



September	
Friday 19th	Jeans for Genes Day
Thursday 25th	Reception 2026 Information Evening (prospective parents)
Friday 26th	Macmillan Coffee Morning
October	
Thursday 2nd	Reception parents curriculum meeting
Thursday 9th	Van Cols Individual Photos
14th and 15th	Parent Consultation Meetings
Thursday 16th	Show Racism the Red Card
27th—31st	Half Term



Ambition ♦ Respect ♦ Kindness

Dear families,

Well done to everyone for completing their first full week in school. Our new Reception children have had a wonderful start to school life at Prettygate and are now staying for full days – they have been amazing!

Jeans for Genes

Next Friday 19th September, we will be supporting Jeans for Genes Day. Children can come to school in their jeans (non uniform) in exchange for a small donation for this very worthwhile charity.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Lorraine Lines, our Home School Liaison Worker, will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 26th September. Everyone is welcome! More details to follow soon.



Parking in Plume Avenue

Please can we ask you to be respectful of our neighbours—the people who live in the roads around our school. Please do not block their driveways and ensure you are leaving space for them to enter and leave their properties when parking to drop off or pick up from school.

E-Scooters

Please take a look at the leaflet on our website about the safety of e-scooters.

<https://www.prettygateschools.co.uk/local-events-and-news/>

Essex Highways have asked us to share this message with you.

Use of privately owned e-scooters in public spaces (roads, pavements, cycle tracks, parks etc.) is against the law for anyone, but use by children is leading to serious injuries and children being killed. We want to support you in keeping your students safe.

If you would like any further information you can take a look at the Essex Highways website <https://saferessexroads.org/>

School Meals

Next week we will be eating meals from Menu 3.



Lunchboxes

If your child is bringing a packed lunch to school, please can we ask that it is clearly named on the outside of the lunchbox.

Naming Belongings

Please ensure all of your children's school clothing, P.E. kit, bags, coats, wellies and lunch boxes are clearly named. This helps us to return any missing items to their owners.

Year 6 to 7 secondary admission round for September 2026

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opened on Friday 12th September 2025 for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2026. The statutory national closing date for applications is **31 October 2025**. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

All of the application information is available by following the link above.

Secondary Schools Open Evenings –Year 6

Please see below the Open Evening details for the secondary schools in this area. More details can be found on the websites of these schools.

Philip Marrant School— Thursday 18th September—4.00pm to 7.00pm

Thomas Lord Audley School —Thursday 25th September —4.00pm—7.30pm

The Stanway School— Thursday 25th September—5.00pm— 8.00pm

St Benedicts Catholic College— Thursday 2nd October— 5.00pm

Paxman Academy— Thursday 2nd October—5.30pm—7.00pm

Colchester High School—Saturday 4th October— morning.

Playground Reminders

To ensure the safety of all children, please be reminded that bikes and scooters **must** be dismounted once you are on the school site. Dogs are not permitted, and children must not use the play equipment on the playgrounds. Please support us in ensuring your children follow these rules.

Earrings

Please can we remind you that children cannot wear earrings during their P.E. lessons. If children are wearing earrings (small studs) on their P.E. day, they must be able to remove them by themselves. If children are unable to remove them, they should not wear earrings on P.E. days.

Bikeability

Well done to the Year 6 children who took part in Bikeability over the past two weeks. They have completed two days of training and used their skills to navigate their way around Prettygate! They all demonstrated the ARK values to a high standard. Well Done!!





Friday ARK Assemblies

Each Friday we hold an assembly to celebrate our school values of ambition, respect and kindness. Each week, 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
1S	Isaac S
1T	Roman W-L
2MB	Amelia K
2N	Freddie B
3FJ	Grace R
3G	Henry D
4K	Charlotte P
4M	Harry W
5D	Archer L
5RG	Lily J-L
6L	Jasmin C
6MH	Logan R



House Points:

Mars – 325	1st
Pluto – 296	2nd
Jupiter – 291	3rd
Venus – 265	4th