



March	
Friday 27th	Last Day of Term
30th March— 10th April	Easter Holiday
April	
Monday 13th	Children return to school
Thursday 16th	Forest School Fundraiser
May	
Monday 4th	Bank Holiday
Monday 18th	Year 2 trip to Colchester Zoo
Wednesday 20th	Reception trip to Highwoods Country Park
Friday 22nd	Year 4 trip to Daws Hall
25th—29th	Half Term



Ambition ♦ Respect ♦ Kindness

Dear families

On Friday we had a non uniform day, wearing something red for Comic Relief.

It was great to see all the red across the schools whilst raising money for this fantastic charity. We will let you know how much we raised once the money has been counted.

Parent Survey

There is still time to complete our parent survey if you have not yet done so. We are always grateful for your feedback.

Infant survey: <https://forms.office.com/e/syzA5tkTH>

Junior Survey: <https://forms.office.com/e/JNFVbLmGAH>

Friends of Prettygate - Sponsored Skip

Thank you to everyone who has given in their sponsor money for the FOP Sponsored Skip. Please can we ask that all sponsor money is handed in at the school offices before Wednesday next week.

Girls Football Match vs Home Farm

The girls' football team fought hard for their 2-0 win against Home Farm! It was a truly brilliant performance defined by incredible teamwork and constant encouragement. The team supported one another and never let their energy drop. The score line nearly reached 3-0 in the closing stages, but an outstanding save from the Home Farm goalkeeper kept the final tally at two. What a game! The team can be proud of the grit, skill and teamwork shown by the entire squad!

Colchester Music Festival

On Thursday 19th March, the year 4 choir took part in the 73rd Colchester Schools Music Festival at the Charter Hall. The children were amazing and thoroughly enjoyed performing in front of such a large audience. Well done to all involved.





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Friends of Prettygate

The Friends of Prettygate are holding a quiz night on Friday 24th April. Doors open from 6pm quiz starts at 6.30pm. Why not get a team together and come along for a fun night out? Tickets can be purchased online by following the link below:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofprettygateschools>



Sportshall Indoor Athletics

On Wednesday, our Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics Team represented Colchester at Southend for the Indoor Athletics County Finals. The children competed in a variety of field and track events including javelin, speed bounce, standing long jump, triple jump, vertical jump, chest push and a variety of relay races. The level of competition was extremely high and our points total gave us a final finishing place of 11th. Well done to all the children who took part. They were amazing and represented our school brilliantly.



School Meals

Week commencing 23rd March we will be eating meals from menu 2. You can view the menu on our website. [Lunch Menus | Prettygate Schools](#). The new summer menus are available on the School Comms app for you to order your child's meals for the summer term.

Big Walk and Wheel

We have had a very successful first week. Lots of families have changed the way they travel to school, choosing to walk, cycle or scoot. One more week to go— keep up the good work. Please encourage your child(ren) to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event. All the details can be seen in the letter on our [website](#).

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who came along and purchased a book (or two) at our book fair. Every book purchased helped towards getting some lovely new books for our school libraries.

Prettygate Choir at the O2

For those of you who missed the photos of our choir performing at the O2 back in February, photos can be seen on our website. Just follow the link:

<https://www.prettygateschools.co.uk/attachments/documents.asp?id=426>

SEND Roadshow for families

We have been asked to let you know about an event taking place next week on Wednesday 25th March. The SEND Roadshow will be held at Colchester Jobserve Community Stadium. You can drop in anytime between 9.30am and 12.30pm.

The SEND Roadshow brings together a variety of professionals under one roof, including local support groups, education professionals, health teams, and social care teams. For more information please see their website <https://send.essex.gov.uk/local-offer-roadshow-north-east-essex>

Save the Date— Fun in the Forest

On Thursday 16th April we will be holding a fundraiser for our Forest Schools. More details will follow next week but please put the date in your diary.



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	Flora S
RLI	Carried forward
1T	George A
1S	Molly E
2MB	Enki S
2N	Nala R
3FJ	Quinn M
3G	Tristan G-T
4K	Charlotte P
4M	Madeleine C
5D	Avery-Mae C
5RG	Thea C
6L	Layla G
6MH	Jasper F-N



House Points:

Venus – 342 1st
 Mars – 218 2nd
 Pluto – 175 3rd
 Jupiter – 135 4th