

Newsletter date: Friday 13th March 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The term is escaping us in a flurry of activities and events. The children have worked extremely hard this week during our whole school assessment week, and we are proud of their resilience and determination to be successful learners.

On Tuesday we hosted a football tournament against the other Mid-Essex schools (Margaretting, Ford End and Roxwell), and whilst we acknowledge that our children may have been a little underprepared for this event, as we do not have a football team, we cannot disregard the sheer grit and stamina that they all displayed throughout the matches – excelling and demonstrating growing confidence as they worked collaboratively as a team. Moving forward, there will be additional measures put in place to support our children in readiness for these events.

Mid-Essex has Got Talent finalists were announced today during Collective Worship. This was an extremely difficult task, as only 4 acts can go through to the finals that will be held at Ford End Primary School. The finalists are **Skyla, Dotty and Eva, Luna and Florence**. Our commiserations to Cassidy but thank you for also auditioning!

Upcoming Dates and Events

Tuesday 17th March – LIFE Ambassadors Chelmsford Cathedral

Friday 20th March – Sycamore Ancient Egypt Day (in school)

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.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Hafise Nazif (Executive Head Teacher)

Mrs Jenny Dean (Head of School)

OUR THEME: FORGIVENESS

This week we have been looking at:
Forgiving others as God forgives us.

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

Heavenly Father,
I come before You burdened by
bitterness and resentment.
I ask for Your forgiveness and the
strength to forgive those who have
wronged me.
Please help me release the weight of
anger and fill my heart with Your love
and peace.
Transform my heart, renew my mind,
and lead me on a path of healing.
Amen

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

TERM DATES:

Upcoming Dates and Events

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

Monday 23rd March

17th Mar – LIFE Ambassador Chelmsford Cathedral

20th Mar – Sycamore Ancient Egypt Day (in school)

23rd Mar – Mid-Essex has Got Talent (Ford End Primary School) 5:30pm – 7:00pm

24th Mar – Annual reports home to parents

26th Mar – Wilderness Foundation Day (Year 1 and 2)

IMPORTANT NOTICE: A change of date and time for our annual Easter Service that will be held at St Nicholas' Church. The event will now be held on **Tuesday 24th March 2026 at 1:30pm.**

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%	91%	90%				
Sycamore	90%	90%	90%				
Maple	92%	91%	91%				
Whole School	91%	91%	90%				

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	

Football Tournament – Year 5 and 6

