

# NEWSLETTER



**Friday 24th April 2026**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another lovely week in school and it truly feels as though the summer term is now in full swing. The brighter mornings and warmer weather have brought a real lift to the school day and it has been wonderful to see the children enjoying time outdoors as well as in the classroom. There is a calm and positive atmosphere across the school and pupils continue to approach their learning with focus and enthusiasm.

This week, classrooms have been busy with purposeful learning and it has been great to see children building on their knowledge and confidence as the term progresses. There is a strong sense of routine and engagement and we are proud of how well the children are applying themselves.

Our **Book Fair** has been a real success so far and it has been lovely to see so many children excited about books and reading. Thank you to the families who have already visited. The Book Fair will continue into next week until Wednesday so there is still plenty of time to come along, browse and perhaps find a new favourite book to enjoy at home.

Today, some of our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils took part in a tennis festival at Ridgeway Park and represented the school brilliantly. It was great to see their enthusiasm, teamwork and developing skills on display and we are proud of how well they took part.

Looking ahead to next week, our Year 1 pupils have an exciting trip planned to Audley End Enchanted Railway on Thursday. This promises to be a magical experience and a wonderful opportunity for the children to explore and enjoy learning beyond the classroom. We are sure it will be a memorable day for all involved.

We are also very pleased to share that **Mr Lemouchi** is back with us. You may see him on the gates in the mornings and afternoons and we feel very fortunate to have him rejoin our team.

As always, we encourage children to continue reading regularly at home. With the lighter evenings it is a great time to build reading into the daily routine and enjoy sharing stories together. Thank you for your continued support and for being such an important part of our school community. It is a pleasure to see the children learning, growing and enjoying their time in school.

***“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.” – Numbers 6:24-25***

Wishing you all a warm and restful weekend.

Warmest regards  
Mr Pawley

# Star of the Week



Reception  
Ivon & Robyn



Year 1  
Leo E & Malachai O



Year 2  
Keliah, Sid & Roman



Year 3  
Lioness & Daniele



Year 4  
Charlie & Jasmine



Year 5  
Stanley & Adekunle



Year 6  
Stanley & Amaya-Rose

# Progress Cup



**KS1 - Avantika Y2**



**KS2 - Jannat Y4**

# Presentation Cup



**KS1 - Anila Y1**



**KS2 - Hannah Y6**

# Young Transformers



## Bethany (Y4)

Congratulations to Bethany and Olivia for receiving a Young Transformers Award!

Bethany and Olivia showed kindness and initiative by donating a large collection of their pre-loved books to The Children's Book Project, a charity that provides books to disadvantaged children across the UK. They were inspired by the fact that 1 in 10 children in the UK do not own a single book.

They dropped off their donation at the Feel Good Centre and shared that this small act could make a big difference to a child without books at home. They hope their actions will inspire others to donate too—because lots of small actions can lead to a big transformation.

A fantastic example of compassion and community spirit—well done to both!



# Attendance Award



Well done to  
**Reception Helen Keller**

**100%**

&

**Year 4 Maya Angelou**

**98.41%**

who have won the attendance  
mascots this week.



# Whole School Attendance

We are delighted to share that our whole school attendance this week **96%** – a fantastic achievement!

Thank you to all of our families for your continued support in ensuring children attend school regularly and arrive on time each day.

Excellent attendance plays a vital role in children's learning, confidence and overall success. Let's keep working together to maintain and even improve on this brilliant figure. Every day in school really does count!

# ★ Could Your Child Be Essex's Next Tennis Star? ★

## Essex Development Squad ID Days



**A free talent ID day at a local tennis club  
Running between March + May**

### WHO?

- Boys & Girls born in 2020 or 2021
- No experience needed
- All equipment provided

### WHAT?

- Fun games & challenges
- Mini tennis activities
- Friendly, expert coaches

### OPPORTUNITY?

- Club & Essex development squads
- Pathway to Essex county tennis
- A brilliant first step into tennis

**LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE**

Running at selected Essex clubs

**Scan Here to Book  
Your Child's Free Space**



**Booking Essential!**



**Essex Tennis**

Development Squads



# Parent Calendar



## APRIL 2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 First Day of Summer Term	14	15	16	17 Y4 Maya Angelou Forest School	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			Book Fair - 3:40pm in the School Hall			
27	28	29	30			
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## MAY 2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Wear Green for Mental Health	16	17
SATS Week						
18 Circus Workshop - Whole School	19	20	21	24	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

# Term Dates



## Autumn Term 2025

### **First Half (37 Days)**

**INSET – Monday 1st, Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd September 2025**

Start – Thursday 4th September 2025

End – Friday 24th October 2025

**Half Term: Monday 27th October 2025-31st October 2025**

### **Second Half (34 Days)**

Start – Monday 3rd November 2025

End – Thursday 18th December 2025

**Holidays: Friday 19th December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026**

## Spring Term 2026

### **First Half (30 Days)**

Start – Monday 5th January 2026

End - Friday 13th February 2026

**Half Term: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Friday 20th February 2026**

### **Second Half (25 Days)**

Start - Monday 23rd February 2026

End – Friday 27th March 2026

**Holidays: Monday 30th March 2026 to Friday 10th April 2026**

## Summer Term 2026

### **First Half (29 Days)**

Start – Monday 13th April 2026

End - Friday 22nd May 2026

**Half Term: Monday 25th May 2026 - Friday 29th May 2026**

**Holidays May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May 2026**

**Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026 (during Half Term)**

### **Second Half (35 Days)**

Start - Monday 1st June 2026

End – Friday 17th July 2026