



October	
Thursday 2nd	Reception parents curriculum meeting
Friday 3rd	Macmillan Coffee Morning
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

Dear families,

On Friday, we welcomed local MP Pam Cox to our assembly. Pam talked to the children about her role in Parliament and presented our newly elected school council members with their badges.



### Skinny Jean Gardener Competition

We are so pleased to let you know that we have been awarded 3rd place in this year's Skinny Jean Gardener competition. The judge's loved the planet included in our garden. Well done Mrs Jowers and the gardening team.



### Litter Pick— Next Friday

Friday 3rd October will be our next community litter pick. See how much litter you can collect on your walk to school. Remember to wear your gloves!

### OPAL

We would be very grateful for donations of scooters or balance bikes that you are no longer using. You can leave your donations by the black boxes inside the gates.

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

Our Macmillan Coffee Morning takes place next Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. It will be in the junior school hall and will start at 8.45am, just after drop-off! Younger children, family and friends are all welcome. We really hope to see as many of you there as possible.





### Well Done Theo

Last weekend, Theo from Year 6 took part in the regional national set work gymnastics qualifier. He needed to place in the top 6 to reach the national finals in November. Not only did he qualify, but he actually went on to win the whole competition! Well done Theo, we are very proud of your achievement.



### Colchester Foodbank—Fill the Van Plan

As part of our Harvest celebrations we will be collecting food for Colchester Foodbank. This year they have a 'Fill the Van Plan' where they are filling as many vans as possible to support the Colchester community. Our collection day is Wednesday 1st October. We are asking for your donations to be brought into school **from Monday 29th September**. All donations can be left under the porch outside the junior school office. Please see the list of items needed below: 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.

### School Meals

Next week we will be eating meals from Menu 2. On Thursday we have an American themed menu. This can be ordered via the School Comms app as usual.

### Attendance

Please can we remind you that the start time for the school day is 8.40am. Classroom doors are closed at 8.45am. If you arrive after this time, please go to the school office to sign your child in. If you have not already downloaded the StudyBugs app, please could we encourage you to do this. This is a quick and easy way to inform us if your child is unwell and unable to attend school. <https://studybugs.com/about/schools>

We will be checking attendance before half term - carers of children with a low attendance or high amount of lateness will be sent attendance letters and may be requested to attend a meeting.

### Parent Consultation Meetings

Our Parent Consultation Meetings will take place on Tuesday 14th October and Wednesday 15th October. The booking system will open on Monday 29th September at 9.00am. 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>





### 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
1T	Flo M
1S	Queenie B
2MB	Arthur RC
2N	Frankie S
3FJ	Ruby B
3G	Lily D
4K	Sri TS
4M	Elsie H
5D	Annie Q
5RG	Vishnu V
6L	Evie C
6MH	Anna L



### House Points:

Venus – 325	1st
Mars – 278	2nd
Jupiter – 216	3rd
Pluto – 179	4th

### 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 2MB. Well done!

