

Newsletter

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An Exceptional Place to Flourish

Though your beginning was small,
your future will flourish indeed.
Job 8:7



Our school attendance target is:

96%

Actual attendance this academic year:

92.61%

Attendance this week:

Reception	97.07%
Year 1	97.14%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	98.67%
Year 4	97.14%
Year 5	98.5%
Year 6	91.67%
Whole school	96.79%

Winning year groups:

Gold – 1 st	Year 3
Silver – 2 nd	Year 5
Bronze – 3 rd	Year 1 & 4

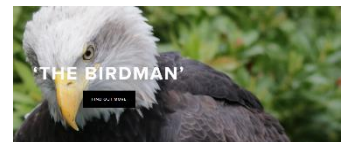
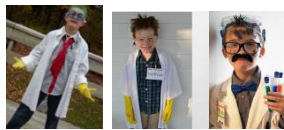
Headteacher's news

Another exciting week and we had lovely sunny weather!

The Scholastics book fair arrived and parents and pupils can access this till next Wednesday. Books can be ordered and purchased online.

Next week we are looking forward to a fun-filled British Science week (11-20 March 2022).

- Monday 14th March – Birdman (Alan Ames) - Assembly & photos
- Tuesday 15th March - Poster competition. The theme is "Growth."
- Wednesday 16th March – come to school dressed up as a scientist or professor - wear an old shirt / or lab coat (e.g. Albert Einstein, Marie Curie, etc.) You can decorate this!



- Thursday 17th March – Building Blunder – construction using paper.
- Friday 18th March – Baylab Coat Competition. In honour of COP-26 and the UN's Sustainability Goals, the theme for the Baylab Coat Competition is: Food and Food Waste and what it means to the children of Dr Walker's.



Year 5/6 pupils will also be taking part in an athletics competition at Ongar Primary School on Tuesday 15th March.

See p6 for an update regarding the kitchen and school meals!

Attendance continues to be mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age and schools should communicate clear and consistent expectations about attendance. We are **really concerned** about the attendance figures at school, especially compared with the previous three years for the same period: **1 September – 11 March.**

Academic year	Period average attendance	Number of persistent absence pupils (below 90% attendance)
2018/2019	95.26%	6
2019/2020	95.95%	3
2020/2021	93.30%	26
2021/2022	92.61%	20



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Big questions of the week:

Reception	Year 1	What is friendship?
Year 2		If you could be any animal, what would you choose to be?
Year 3		What do you think being brave means?
Year 4		What are the worst tastes you can imagine?
Year 5		Make a list of 10 things to do on holiday and rank them in order of importance?
Year 6		The answer is ... always. What could the question be?

Value this half-term



Achievers of the week

		Reader of the week	Writer of the week	Mathematician of the week	Scientist of the week	Star of the week
Reception		Dolly	Mikey	Florence	Amelia-Rae	Lucas
Year 1	Year 2	Daisy	Teddy	Amber	Henry R	Brooke
Year 3	Year 4	Paul	Freddie	Maxwell	Cash	Philomena
Year 5	Year 6	Ava	Freya	Kaiden	Riley	Corey

House Points:

		Ants			Badgers			Locusts			Lizards		
Reception		44	+	4	36	+	6	37	+	10	34	+	8
Year 1	Year 2	86	+	26	57	+	25	90	+	39	96	+	47
Year 3	Year 4	137	+	31	109	+	27	115	+	34	106	+	40
Year 5	Year 6	151	+	21	175	+	21	167	+	23	163	+	26
TOTAL		500			456			515			520		

Congratulations!

Congratulations to William (reception) and Harrison (Year 1) who respectively won player of the week trophies at soccer school on Friday, 4th March!

If you've achieved something outside of school we would love to share and celebrate this with you!



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Best Friends of the week

These pupils are the class buddies, helping other pupils in class.



Reception



Years 1 and 2



Years 3 and 4



Years 5 and 6

Reception class

Red Class loves Bike Fridays!



Do you know who these scientists are? What are they famous for?

Science Week Quiz

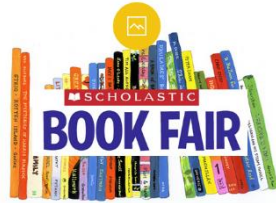


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The Travelling Book Fair - Dr Walker's CofE Primary
10th and 16th March 2022.



The £1 book tokens can be used as part payment towards a book costing more than £3 or they can be exchanged for one of the amazing £1 books at a number of bookshops and supermarkets – please note that the travelling book fair does not stock the £1 books.

Pupils have visited the Travelling Book Fair during school hours. Parents can visit with their children after school.

There is no facility to pay by cash, the on-line payment system is available for parents to pay by card either at the fair or from <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/pay>



Everyone has really enjoyed the chance to look at so many new books this week and it has been lovely to see so much enthusiasm for reading

Book Fair



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Feel free to make use of the QR bookmarks with your children.

The QR code will direct the children to an audiobook / read-along / YouTube or PDF version of the story.

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Owl Babies
Postman Pat
The Frog and the Toad



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The Little Red Riding Hood
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Matchbox Dreams
The End of LonTab



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Fairy Tales from Across Wood
A Hole in the Bottom of the Sea
Eat Your Peas



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A BEARER OF TREASURES
Kindness Superpower
THE CREAKERS



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A Wrinkle in Time
Explore the Big Cats



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Community Information

Please see school website for:

Easter Holiday Courses Bikeability Level 1, Level 1 & 2 , Level 3 , and Learn to ride courses. In Chelmsford, Colchester, Harlow & Maldon.

Lunch Menu

Apologies for the inconvenience in the last few days regarding the menu. The oven's fan stopped working unexpectedly on Tuesday morning.

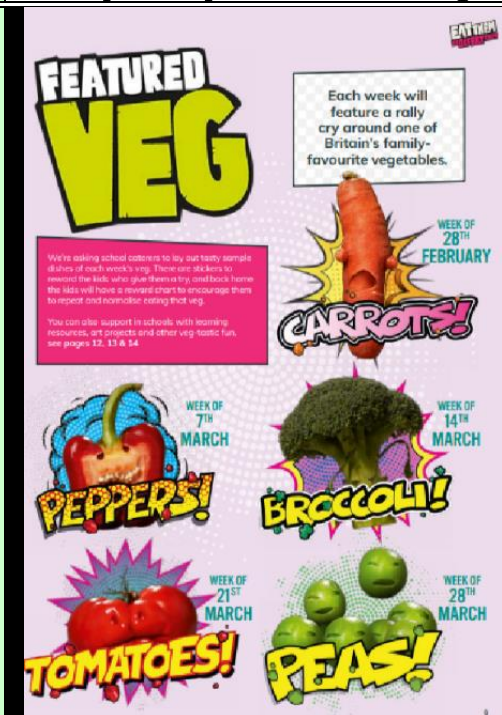
We have had an engineer out to have a look and will be able to update us further next week. Our neighbouring school, Ongar Primary Academy, has been brilliant in preparing hot meals for us on Thursday and Friday. Thanks Ongar Primary!

Our wonderful school cook has swapped some of the meals around next week to enable us to serve hot meals for the first part of the week, and they will be as follows:

Monday: Spaghetti/Vegetarian Bolognese / Filled Wraps & Fresh Fruit
 Tuesday: Chicken/Vegetable Curry / Filled Wraps & Smoothies
 Wednesday: Filled Yorkshires (meat or vegetarian) with Mash & Cookies

We will send further information for Thursday and Friday, as soon as we can, thank you for your understanding.

Initiative: Eat Them To Defeat Them



Pupils have received an activity pack and will receive a sticker once they have tried one for the 5 vegetables.

For more information and downloads, visit:
www.eatthemtodefeatthem.com/en

28 February – 1 June

We have signed up again to participate with *Eat Them To Defeat Them*, to encourage pupils to make healthy choices in promoting Healthy Lifestyles.

Schools have a critical role to play in getting children eating vegetables – through learning, play and school food.

The programme has been designed by top educators, public health professionals, school caterers and our creative team, in line with the curriculum and government healthy-eating guidelines.

This year over 1 million children in 3,800 primary and special schools are taking part.



Kind requests

- Neighbours have kindly requested the school to please ask the community to remind dog owners, to please pick up their dog's foul on the pathways.
- Can parents please supervise their children at pick-up time to not go on the playground adventure trail, as staff cannot take responsibility for this? Thanks for your co-operation.



The Big GoReadathon
Thursday 3rd March - Thursday 31st March

Your mission:
to read as much as you can for the Big GoReadathon!
Our school is in with the chance of winning up to £250 of books!

What do I need to do:
Simply Read and log your reading on GoRead!
Starting on World book day (1st March) until Thursday 31st March read as much as you can to help our school be the winners!

Enter your reading Log it on GoRead Help your school win the Big GoReadathon

Sponsored Read throughout March

To celebrate and encourage a lifelong love of reading at home and school, we will be running a sponsored read between 1st March 2022 and 31st March 2022.

Children can use the challenge sheet, which we will provide, or read anything with words or spend time being read to.

Please support our sponsored read so that you child has more books to read, share and enjoy!

Also log your reading on GoRead to make Dr Walker's Readathon Winners!

Essex Library Service

www.libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/world-book-day/

Thursday 4 March was World Book Day and, though it looked a bit different this year, there'll still be lots of fun booky things for families to do!

- Have a look at the Essex Libraries YouTube channel for some great [Story Times](#) and [Rhymetimes](#)
- For older children looking to write their own story, check out this great [video](#) from children's author Catherine Emmett with loads of tips for budding writers
- Have a look at our [family reading activity](#) ideas
- There's loads of great children's [e-books](#), [e-audio](#) and [e-comics](#) available to borrow via the Essex Libraries website
- [BookTrust HomeTime](#) has loads of great videos, games, quizzes and activities for children of all ages

The [World Book Day website](#) also has loads of great resources including activity sheets and videos. They would also love to see families reading their favourite books together, so share your pictures on social media using [#WorldBookDay](#) and [#ShareAStory](#)

World Book Day Photo Project

On World Book Day, Thursday 3 March, Essex Libraries will be launching a photo project that we would love local families to be a part of!

We are asking families to send us photos of themselves or their children reading in their favourite places via email. We will use these photos to create colourful customer panels in local libraries.

Please send your photograph and a completed photo permission form to libraries.social@essex.gov.uk. You can find the photo permission form on our website. libraries.essex.gov.uk/newsletters/4thmarch-photo-project

Dates to remember


Wednesday, 23rd March	Year 6 Boosters: Comprehension – Mrs Vorster (08.15-08.45)
Thursday, 24th March	Year 6 Boosters: SPAG – Mrs Dean (08.15-08.45)
Friday, 25th March	Year 6 Boosters: Mental Arithmetic - Dr Lawson (15.30-16.30)



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Important term dates 	Start	Finish	Half-term
Job Advert for Everbrite Cleaning company	4 January 2022	1 April 2022	14-18 February 2022
<p>Recruitment: School cleaner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term time only, • Mondays-Fridays. • 2 Hours per day . • Approximately 4pm start. • £9.50 p/h plus 28 days holiday pay (out of term time). • Salaried pay possible. • Immediate start. • DBS needed but can be applied for apply on behalf. Cost £60 from 1st wage. <p>Please contact Mr A Perridge via aperridge@everbritecleaning.co.uk for more information.</p>			



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