	94.0%	
Oak Class	91.7%	
Redwood Class	98.3%	★
Chestnut Class	97.9%	
Rowan Class	95.3%	
Maple Class	92.0%	
WHOLE SCHOOL	95.2%	

Check Email and Bookbags
for...

- * Parent Governor election – hard copy sent on Thursday
- * Year 4 Swimming – sent Thursday by email



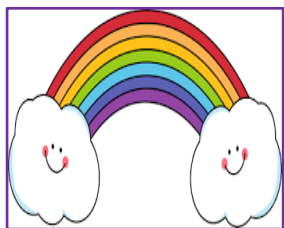
P.E. sessions

Please remember that P.E. is a compulsory part of the National Curriculum and every child is expected to take part. We have had a couple of questions about the removal of earrings for P.E. All earrings must be removed and cannot be covered or taped – as a Local Authority maintained school, we are required to follow Essex County Council's Health and Safety Policy which requires all jewellery to be removed for P.E, including earrings. Under this policy, earrings may also not be taped over. We would, therefore, advise that ear piercing is carried out at the start of the Summer holidays, so that children do not miss out on important P.E. sessions at school. In addition, we would ask that, should your child not be able to remove their earrings independently, they are taken out at home on P.E. days. Thank you for your co-operation.

We still have a number of children riding scooters and bikes on school premises. This is not permitted, in the interests of everyone's safety. Please make sure that your child **pushes** their bike or scooter until they **are beyond the school gates**. In addition, pupils riding bikes to school must wear a helmet please. Thank you for your co-operation.

'FREE TUCK FRIDAY'

WELL DONE to **REDWOOD CLASS** who will have **Free Tuck** on **Friday 24th April**



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 **ORLA** in Rowan 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 **ATHENA** in WILLOW 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	Max
Willow Class	Tomas
Sycamore Class	Archie E
Larch Class	Cora
Cedar Class	Emily R
Beech Class	Oliver L
Oak Class	Zenon
Redwood Class	Guy
Chestnut Class	Ben
Rowan Class	Eli
Maple Class	Jason
Windmills	Emily W

Diary Dates

Mon 4th May – Bank Holiday

Mon 11th – Fri 15th May – **Year 6**

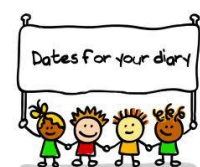
SATs Week – no absence or appointments please

Fri 22nd May – Last day of half term

Mon 25th – Fri 29th May – **HALF TERM**

Mon 1st June – Children return to school

FULL LIST OF DATES/EVENTS WILL BE ON NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER





Very well done to our boys' football team who played against St. Teresa's yesterday. It was a great match to watch and our Myland team won 6 - 0. Full match report to come next week.

Child First Trust

Parenting Workshop

This **8-week** course is offered to parents from all Child First Schools at **NO COST**
Venue: Braiswick Primary school,
Apprentice Dr, Colchester CO4 5SE
Start date : Monday 20th April , 1-2.30pm
for 8 weeks (excluding May Bank
Holiday and half term week)

8 sessions from
Monday 20th April 1-2.30pm



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