



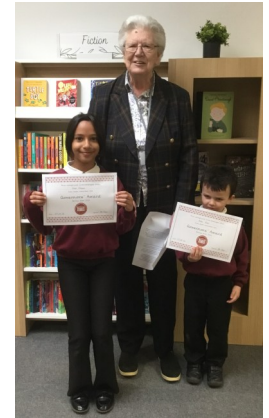
March	
Friday 27th	Last Day of Term
30th March— 10th April	Easter Holiday
April	
Monday 13th	Children return to school
Thursday 16th	Forest School Fundraiser
May	
Monday 4th	Bank Holiday
Monday 18th	Year 2 trip to Colchester Zoo
Wednesday 20th	Reception trip to Highwoods Country Park
Friday 22nd	Year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



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Dear families

What a busy and exciting spring term we have had in school! Our spring term ended with a whole school assembly where 2 children were presented with our Governor Award. Well done to Aiden from Year 1 and Aseel from Year 5. On Thursday we had our reward day for this term's winning house, Jupiter. Children from Jupiter, plus all Reception children, got to spend some time on a range of inflatables on our field. Well done Jupiter!



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>

Fun in the Forest—Thursday 16th April

On Thursday 16th April, we will be holding a Forest School event from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Come along and take part in some Forest School activities, enjoy some time by our camp fire, visit our pond and help us raise funds for our Forest Schools. We will take donations on the day. We hope you can come along.

School Meals

Week commencing 13th April we will be eating meals from menu 1 of our new summer menus. Please ensure you have ordered school meals for after the Easter break.

Brigade Uniform

Our school uniform supplier has 10% off all orders from 27th March to 30th March. Just use the code BLOOM10 at the checkout

<https://www.brigade.uk.com/>

Understanding Big Emotions

We will be hosting an ACL course for parents during April. The course will cover 'Understanding Big Emotions' and 'Zones of Regulation.' For more information on how to sign up, take a look at the flyer on our [website](#).

Easter Events at Prettygate Churches

There are lots of family events taking place over the Easter holiday at the churches of Prettygate. Please see the flyer on our website for [more details](#).



Cross Country County Finals

On Wednesday, the Year 5 Boys' Cross Country Team, comprising of Brodie, Archer, Emmanuel, Jenson and Murphy, together with Layla from Year 6, represented our school at the Cross Country County Finals which took place in Southend. The level of competition was extremely high, with each race having approximately 154 children racing and the weather was extremely varied. It actually snowed at one point! Reaching this competition was a fantastic achievement and we are extremely proud of the children's achievements. The children placed as follows:

Year 5 boys: Jenson 67th, Murphy 71st, Brodie 90th, Archer 98th and Emmanuel 99th.

Year 6 girls: Layla 37th



Netball News

On Wednesday after school, our netball team played a league match against Montgomery Primary School. I am pleased to say that we had a fantastic result, winning the game 17-7. Everyone played brilliantly and it was a well-deserved win. Thank you as always to the parents and grandparents who came along and positively supported our team. Our team for this match was: Sam, Harry, Reuben, Phoebe, Amelia, Iris and Anna.

Specsavers Colchester plans children's eye test day – with a little magic thrown in!

Specsavers Colchester are holding a special eye test day for children next week – with all clinic slots reserved for the younger generation on Friday 3rd April.

Members of the team at the Long Wyre Street store are going to be dressed up as Disney characters, princesses and superheroes. The focus will be on giving the children a fun experience to encourage them to start looking after their eye health early. To book a slot, visit www.specsavers.co.uk/stores/colchester or call 01206 763136.

Admissions

After the Easter break, we will have the offers for our new entrant children joining us in September and for the children moving from Year 2 to Year 3. We do currently have limited spaces in our current Reception classes. Please contact the school office if you know someone who is looking for a place for their child.

Term Dates for 2026—2027

The new term dates for the next academic year have been set. You can [download a copy](#) from the website or collect a paper copy from either school office.

Dates for your Diary

Reception Sports Day— TBC

KS1 Sports Day — 22nd June (afternoon)

KS2 Sports Day— 9th June (Year 3 and Year 4 - morning. Year 5 and Year 6 - afternoon)

Easter Holiday

The school will be closed for the Easter holiday from Monday 30th March to Friday 10th March. Children return to school on Monday 13th April. We hope you have a lovely break with your families.

