


Newsletter date: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring is finally beginning to make an appearance. With the warmer weather, we would encourage all children to have a refillable water bottle to ensure they remain hydrated.

Willow were awe—struck as the 10 chick eggs arrived and have been patiently monitoring them for signs of hatching!

Our Year 5 LIFE Ambassadors joined the other Mid-Essex LIFE Ambassadors on Tuesday and attended a Future Leaders workshop at Chelmsford Cathedral. Please see our social media platform for photos of the amazing event held by the Diocese.

On Wednesday, Mrs Dean met with the Class Ambassadors to complete Pupil-Led Worship training for the delivery of Picture News, although these are transferable skills that will support their confidence development and leadership voice.

Sycamore Class became Ancient Egyptians on Friday in a fun-packed immersive day full wonder! Please see our social media platform for photos!

As you are aware, Mrs Nazif will end her interim Executive Headteacher position at Dr Walker's on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026, although will continue to work within the Trust. After Easter, we will welcome Mrs Melissa Taylor, who is already the Executive Headteacher for the other Mid-Essex schools (Ford End, Roxwell and Margaretting), to the Executive Headteacher position at Dr Walker's too. There will be an opportunity to meet with Mrs Taylor on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026 at 3:30pm.

We politely remind parents and carers not to park in the turning point spaces at the front entrance of the school to ensure vehicles can manoeuvre safely and that emergency access is not obstructed. We have had a local resident notify us that her vehicle has been damaged as a result of the congestion at this location. We encourage you to use the Scout Hut Car Park and walk the short distance to school, which also greatly reduces congestion on the road and helps keep our community relationships positive.

Mrs Hafise Nazif (Executive Head Teacher)

Mrs Jenny Dean (Head of School)

**OUR THEME: COURAGE**

**This week we have been looking at: The Importance of Easter Around the World**

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

Heavenly Father, I come before You with a humble heart to confess my sins. I am truly sorry for the times I have failed to show love and mercy. Please forgive me for my mistakes, cleanse my heart, and heal me of the resentment I hold onto. I surrender my life to You and ask for the strength to forgive others, just as You have forgiven me. Thank You for Your grace and mercy. In Jesus' name, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> March

- 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar – Mid-Essex has Got Talent (Ford End Primary School) 5:30pm – 7:00pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> Mar – Easter Service 1:30pm St Nicholas' Church
- 24<sup>th</sup> Mar – Annual reports home to parents
- 26<sup>th</sup> Mar – Wilderness Foundation Day (Year 1 and 2)
- 27<sup>th</sup> Mar – End of Term
- 13<sup>th</sup> Apr - Children return to school
- 13<sup>th</sup> Apr – Caterpillars in EYFS
- 16<sup>th</sup> Apr – KS2 SATs Revision Programme to start (during school hours)
- 21<sup>st</sup> Apr – KS1 SATs Revision Programme to start
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr – Meet the Exec Headteacher
- 28<sup>th</sup> Apr – Daisy May's Farm EYFS/Yr 1
- 4<sup>th</sup> May – MAY BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
- 6<sup>th</sup> May – Children return to school
- 11<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs Week
- 12<sup>th</sup> May – LIFE Ambassador Meeting
- 11-17<sup>th</sup> May – Mental Health Awareness Week
- 12<sup>th</sup> May – RSE Parent Meeting
- 14<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 after SATs Treat
- 18<sup>th</sup> May – KS1 SATs Week
- 18<sup>th</sup> May – Maple Class USA Day (in school)
- 20<sup>th</sup> May – NO PENS DAY
- 21<sup>st</sup> May – Summer Census
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Break up for half term
- 1<sup>st</sup> June - Children return to school
- 1<sup>st</sup> June – Year 4 MTC
- 8<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 PSC (and Year 2 resits)
- 8<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Chelmsford Cathedral Leavers' Service





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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%	89%			
Sycamore	90%	90%	90%	90%			
Maple	92%	91%	91%	92%			
Whole School	91%	91%	90%	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	



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- 15 – 21<sup>st</sup> June – Refugee Week
- 16<sup>th</sup> June – New EYFS Intake – Session 1
- 16 – 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Nat’l Sports Week – Always Active
- 15<sup>th</sup> June – Havering Festival of Education
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June – EYFS Dinosaur Topic Day (in school)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Year 6 Secondary School Transition Week
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Year 1 and 2 Seaside Day (at school)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June - New EYFS Intake – Session 2
- 25<sup>th</sup> June – National Writing Day
- 29<sup>th</sup> June – Funfair Day (at school)
- 29<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 and 2 Football Tournament (MPS)
- 1<sup>st</sup> July – Zoe Bear’s 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- 7<sup>th</sup> July – KS2 SATs Results released
- 7<sup>th</sup> July – LIFE Celebration Event
- 7<sup>th</sup> July – Reports sent home to parents
- 7<sup>th</sup> July – Meet the New Teacher 9-10am
- 7<sup>th</sup> July – Teddy Bear’s Picnic New EYFS 9-10am
- 13<sup>th</sup> July – International Week
- 13<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers’ Service – St Nicholas’ Church
- 15<sup>th</sup> July – Sports afternoon (from 1pm)
- 20<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Memories Assembly for Parents (am)

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

