

Newsletter No. 32 2024-25 – Friday 20th June 2025

Star of the Week

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

BIRCH CLASS: Rozalia Gazda

WILLOW CLASS: Boudica Mackenzie-Li

SYCAMORE CLASS: Rory Cornes

LARCH CLASS: Hope Wilson

CEDAR CLASS: Ryden Pentinio

BEECH CLASS: Noah De Giovanni

OAK CLASS: Ryan Vince

REDWOOD CLASS: Caiden Magill

CHESTNUT CLASS: Kashfia Laiba

ROWAN CLASS: Unathi Mulengwa

MAPLE CLASS: Daisy-May Wilson



Attendance

As you know, our attendance is monitored very closely by both school staff and by our school's Education Welfare Officer. Not only does she look at our overall school and class-by-class attendance, she also looks at those individual pupils whose attendance is low or for whom there is a pattern of non-attendance, such as every Monday or every Friday. In cases where there is a concern, she will request that you attend a meeting with her at school to look at reasons for low attendance and how this can be improved.

Our Education Welfare Officer also samples our absence requests to ensure that cases are authorised or unauthorised in accordance with school attendance regulations. Please be aware that all requests for family holiday in term time are unauthorised and that term time absence may only be approved if there are exceptional circumstances. Further information and guidance regarding attendance can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence> .

Miss Griggs

REMINDERS

Next week's MENU will be

WEEK 1

Please pre order by
TUESDAY 24/06/25 for **WEEK 2**

Attendance this week
(up to & including Thursday)

Birch Class	87.1%	
Willow Class	94.7%	
Sycamore Class	97.9%	
Larch Class	95.9%	
Cedar Class	99.3%	★
Beech Class	97.9%	
Oak Class	89.3%	
Redwood Class	96.6%	
Chestnut Class	98.3%	
Rowan Class	92.9%	
Maple Class	96.7%	
WHOLE SCHOOL	95.3%	

Check Email and Bookbags
for...

* No additional letters sent this week



Can you help us?

Mr. Cooper is keen to build a stock of spare kits for P.E. and would be very grateful for any donations of school P.E. kit in good condition that your child may have grown out of, along with plimsolls, trainers and shin pads, again in good condition.

If you are able to help, please bring these along on Sports Day (Wednesday 2nd July), when we will have a collection point available. Thank you in advance for your help.



SUN SAFETY

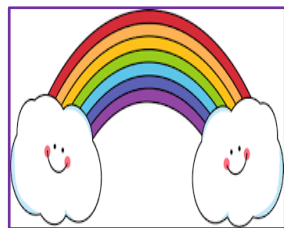
Please ensure that, in warmer weather, your child has a water bottle in school (plain, still water only), as well as a suitable hat to wear at break times.

Please apply sun protection before coming to school.

Thank you for your support.

'FREE TUCK FRIDAY'

WELL DONE to **CEDAR CLASS**
who will have
Free Tuck on
Friday 27th June



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 **JESSICA** 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 **MILLI** in BEECH 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	Paul
Willow Class	Phoenix
Sycamore Class	Amber
Larch Class	Olivia
Cedar Class	Leia
Beech Class	Tanvi
Oak Class	Kareem
Redwood Class	Dexter
Chestnut Class	Darcy-Ann
Rowan Class	Aran
Maple Class	Aatika
Windmills	Orla

Diary Dates

Sat 28th June – PTA Summer Fair
12.00 – 3.00 p.m.

Wed 2nd July – Sports Day 9.30 a.m.

Thurs 3rd July – Class photographs
Wk beg 7th July – LAST WEEK FOR CLUBS

Thurs 10th July – Exhibition Evening
5.00 – 8.00 p.m.

Mon 14th July – RockSteady concert
2.15 p.m.

Tues 15th/Wed 16th July – Year 6
production 7.00 p.m.

Fri 18th July - LAST DAY FOR PUPILS





MYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
SATURDAY 28TH JUNE

BOUNCY CASTLE

12-3PM

WATER BLASTERS

RUGBY SHY

RAFFLE

NERF GUNS

FAIRY GARDENS

TOMBOLA

HOOK A DUCK

PAN FOR GOLD

LUCKY DIP

AXE THROWING

COLCHESTER FIRE & RESCUE
MOJI CHILDRENS ENTERTAINER
REFRESHMENTS
ZUMBA



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**SATURDAY
28TH JUNE**



TICKETS £1

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| PTA | £100 CASH |
| BARRETT & COE PHOTOGRAPHY | PHOTO SHOOT VOUCHER |
| DAVID LLOYD | 2 WEEK FAMILY PASS |
| JIMMYS FARM | FAMILY DAY TICKET |
| AUDLEY END MINATURE RAILWAY | FAMILY DAY TICKET |
| COLCHESTER CLIMBING PROJECT | FAMILY ENTRY |
| COLCHESTER UNITED CF | SIGNED SHIRT & GOODIE BAG |
| MERCURY THEATRE | 2X MERCURY PRODUCTION TICKETS |
| HASTYS ADVENTURE FARM | FAMILY DAY TICKET |
| EAST ANGLIA RAILWAY MUSEUM | FAMILY DAY TICKET |
| COLCHECO | ECO HAMPER |
| COLCHESTER RUGBY CLUB | 2X PRE MATCH LUNCHESES |
| THE TAP ROOM | £30 DATE NIGHT GIFT CARD |
| CLIMEMET | GARDEN GADGET |
| PUTT IN THE PARK | FAMILY GAME VOUCHER |
| AIR HOP | 2X FREE JUMP PASSES |
| SWEET STITCHES BY FAY | £25 CUSTOM ORDER VOUCHER |
| LAYER MARNEY TOWER | FAMILY DAY TICKET |
| AQUA SPRINGS | 2FOR1 VOUCHER |
| CLACTON PIER | FAMILY ADVENTURE GOLF TICKET |
| COLCHESTER GYMNASTICS | 3X OPEN SESSION PASSES |
| THE ENTERTAINER | £15 VOUCHER |
| PTA | BUBBLE BLASTER |
| PANTRY 61 | £10 VOUCHER |
| GO BANANAS | PARENT & CHILD VOUCHERS |
| PTA | CHOCOLATE NUTTY HAMPER |



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

AGE RESTRICTION
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS

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CENSORED

YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

BE WARY OF ADVERTISING

BUY NOW!

Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED

YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION

There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

DATA COLLECTION RISK

While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS

YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

SET TIME LIMITS

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

CHECK WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced journalist with more than 10 years of experience covering the technology industry. Previously a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly is now a freelance journalist, editor, and copywriter. Her bylines include Forbes, TechRadar, Tes, The INQUIRER, The Metro, Uswitch, and WIRED.



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