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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to start our newsletter this week by saying a huge 'thank you' to all the parents who have made voluntary contributions to our school; the money you so generously gave has bought two new benches for our playground and a new rug for the Year 1/2 classroom, alongside many other additional resources and games. We are incredibly grateful that we could provide the children with these fantastic new items and experiences.

We have a large amount of lost property in the school at the moment; these are all items which are unnamed and therefore unable to be returned to students. We will endeavour to put this on the new benches every afternoon next week, as long as the weather allows. Please look through the items carefully and take anything that belongs to you. Could we please ask that ALL items brought to school are named. It is very difficult to return items to their owners when they do not have names in them. Any lost property that has not been collected by the end of next week will be given to the PTA to go in the second hand sale. Additionally, if anyone has any PE t-shirts they could donate, we would be extremely grateful.

We have had a lot of enquiries from parents asking if children can swap afterschool clubs; unfortunately, as this creates a lot of administrative and financial problems, we will be unable to make any additional changes.

A little reminder to current Year 4 and 5 parents that the final balance for our Danbury residential in September needs to be cleared by 1st July 2025. Looking at the system, we can see that there are a lot of payments still outstanding.

Finally, we would like to wish all of our Year 6 pupils the best of luck and they prepare for their SATs exams next week. The children have worked incredibly hard and we cannot wait for them to showcase how much they have learnt. As always, in school, we will work hard to ensure that the children remain calm and settled during the week. To help at home, over the weekend we ask that the children get lots of fresh air, rest and sleep. Breakfast club will start at 7:45am, every day next week, for the Year 6 pupils. We also suggest that the children bring in an extra snack with them each day as we will be using a lot of brain power. We know that the children will all do their very best and look forward to being able to share their successes with them as we make our way to the end of the school year!

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Best wishes, Mrs Melissa Taylor (Executive Headteacher, BA Hons, NPQSL, NPQH) and Mrs Sarah Tate, (Head of School, BA Hons, NPQSL).

TERM DATES:

12th May Year 6 SATs Week
12th May Year 6 SATs breakfast club starts 7:45am
19th May Year 6 SATs Treat Lunch
20th May Year 5 and 6 WW2 Day
21st May Essex Fire and Police Sessions for Year 6
23rd May Last day of Summer 1
2nd Jun First day of Summer 2
2nd Jun Year 4 Multiplication Check Week
3rd Jun EYFS Starters 2025 Stay and Play
9th Jun INSET Day
10th Jun Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
19th Jun Class Photos
19th Jun EYFS Starters 2025 Stay and Play
23rd Jun Being British Week
23rd Jun Year 1 and 2 'Let's Explore' Day
24th Jun Year 3/4 visit to Colchester Castle
24th Jun RSE Talk for Year 5 and 6 Parents 2:30pm—letter to follow
25th Jun EYFS Starters 2025 Stay and Play
26th Jun EYFS Dinosaur Day
26th and 27th Jun Anglo Year 6 Transition Days
2nd Jul Year 1 and 2 class assembly
3rd Jul Piano Concert 9am in the hall
8th Jul EYFS Starters 2025 Stay and Play (no parents)
9th Jul LIFE Awards Evening
10th KS2 Dress Rehearsal
10th Jul Year 5 and 6 Football Match at Roxwell
10th Jul Danbury Information Session for parents 3:30pm
11th Jul Sports Day and Family BBQ
15th Jul KS2 production 1:30pm and 6pm
16th Jul Break the Rules Day
18th July Summer Disco
22nd Jul Year 6 Leavers Assembly 10am
22nd Jul Whole School Picnic Lunch
22nd Jul Last Day of Summer 2
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1st/2nd Sept INSET Days
3rd Sept First Day of Autumn 1

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Please note...

This week's school attendance was 98.1%. Our current year to date attendance is 94.7%.

Please ensure all uniform is named; it makes it much easier to return when lost or found!

All trophies are to be returned to school on Monday.

This Week's Awards

Our Headteacher Award is unfortunately broken and therefore being replaced.

Our English Award goes to Hektor for brilliant independent writing

Our Maths Award goes to Rosie for excellent fractions work

Our Values Award goes to Bridie for always showing kindness toward others

Our Sports Award goes to William for always helping tidy up

Our Arts Award goes to Millie for amazing mosaics

Our Zoe Bear Award goes to Harrison for his efforts and kindness during Vision ReVision Day

Our Reading Awards go to Lily, Lachlan, William and Peter

Our Pupil and Staff of the Week certificates go to William and Mrs Kamentschuck.

