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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today is the final opportunity to ensure your perspective is included in our [Parent & Carer Survey](#) before it closes. We understand how busy life can be, but we ask for just a few minutes of your time to share your thoughts, as the impact of your feedback is truly far-reaching. Your honest input provides the essential data we need to identify our strengths and target areas for growth, allowing us to drive meaningful improvements that directly benefit your child's educational experience and our school environment as a whole.

We are also very much looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into school this coming Monday, 11th May, for our Open the Book Family Collective Worship. This is always a highlight of our communal life, where we bring the stories of the Bible to life through immersive drama and storytelling. It offers a wonderful opportunity for families to share in our spiritual reflections and see firsthand how our pupils engage with these important narratives in a creative and collaborative way.

Regarding our Year 6 cohort, we would like to take a moment to acknowledge the incredible effort they have put into consolidating their primary education knowledge over the past few weeks. As they stand on the threshold of next week's National SATs Assessments, we want to express how deeply impressed we have been by their resilience, determination, and the progress they have made. They have worked with such focus and maturity that we are entirely confident in their ability to flourish when it comes time to put their skills into action.

To ensure they are in the best possible frame of mind, we have actively encouraged all Year 6 pupils to use this weekend to step away from their books and focus entirely on resting, relaxing, and enjoying quality time with friends and family. A well-rested mind is the best tool for success, and we want them to return on Monday feeling refreshed and ready to shine. As a final show of support, Mr Robinson and Miss Burcher are delighted to invite all Year 6 children to a special breakfast each morning from Monday to Thursday. Starting at 8:00 am, the staff look forward to "waiting" on the pupils and providing a calm, nourishing start to what we know will be a very successful week.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

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

OUR THEME: FRIENDSHIP

This week we have been looking at:
making time for each other

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

Lord,
We lift to you all those who are preparing for assessments.
Bring peace to their bodies,
Quieten the beats of their racing hearts,
Allow clarity to reign in their minds.
May they rest and rejoice knowing
YOU are speaking their name,
YOU created them and know their inmost being,
YOU have a plan for their lives.
God of peace surround them,
God of power go before them,
God of love hold and sustain them.
Amen.

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

8:7

TERM DATES:

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

11th May – KS2 SATs Week

12th May – LIFE Ambassador Meeting

11-17th May – Mental Health Awareness Week

~~12th May – RSE Parent Meeting (To be rescheduled)~~

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

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





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



Our year 6 prefects have demonstrated incredible initiative and collaboration. More than just a fundraiser, this project has seen them manage every stage of real-world business - from costing to bespoke 3D fidgets to organising a sustainable “bring and buy” sale of pre-owned items.

We are sharing the success of their venture with you as the sale concludes this week.

In total, they raised £296.52

Half of the proceeds will be used to secure an end of Year 6 treat for them, whilst the other half will be donated to WWF the leading global environmental charity, who are bringing our world back to life.

We are extremely proud of how the prefects are using their voices and actions to contribute to the greater good. We also thank parents and carers for their generosity in supporting their venture.

TERM DATES:

Upcoming Dates and Events

- 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!

