

Newsletter date: Friday 19th September 2025

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*“Though your beginning was small,
your future will flourish indeed.”*

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week began with rather blustery and wet weather and with a second visit from Open the Book who acted out the story of Ruth and Boaz with the help of several children. We also welcomed a family member who joined us and would like to remind parents/carers that everyone is welcome to attend. Dates are in the side panel.

Wednesday marked a formal ‘Welcome Dr Walker’s to LIFE’. The children were presented with a beautiful cake during collective worship and even Zoe Bear got in on the action! At the end of the school day, staff had a Welcome to LIFE meeting with Senior Leaders and were also presented with a cake! This was an opportunity for staff and governors to meet the LIFE team and socialise



Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Hafise Nazif (Executive Head Teacher)

Mrs Jenny Dean (Head of School)

Loving others as we love ourselves.
“Love your Neighbour as yourself.”
Mark 12:31

Questions to ponder...

Do you treat others in the way that you'd like them to treat you?
How generous do you think you are?
Who do you know that is very generous?

GENEROSITY is...

- Giving something we value to someone else
- Encouraging the best in each other
- Never selfish
- Enjoying helping others
- Raising support for a good cause
- Offering what we can
- Sharing our time and talents
- Inviting someone to join in
- Taking care of God's creation for future generations
- You first, me last.

TERM DATES:

Upcoming Dates and Events

Open the Book – Family Collective Worship

Autumn 2025

Monday 29th September

Monday 13th October

Half-Term

Monday 3rd November

Monday 17th November

Monday 1st December

Monday 15th December

25th Sept – Red & Yellow Dress Up Day – Essex & Herts Air Ambulance Fundraiser

26th Sept—Macmillan Parents/Carers Coffee and Cakes (2:30pm-3:00pm)

8th Oct – Individual and sibling photos

10th Oct—Hello Yellow Day (Info to follow)

16th Oct—EYFS/Yr 1 ‘People Who Help Us Day’ (Info to follow)

20th Oct – Year 5 Parents – Secondary School application DEADLINE

22nd Oct—Parents Evening

Harvest Festival at church 17th October 2025

24th Oct—Last Day of Autumn 1

3rd Nov—First Day of Autumn 2

4th Nov – Year 5/Year 6 – Anglo-Saxon/Viking Day (info to follow)

11th Nov—Open morning for New EYFS 11am

14th Nov—Year 1/Year 2 Great Fire of London Day

21st Nov – Yr 3/Yr 4 Mayan Exploration Day (info to follow)

1st Dec—INSET Day – School closed for children

16th Dec—EYFS/KS1 Nativity (am)

16th Dec—KS2 Christmas Production (pm)

11th Dec—Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Dinner

9th Dec—Whole school go to watch Panto

Christmas service at church 11th Dec 2025

19th Dec—Last Day of Autumn 2

5th Jan—INSET Day – School closed for children

6th Jan—First Day of Spring 1





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National: 95% Our School Target: 96%

	WC 01.09	WC 08.09	WC 15.09	WC 22.09	WC 29.09	WC 06.11	WC 13.11	WC 20.11
Willow	93%	94%	92%					
Sycamore	94%	94%	94%					
Maple	82%	95%	91%					
Whole School	91%	95%	92%					



On Thursday 25th September 2025, we will be holding fundraising day. We are asking children to come into school in red and yellow clothing. We will be taking part in activities such as basic first aid, daily mile and decorating heart shaped biscuits. We

are asking for a donation of £5.00 per family which will all go to Essex & Herts. Please see the separate letter sent to you for more information.

Macmillan Coffee and Cake Fundraiser

Please join us for coffee and cakes on Friday 26th September from 2:30pm – 3:00pm, as we fundraise for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Macmillan Fundraiser

Children are invited to participate in our ‘Design a Cupcake’ competition. This can be a drawn design, or an actual cupcake! Please ensure that all entries are in school by Thursday 25th September 2025 for them to be judged!

Winners will be announced on Friday 26th September 2025.

A prize for each year group!

We kindly request that children bring in donations of 50p (or more) to add to the Macmillan Cancer Research fundraising pot!



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24th Oct – Break up for half term
3rd Nov – Children return to school

19th Dec – End of Term
6th Jan - Children return to school

13th Feb – Break up for half term
24th Feb - Children return to school

27th Mar – End of Term
13th Apr - Children return to school

22nd May – Break up for half term
1st June - Children return to school

Monday 20th July: End of academic year – 1:00pm finish (after registration)



Download **My Child at School** from the App Store for Apple users and on Google Play for all Android phone users. It is essential you have the app ready to use as soon as possible so as we send out log in information you are prepared.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Year 6 Parents and Carers

The new secondary school admission round opens today, **Friday, 12 September 2025**, to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2026. The statutory national closing date for applications is **31 October 2025**. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.