

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:

92.63%

Attendance this week:

Reception	100%
Year 1	94.29%
Year 2	87.5%
Year 3	80.67%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	98.5%
Year 6	88.33%
Whole school	93.37%

Winning year groups:

Joint Gold – 1 st	Red
Joint Gold – 1 st	Blue
Bronze – 3 rd	Indigo

Headteacher's note

We had a wonderful World Maths day on Wednesday, 23rd March.

Since Pythagoreans created the word "mathematics" in the 6th century BC, numbers have been a beneficial and challenging part of life.

Pupils had fun dressing up as: calculators, money, calculations, shapes, etc.



We even had a Maths assembly with fun problem solving and learnt about famous Mathematicians.

Break time was fun finding numbers in the scavenger hunt.

Thank you to Mrs Vorster (Maths Lead) who arranged all the activities.



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 – 25 March**.

Academic year	Period average attendance	Number of persistent absence pupils (below 90% attendance)
2018/2019	95.10	5
2019/2020	94.60	7
2020/2021	93.63	25
2021/2022	92.63	22



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Big questions of the week:

Reception	Year 1	What would be different if television had never been invented?
Year 2		Would you vote for 2 Saturdays or 2 Sundays?
Year 3		Think of all the different possible uses for a piece of string
Year 4		How would you describe an elephant to someone who has never seen one?
Year 5		Why are friends important?
Year 6		What do you think is the best age to be and why?

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	Scarlett	Madison	Dylan	Mikey	Ava	
Year 1	Year 2	Ralph	Sienna	Joey	Henry H	Jacob
Year 3	Year 4	Lillie	Paul	Philomena	Aviella	John-James
Year 5	Year 6	Dylan	Lara	Harrison P	Naomi	Libby

House Points:

	Ants			Badgers			Locusts			Lizards			
Reception	55	+	6	51	+	8	54	+	7	49	+	8	
Year 1	Year 2	142	+	10	102	+	15	151	+	28	179	+	20
Year 3	Year 4	216	+	28	182	+	34	190	+	29	194	+	28
Year 5	Year 6	200	+	34	220	+	31	219	+	42	216	+	28
TOTAL	691			643			730			722			

Attendance achievement

Next week, pupils with a 100% attendance for the Autumn and Spring Terms respectively, will be getting a special badge!

Names will be published in next week's newsletter.



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Good bye

We are saying goodbye to Mrs Thomson at the end of term.
We will miss the friendly welcome in the main office and Mrs Thomson's organisation skills.
We wish her all the best for her new career opportunity at College.



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

Whole school investigation display



Science Week



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A Mathematical Assembly and brilliant outfits to start our World Maths Day celebrations!

We had great fun celebrating world maths day yesterday (23.3.2022). We started off the morning with a maths assembly, looking at famous mathematicians. We then tested our maths skills using all 4 operations.

Year 1 and 2 took part in a maths scavenger hunt and the rest of the school had the opportunity to take part in the scavenger hunt during play and lunch time.

In Year 3 and 4 we made our own maths games. We tried to use all our maths skills acquired so far. We then shared our ideas with our friends.



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Years 1 and 2 Maths scavenger hunt and the winning team.

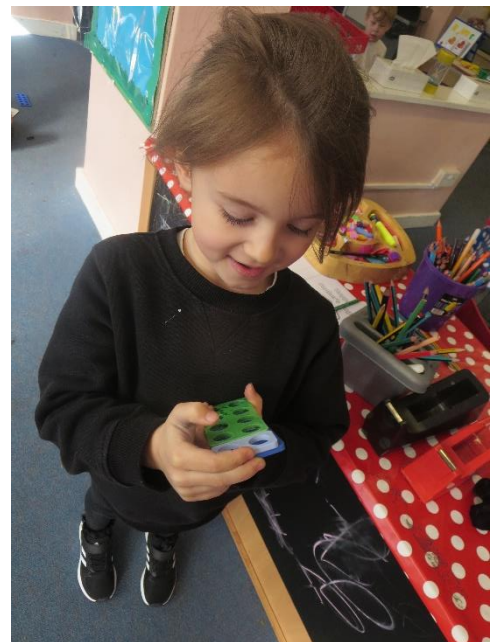
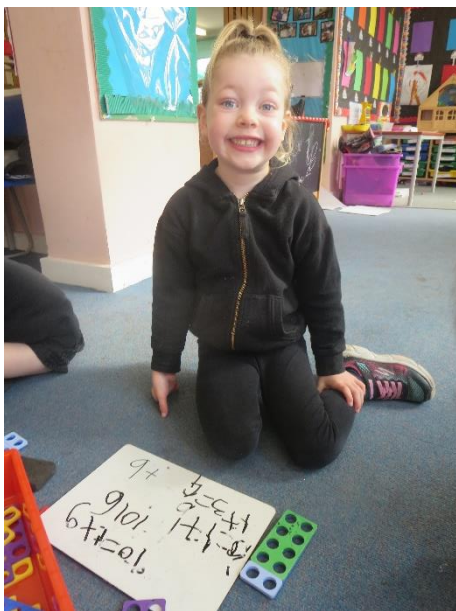
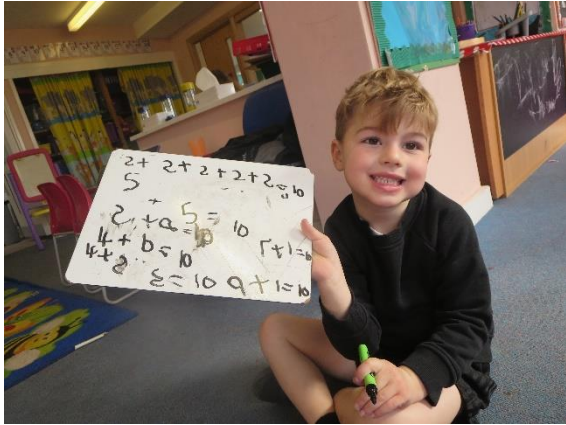


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Red Class worked on Number Bonds to 10 using the Numicon sets



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Reception class



Years 1 / 2



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Years 3 / 4



Years 5 / 6



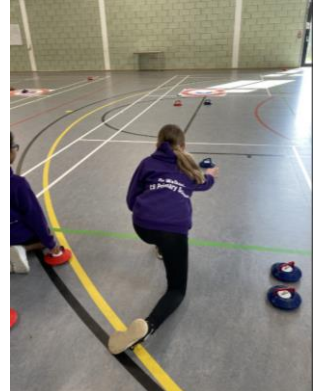
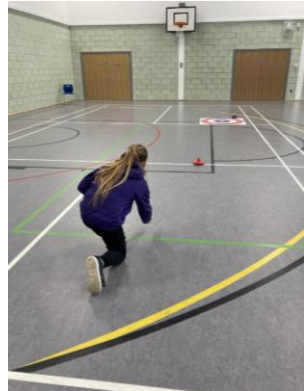
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Year 6 Sporting Visit

Year 6 pupils had a fun sport morning participating in boccia and curling at Ongar Academy as part of their secondary transition visit. Their behaviour was absolutely brilliant – a true credit to our school.



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Red Class have also been enjoying the fantastic weather and took their learning (and snack) outside!



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**Dr Walker's Church of England Primary School wants to honour all Mothers.
Thank you for all you do.**

**Mum you are my mother, but more so also a:
nurse, comforter, cleaning service, laundry service, meal planner, chef,
referee, personal assistant, teacher, transportation service chauffeur,
birthday party organiser, life coach, personal stylist, an organiser,
entertainer, chief financial officer, handy(wo)man, sleep coach. Rule
enforcer, investigator, translator, dental hygienist, memory maker, travel
agent, researcher, crisis negotiator, personal trainer, bargain hunter,
encyclopaedia... my fountain of all knowledge, lifeguard, caregiver..... the
list goes on...**

You are an AMAZING MULTI-TASKER.

Mothers' Day



Mother's Day, is celebrated in countries throughout the world. During the Middle Ages the custom developed of allowing those who had moved away to visit their home parishes and their mothers on Laetare Sunday of Lent. This became Mothering Sunday in Britain, where it continued into modern times, although it has largely been replaced by Mother's Day. Mother's Day this year is celebrated on Sunday, 27th March.

Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia, whose mother had organized women's groups to promote friendship and health, originated Mother's Day. On May 12, 1907, she held a memorial service at her late mother's church in Grafton, West Virginia. Within five years virtually every state was observing the day, and in 1914 U.S. Pres. Wilson made it a national holiday. Although Jarvis had promoted the wearing of a white carnation as a tribute one's mother, the custom developed of wearing a red or pink carnation to represent a living mother or a white carnation for a mother who was deceased. Over time the day was expanded to include others, such as grandmothers and aunts, who played mothering roles. What had originally been primarily a day of honour became associated with the sending of cards and the giving of gifts, however, and, in protest against its commercialisation, Jarvis spent the last years of her life trying to abolish the holiday she had brought into being.





Source: www.britannica.com/topic/Mothers-Day



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<p>Next week...</p>	<p>Pupils have something to look forward to.... end of term and Easter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will be visiting St Nicholas Church on Thursday afternoon for an Easter service. Parents are welcome to join us at 13:30. • There will be a surprise for pupils on Friday at the gate as they enter the school. What can it be? • There will be Easter Bonnet Parade at school on Friday 1st April, please can you work on these at home with your children and send in on Friday. • School will finish as normal on Friday at 15:15. • There will be no year 6 Maths boosters after school on Friday 1st April
<p>Initiative: Eat Them To Defeat Them</p>	 <p>28 February – 1 June</p> <p>80% of children are not eating enough vegetables with a third eating less than one portion of vegetables a day. Perhaps most alarming is that 50% of parents say they have given up even trying.*</p> <p>We are supporting this initiative to inspire children to become veggie-loving and develop good eating habits for life.</p> <p>For more information visit:</p> <p>www.eatthemtodefeatthem.com/en *source as above</p>
<p>Lunch Menu</p>	<p>Sincere apologies for the frustrations regarding hot meals, your patience and understanding has been very much appreciated.</p> <p>The oven broke first and then the stove top also gave up on Thursday. A new cooker will be installed on Monday and so we look forward to a return to our normal menu from Tuesday - Hooray!</p> <p>Lunches for next week will be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday – Selection of Wraps • Tuesday – Friday as per the published menu on the school website, Week 3 
<p>COVID update</p>	<p>A guide for parents of children aged 5-11 - Covid-19 Vaccination Information</p> <p>Health experts have advised that parents of all children aged 5 to 11 years should be offered the chance to have their child vaccinated.</p> <p>The NHS will contact parents to explain how to make an appointment</p> <p>More information can be found at</p> <p>www.essexcovidvaccine.nhs.uk/news/a-guide-for-parents-of-children-aged-5-11/</p>



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Reminders



Please return the ballots for parent governor elections to school.



Please also consider our neighbours when parking outside the school, our positive relationships are very important to our whole community and we ask all parents to help us to promote and maintain them. Thank you.

Information

Please see school website for:

- Easter initiative activities.
- Easter Holiday Courses Bikeability Level 1, Level 1 & 2 , Level 3 , and Learn to ride courses. In Chelmsford, Colchester, Harlow & Maldon.
- Information from The Wilson Talbot Educational Charity about grant funding for eligible families.
- Information about **Essex ActivAte**. The new holiday activity and food programme run by Active Essex in partnership with Essex County Council and funded by the Department for Education. Working with a network of holiday club delivery partners the programme provides FREE face to face clubs for young people who are eligible for benefits based free school meals. Clubs will be inclusive, with a range of sports, creative activities and nutritional learning, and there will also be specialised SEND and Mental Wellbeing hubs across Essex.

If any families have worries about the rising cost of living and need assistance, the [Epping Forest Foodbank](#) can help, visit the website or freecall 0300 1029808

Important term dates



Start	Finish	Half-term
4 January 2022	1 April 2022	14-18 February 2022

Job Advert for Everbrite Cleaning company

Recruitment: School cleaner

- 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.

Please contact Mr A Perridge via aperridge@everbritecleaning.co.uk for more information.



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