



September	
Thursday 25th	Reception 2026 Information Evening (prospective parents)
October	
Thursday 2nd	Reception parents curriculum meeting
Friday 3rd	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Thursday 9th	Van Cols Individual Photos
14th and 15th	Parent Consultation Meetings
Thursday 16th	Show Racism the Red Card
27th—31st	Half Term



Dear families,

Thank you to everyone who took part in Jeans for Genes on Friday to raise money for this wonderful charity. We will let you know how much we raised once the money has been counted.



### Macmillan Coffee Morning

Due to a clash with other events, we have changed the Macmillan Coffee Morning to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. It will still be in the junior school hall and will start at 8.45am, just after drop-off! Please pop in and support this fantastic charity. Tea, coffee and squash will all be available as well as a selection of delicious treats. Younger children, family and friends are all welcome. We really hope to see as many of you there as possible.



### Parking in Plume Avenue

Once again this week we have had complaints from people who live near our schools. They have had driveways and garages blocked at drop off and pick up times. Please can we ask that you are respectful of our neighbours and do not block access to their property.



### School Meals

Next week we will be eating meals from Menu 1.

### Raring to Go—Parent Magazine

Please see the link below for the Raring to Go online magazine. This has lots of information and ideas for autumn.

[Raring to Go](#)

### Free Family Fun Festival

Please take a look at our website for details of a [free family festival](#) taking place in Colchester this weekend.



### Free KS2 learning

We work in partnership with [Atom Learning](https://atomlearning.com), the leading online Key Stage 2 learning and 11+ preparation platform, to provide children in Years 3-6 who are eligible for Pupil Premium with free Atom Home accounts. **Atom Home is normally £575.90 per year.**

Atom Home provides Key Stage 2 learning resources, helping children build exam technique, subject mastery and academic confidence.

If your child is aged between 7 and 11 and has been eligible for free school meals at any point in the last six years (please check with the school office if you are not sure), please fill in the form by clicking the button below.

[<<Access free KS2 learning>>](#)

For other families, there is a five-day free trial of Atom available: <https://atomlearning.com/11-plus>

### Eco -Warriors

Congratulations to all our Eco-Warriors at the infants and juniors, who were awarded their badges last week. They will meet alternate weeks on a Friday lunchtime. Last Friday the junior team started planting up some pots that were donated. This week, Mrs Jowers will meet with the infant team.



### 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.

Thank you for your support.





### 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	Louis E
1S	Jaxson D
2MB	Bodhi HD
2N	Harry F
3FJ	Sahasya K
3G	Edward N
4K	Max M
4M	Travis S
5D	Charlie S
5RG	Iris R-W
6L	Isabelle C
6MH	Charlotte S



### House Points:

Venus – 458      1st  
Mars – 399      2nd  
Pluto – 339      3rd  
Jupiter – 316      4th