



NEWSLETTER

16.04.2021

Attendance

92.5%



Remembering His
Royal Highness
Prince Philip

10 June 1921 - 9 April 2021

Following the sad news of the death of His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh, we are now in a period of national mourning. The [guidance for the period of national mourning](#) sets out arrangements for activities during this time, including the ceremonial arrangements planned.

Communications from the Department for Education during this period will be reduced in line with this guidance.

You may want to consider your own response to this news for your particular setting in providing time for mourning and condolence, for example. An online Book of Condolence is available on the [Royal Website](#). We would ask that you continue to consider current [COVID-19 restrictions](#) as part of these activities, to protect each other and reduce the risk of coronavirus (COVID-19) transmission.

PE sessions this term:

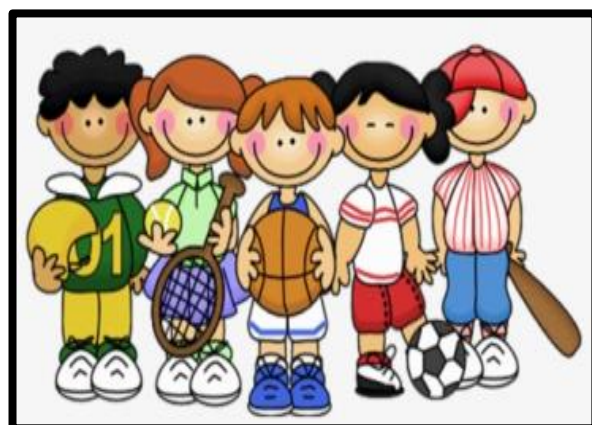
All classes will have PE with Mr Barnes on Wednesdays.

Class teachers will do a second PE lesson on the following days:

- Mondays – Ladybirds and Caterpillars
- Thursdays – Hedgehogs and badgers.

Please make sure pupils come dressed to school on these days wearing their PE kits.

All pupils to bring in a labelled water bottle for PE.





West Essex School Sports Partnership

This mystery trail was designed to challenge pupils' skills of thinking, observation and problem solving. Well done to all who ventured trail.



Answers to the Ongar Mystery Trail:

Trail:

- Criminal – Libby Ringlet
- Get-away vehicle – Skateboard
- Stolen item – Hand Sanitiser

Class Curriculum Newsletters

Please see the school's website for each class' individual curriculum coverage this half-term. This can be found under NEWS AND EVENTS.



Curriculum and attendance

Attendance is key to ensure closing attainment gaps, especially due to the disruptions we have experienced this year due to COVID. Please make sure your child(ren) attend school daily and on time as any time missed is a missed opportunity to learn.



The key principles that underpin our advice on curriculum planning are as follows:

- **education is not optional** - all pupils receive a high-quality education that promotes their development and equips them with the knowledge and cultural capital they need to succeed in life; and
- **the curriculum remains broad and ambitious** - all pupils continue to be taught a wide range of subjects.



Under government guidelines we are expected to prioritise identifying gaps and re-establishing good progress in the essentials (phonics and reading, increasing vocabulary, writing and mathematics), identifying opportunities across the curriculum so they read widely, and developing their knowledge and vocabulary.

Curriculum planning is informed both by an assessment of pupils' starting points and gaps in their knowledge, and an understanding of what is the most critical content for progression. To achieve this, we may need to make substantial modifications to your curriculum and should make effective use of regular formative assessment.

We can use existing flexibilities to create time to cover the most important content in which pupils are not yet secure.

We will continue to ensure that our curriculum offer remains broad, so that the majority of pupils are taught a full range of subjects over the year, including:

- sciences
- humanities
- music and the arts
- physical education and sport
- religious education and
- French at Key Stage 2.

School uniform

Schools are encouraged to maintain their usual uniform policies. Uniform can play a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. Uniforms do not need to be cleaned more often than usual and/or using different methods.

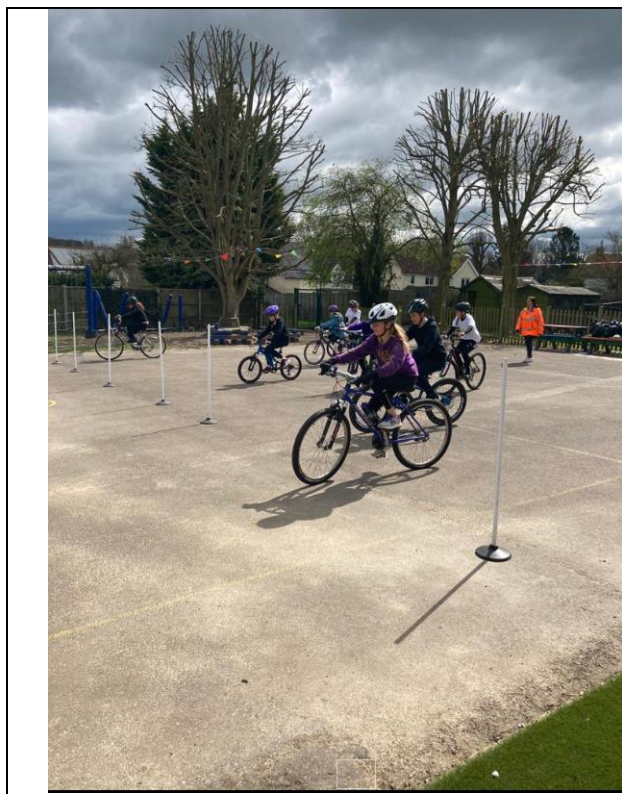


What happened in school this week?



BIKEABILITY

Bikeability is 'cycling proficiency' for the 21st century, designed to give the skills and confidence needed to cycle safely on today's busy roads





Parking around the school

A kind request to consider the neighbours when dropping off or collecting your child(ren) from school.

Concerns are raised about the safety of all and to make sure to keep to speed limits. Some cars block driveways, double park and/or park on pathways causing pedestrians to walk in the road.

We also need to make sure that emergency vehicles can access Walker Avenue at all times.

Many thanks for your support in this regard.

School menu

2 Week Menu Rota

Dr Walker's CE Primary School – Summer Term 2021

Menu Two served on week commencing:

19th April 2021

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mains Option	Jacket Potato with Melted Cheese	Spaghetti Bolognese	All Day Breakfast Pork Sausage or Bacon	Sticky Chicken	Omega 3 Fish Fingers
Vegetarian Option	Tomato & Lentil Pasta Bake	Panini With choice of Filling	All Day Breakfast Veggie Sausages	Sticky Quorn	Panini With choice of Filling
On the Side	Homemade Crusty Bread Mixed Salad Choice	Rice Sweetcorn Mixed Salad Choice	Scrambled Egg Hash Browns Baked Beans	Herby Diced Potatoes Broccoli Mixed Salad Choice	Chips Baked Beans Or Peas Mixed Salad
For Dessert	Yoghurt	Fruit Jelly & Ice Cream	Shortbread Biscuit	Fruit Platter	Chocolate Brownie

Also available daily: Bread, Salad, Fresh fruit, Yoghurt. Fresh milk or water.

Dates to remember

May bank holiday: 3 May

Half-term break: 31 May – 4 June

INSET day: 7 June



PHEW!

Parenting Help for Emotional Wellbeing



**“I cannot stop worrying”
“I don’t want to go to school”
“They don’t seem very happy”
“They seem to be unable to cope with their emotions,
and I don’t know how to help them”**

The Essex Child and Family Wellbeing service are offering a 30 minute virtual appointment for you to discuss your current challenges and offer strategies to best support your child or young person’s emotional wellbeing.

We can signpost you to online resources and recommend services that best support your child or young person’s needs.



Last **Wednesday** of the Month
Appointments available throughout the day
Please contact 0300 247 0122 Option1
to book

Services commissioned by:

www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk



Bible verse of the week

