



February	
Monday 9th	Year 1 trip to Roman Circus Visitor Centre
Monday 16th— Friday 20th	Half Term
Tuesday 24th	Junior Skipping Workshop
Tuesday 24th	Reception and Year 2 Chinese New Year Dance Workshop
Wednesday 25th	Year 3 Geology Day
Wednesday 25th	Year 2 and Year 4 VR workshops
March	
Monday 2nd	Infant Skipping Workshop
Monday 2nd— Friday 6th	Year 6 Residential Trip
Friday 6th	World Book Day
Tuesday 10th	Parents' Consultation Meetings
Thursday 12th	Parents' Consultation Meetings
Friday 20th	Red Nose Day



Ambition ♦ Respect ♦ Kindness

Dear families

It has been another busy week in school.

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week (9th - 15th February). This year, the focus is 'This is My Place'. We'll be talking about how we can help everyone feel like they belong. When we feel like we belong, we feel happy, safe and valued. Throughout the week, our activities and discussions will focus on how to be kind, include others and make sure no one feels left out.

If you would like more information about Children's Mental Health Week, please visit the website.

<http://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

On Tuesday next week it is Safer Internet Day, where we will be exploring how to stay safe online. Please see the link below for some things you can do at home to help your child stay safe whilst using the internet.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>

School Meals

Week commencing 9th February we will be eating meals from menu 3. Please ensure you have ordered your child's meals for the term ahead. We still have a few children with no bookings. You can view the menu on our website. [Lunch Menus | Prettygate Schools](#)

Birthday Sweets and Cakes

Please can we ask that you do not send in sweets or cakes for your child to share with their class on their birthday. Because we have so many allergies across the schools, we have made this decision to keep everyone safe. Thank you for your understanding.

Healthy Lunch Boxes

We have noticed that children bringing in a packed lunch seem to have an increasing amount of chocolate, sweets and crisps in their lunch boxes. Please could we ask that you try to keep your child's lunch box healthy.





Parent Consultation Evenings

Our parent consultation meetings will take place on Tuesday 10th March and Thursday 12th March. Booking will open after half term on Monday 23rd February at 8.00am and will close on Friday 6th March at 1.30pm. You can access the booking system from our website. From the home page, click on 'useful links' in the circle at the bottom right of the screen and then choose either the infant or junior school. If you need any assistance booking your appointment, please speak to the office staff.

Parking Again.....

Please can we once again ask you to be respectful of our neighbours, not only those who live directly outside the school but those who live further down Plume Avenue and the surrounding roads. We are receiving complaints about driveways being blocked and parents being rude to residents. Please can we ask that you show respect and kindness to our neighbours.

New Website

This week we have launched our new website. If you have any problems accessing the new site please do a hard refresh (CTRL + F5 / CMD, SHIFT + R). The address remains the same, Prettygate Schools. We hope you like our new look!

My Future, My Colchester

A study of 20,000 primary school children led by OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) revealed that the difference between children's career aspirations from age seven to 17 are marginal, and too often based on gender stereotypes, socioeconomic backgrounds and by TV, film and radio.

The report also shows that some sectors vital for economic health look set to be badly under resourced in future.

In response to this, the My Future programme was born and has been successfully rolled out in Basildon, Harlow, Southend and Tendring.

This year we have joined the 'My Future, My Colchester' programme, which aims to raise children's career aspirations, broaden their horizons and challenge stereotypes. Across the year, your children will virtually meet people who work in a variety of industry sectors, which will take place in live sessions alongside many other children in our region.

The first of these sessions took place this week, with the theme of 'Can we fix it?'. Have a look at the flyer and see what your children thought of the session.

**My Future
Careers
Can we
fix it?**

Why not have a discussion with your child about the career they found most interesting? What would they need to participate in this career?



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 photo of this week's winners below!

Class	Name of Child
RB	Ashley S
RLI	Patrick RC
1T	Aaliyah C
1S	Ava H
2MB	Nala K
2N	Carried forward to next week
3FJ	Sophia G
3G	Josie A-M
4K	Alice V
4M	Sara A-B
5D	Connie B
5RG	Charlotte A
6L	Alba W
6MH	William S-W



House Points:

Pluto – 177 1st
Jupiter – 155 2nd
Venus – 118 3rd
Mars – 81 4th