

Newsletter date: Friday 1st May 2026

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Collective Worship Inclusive - Invitational – Inspiring
This term's theme: FRIENDSHIP

Dear Parents and Carers,

With the weather finally turning warmer, we have a few polite reminders to ensure the children can enjoy the sunshine safely. Please ensure your child brings a water bottle that can be refilled throughout the day to keep them hydrated. We also recommend that children bring a sunhat and have sunscreen applied before they come to school, to protect their skin.

As we know how unpredictable the British weather can be, please also continue to provide a light waterproof jacket. The children will still go outside for fresh air and exercise during break and lunchtimes if we experience light rain, so it's best they are prepared for all conditions!

EYFS and Year 1 had a fun-filled farm day on Tuesday at Daisy May's Farm, where they were able to engage in an immersive experience – along with their peers at the other Mid-Essex schools. The experience enhanced their learning and understanding of their topic 'On the Farm'. A huge thank you to Mr. Gibson who drove the LIFE minibus to transport us to and from the venue to enable us to reduce the cost of the trip for parents.

The announced finalists of the Mid-Essex has Talent auditions: Eva and Dotty, Florence and Skyla will be performing at the event on the rescheduled date: Monday 18th May 2026. We wish them all lots of luck!

We sadly said farewell to Ms Rider today as she embarks on a new adventure with her family. She will be a great loss to the Dr Walker's community; we thank her for her unwavering dedication and the immense impact she has made on the children in her care. We wish her and her family the very best for the future and hope to extend our global neighbours network by sharing correspondence between our children and her daughter, Luna.

Your Voice Matters: Please Complete Our [Parent & Carer Survey](#) It will take only a few minutes of your time to complete; however, the impact of your input will be far-reaching and will help us drive meaningful improvements.

Wishing you a lovely long weekend and look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday 5th May.

Mrs Melissa Taylor (Executive Head Teacher)
Mrs Jenny Dean (Head of School)

OUR THEME: FRIENDSHIP

This week we have been looking at:
sticking together

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

Dear Heavenly Father,
Thank You for the gift of my friend. I ask that You bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Help us to be loyal to each other, not just when it is easy, but especially when life gets tough. Give us the grace to forgive quickly, the patience to understand, and the strength to support each other through every storm. When we are tempted to walk away, remind us of the value of our bond. May our friendship grow deeper, rooted in love and lasting forever.
In Jesus' name,
Amen

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

8:7

TERM DATES:

SATs Week Countdown – 4 school days away!

Upcoming Dates and Events

Open the Book – Family Collective Worship

10:25am

11th May - Mistaken for Gods

Half-Term

1st June - Paul is Shipwrecked

15th June Tea at Auntie's House

29th June The Greedy farmer

13th July Everyone Gets the Same

4th May – MAY BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL

CLOSED

6th May – Children return to school

11th May – KS2 SATs Week

12th May – LIFE Ambassador Meeting

11-17th May – Mental Health Awareness Week

12th May – RSE Parent Meeting (2:50 – 3:20pm)

14th May – Year 6 after SATs Treat

18th May – KS1 SATs Week

18th May – Maple Class USA Day (in school)

18th May – Mid-Essex Has Talent (Ford End)

20th May – NO PENS DAY

21st May – Summer Census

22nd May – Break up for half term

1st June - Children return to school

1st June – Year 4 MTC

8th June – Year 1 PSC (and Year 2 resits)

8th June – Year 6 Chelmsford Cathedral Leavers' Service 10 - 11:30am – more info to follow

15 – 21st June – Refugee Week

16th June – New EYFS Intake – Session 1

16 – 22nd June – Nat'l Sports Week – Always Active

15th June – Havering Festival of Education





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National: 95% Our School Target: 96%

	WC 13.4	WC 20.4	WC 27.4	WC 4.5	WC 11.5	WC 18.5	
Willow	89%	89%	89%				
Sycamore	90%	90%	90%				
Maple	92%	92%	92%				
Whole School	90%	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	

EYFS and Year 1 enjoyed an enrichment activity with the other Mid-Essex schools at Daisy May’s Farm on Tuesday. Please check out our [socials](#) for more photos!



TERM DATES:

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

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

Allergens

Please remember that we are a nut and orange free school. Thank you for keeping members of our school community safe!

