

Newsletter date: Friday 26th February 2026

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

8:7

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to pupils and parents – both old and new! It has been delightful to see some spring weather appearing, and dare we mention – some sunshine, after such a long period of rain! The daffodils, snowdrops and crocuses are all emerging ... along with an unexpected tree pollen bloom, following the unexpected dry spell after so much wetness. Please ensure that your child has been given antihistamines, if they normally have allergies.

We are delighted to welcome Mr Niall Robinson to the Dr Walker’s staffing team. Mr Robinson will be teaching in Maple Class from Wednesdays to Fridays. Having already met many of the children and staff, he has been warmly received by everyone. If you see Mr Robinson around the school, please do stop and say hello!

Our annual Easter Service will be held at St Nicholas’ Church on Thursday 26th March 2026 at 9:30am. Rev. Albert, who has links with the school through Open the Book, has agreed to lead this for us. We look forward to welcoming parents, carers and extended family members to the service.

Attendance Matters

Our school attendance is currently **below national expectations**. We are on a mission to turn this around! **Every Day Counts:** Missing just two days a month drops a child's attendance to 90%. Let’s work together to get our school back on track. If you are struggling with morning routines or attendance, please contact the school office—we are here to help.

We would like to kindly remind parents and carers that between **8:30 am and 8:45 am**, our teachers are fully dedicated to the supervision and welfare of their classes as they prepare for the school day. To ensure a smooth and safe start for all pupils, we ask that you please reserve non-urgent queries for the end of the school day. Additionally, we kindly ask that parents refrain from entering the classrooms during this time to help children settle quickly and maintain a focused environment. Should you have an urgent message that requires immediate attention, please pass this through the **School Office**. Our administrative team will ensure the information reaches the teacher as quickly as possible. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Mrs Hafise Nazif (Executive Head Teacher)

Mrs Jenny Dean (Head of School)

OUR THEME: FORGIVENESS

This week we have been looking at:

Wiping the slate clean

Home school values – explore the value at home. Click the link [here](#)

Dear Lord,
Thank you that you offer forgiveness to all, through Jesus. Sorry for the times when we have been slow to say sorry to others or not quick enough to forgive.
Please help us to ask for forgiveness when we make a mistake and to accept an apology kindly.
Amen

TERM DATES:

Upcoming Dates and Events

Family Collective Worship @ 10:25 (please arrive for 10:20am)

Monday 9th March

Monday 23rd March

3rd Mar – Chinese New Year (menu change)

5th Mar – World Book Day – Dress up as a word

9th Mar – Whole School Assessment Week

17th Mar – LIFE Ambassador Zoom Meeting

20th Mar – Sycamore Ancient Egypt Day (in school - info to follow)

23rd Mar – Mid-Essex has Got Talent (Ford End Primary School)

24th Mar – Annual reports home to parents

26th Mar – Wilderness Foundation Day (Willow – tbc)

Church Easter Service – Thursday 26th March 9:30am. St Nicholas’ Church (letter to follow)

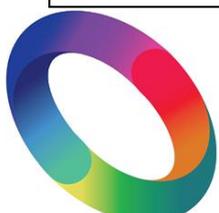
27th Mar – End of Term

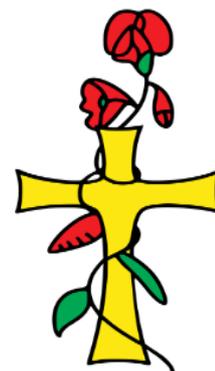
13th Apr - Children return to school

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)





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National: 95% Our School Target: 96%

	WC 23.02	WC 02.03	WC 09.03	WC 16.03	WC 23.03		
Willow	91%						
Sycamore	90%						
Maple	92%						
Whole School	91%						

The effect of of absence on progress					
A whole year has 365 days; a school year has 178 days. That leaves 187 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping and other appointments.					
No absence	9 days absence	11 days absence	18 days absence	27 days absence	36 days absence
100%	95%	94%	90%	85%	80%
Very Good		Worrying		Serious Concern	
Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start.		Less chance of success. Makes it harder for your child to make progress.		Your child will find it very difficult to make progress	

Chat and Create

Forgiveness is a personal thing.
 God has forgiven us and so we are expected to forgive others.
 Consider what forgiveness means to you.
 It's not a one-time thing; it's something we have to do over and over again; this is why Jesus told us to do it 70 times 7.
 There are different layers to forgiveness. Have a go at creating a piece of art as you explore forgiveness.
 You could use your own words or pictures or those of others.
 Explore what forgiveness means to you.
 Here is an example of a reflective piece made using pastels and another with watercolour. Email your creations to admin@fyfielddrwalkers.essex.sch.uk for us to share on our social media platforms



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