



| October        |                                   |
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| 8th— 21st      | Book Fair                         |
| Thursday 9th   | Van Cols Individual Photos        |
| 14th and 15th  | Parent Consultation Meetings      |
| Thursday 16th  | Show Racism the Red Card          |
| Thursday 16th  | Farm Visit for Reception Classes  |
| 27th—31st      | Half Term                         |
| November       |                                   |
| Sunday 2nd     | Fireworks                         |
| Thursday 6th   | Disco                             |
| Wednesday 12th | Year 3 Stone Age VR Workshop      |
| Wednesday 12th | Year 5 Ancient Greece VR Workshop |



Dear families,

This week we have started our school tours for parents with children starting school in September 2026. If you know anyone who has a child who will be starting school next September and would like to have a look around our schools, please let them know that they can now book a tour.

Tours can be booked through our infant office by emailing Mrs Hughes at [j.hughes@prettygateschools.co.uk](mailto:j.hughes@prettygateschools.co.uk) or call the office 01206 577608 (option 2 for the infant school).



### Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday morning Mrs Lines, our Home School Liaison Worker, hosted our Macmillan Coffee Morning. A big thank you to everyone who came along to support this event and to everyone for the generous cake donations. We will let you know the total raised once the money has been counted.

### Book Fair

Our Book Fair arrives in school next week. The fair will be open during our Parent Consultation Meetings for you to browse and purchase books. We will let you know via ParentMail other times that you can visit the book fair.

### School Meals

Please can we ask that when choosing meals for your child, you make a selection that your child likes to eat. We have lots of children who tell us that they do not like the meal that has been ordered for them. Next week we will be eating meals from Menu 3.

### Reception Forest School

Our Reception children began their Forest School journey last week. The children enjoyed exploring our Forest School area. Photos can be seen on our website.





### **Colchester Foodbank—Fill the Van Plan**

Thank you to everyone who donated items to Colchester Food Bank's Fill the Van Plan. This has now been collected but we will continue to collect items for the food bank up until the half term holiday. You can take your donations to either school office. Please see the list below of items we are collecting. Rice, pasta, tinned meats/fish, tinned fruits, soup, tea bags, sugar, sauces, tinned fish, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, jam, coffee, long-life milk, shampoo, soap, shower gel, razors, nappies, baby wipes, washing up liquid, tooth brushes, tooth paste, sanitary products, toilet rolls and deodorant.

### **Parent Consultation Meetings**

Our Parent Consultation Meetings will take place on Tuesday 14th October and Wednesday 15th October. The booking system is now open. The last day for booking your appointment will be Friday 10th October. There is a link to the booking system on our website under 'useful links' at the top right of the home page.

Infants— <https://prettygateinfant.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Juniors— <https://pjs1.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

### **Friends of Prettygate Fireworks Night—Sunday 2nd November**

The Friends of Prettygate have organised our annual community fireworks event for Sunday 2nd November. Along with a spectacular firework display, there will be mini funfair rides, DJ, drinks, plus more! Gates open at 4.30pm and the display starts at 6.30pm. To book your tickets you can scan the QR code or follow the link.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/friends-of-prettygate>



The Friends need your help to make this event a success. We need people who can deliver leaflets in the local area to advertise the event. Please follow the link to help with this.

<https://volunteersignup.org/MWBFY>

We also need people to help out on 2nd November. Please see the link below for details of areas you can help. [VolunteerSignup - Online volunteer signup sheets - fireworks 2nd nov signup sheet](#)

### **Entering Classrooms After School**

Please can we ask that you do not go back into your child's classroom once you have collected them from school. If your child is missing any items that you think may be in class, please go the office where the staff will help you.

### **Reception First Class Photo**

On Tuesday 7th October Colchester Gazette will be running their 'First Class' photo supplement. Our Reception children's photos will be in this feature (if they have photo permission), so don't forget to purchase a copy of the paper on Tuesday.



### Friday ARK Assemblies

Each Friday, we hold an assembly to celebrate our school values of ambition, respect and kindness. Class teachers choose one child from their class who has demonstrated all three values consistently. A certificate is presented in the assembly and their parents are invited to come along. See the photos of this week's winners below!

| Class | Name of Child                                      |
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| 1T    | Jack AV  |
| 1S    | Aya-Sofia S  |
| 2MB   | Laila E  |
| 2N    | Victoria IE  |
| 3FJ   | Ruby B (carried over from last week)<br>Violet R-W |
| 3G    | Ailbe S  |
| 4K    | Eden M   |
| 4M    | Thomas P   |
| 5D    | Neave J  |
| 5RG   | Stanley B  |
| 6L    | Charlie M  |
| 6MH   | Harry O'B  |



### Golden Broom Award

Every other week, one infant class and one junior class are awarded the Golden Broom in recognition of their efforts to tidy up at the end of lunchtime. This week's winner is class 5RG. Well done!

