



December	
Friday 5th	Community Litter Pick
Monday 8th	Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 9th	Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 10th	Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Show
Thursday 11th	Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Show
Monday 15th	Reception (RB) Nativity
Tuesday 16th	Reception (RLI) Nativity
Wednesday 17th	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 17th	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 19th	Last Day of Term



Dear families,

This week was our whole school trip to the pantomime at the Mercury Theatre. It was a brilliant show! The children behaved impeccably and were a credit to you and our school. An enjoyable morning was had by all.

Parent Survey

This week we have sent out a parent survey. We are very grateful for your feedback. The links are below.

Infant School: [Prettygate Infant School— Parent Survey](#)

Junior School: [Prettygate Junior School—Parent Survey](#)

School Meals

Week commencing 1st December we will be eating meals from Menu 2. Please can we ask that we have all dinner orders for the last week of term including our Christmas dinner before Wednesday 3rd December. The cost of the Christmas meal at the junior school is £3.50, and at the infant school we are asking for a donation of £1.00 cash towards the cost.

Litter Pick— First Friday of the Month

A reminder that our community litter pick will take place next Friday 5th December. We are asking families to take part in the litter pick from home to school on the first Friday of each month. Let's see how much rubbish we can collect. Remember to wear your gloves!

Netball News

This week we played our first league netball match after school against Lexden Primary School. After a hard fought game we drew 7-7. The children played brilliantly and represented our school beautifully. Our team this week were Sam, Reuben, Harry, Phoebe, Amelia, Anna and Iris.

Volunteers needed at Forest School:

We would love to welcome new volunteers to our junior Forest School sessions. You don't need any previous experience, just lots of enthusiasm! We are particularly looking for people on a Monday and Thursday afternoon. If you are interested, please contact either office as soon as possible so that Mrs Jowers can have a chat with you and we can organise a DBS, if you need one. Please consider joining our team, without your help Forest School sessions may be cancelled. Thank you.





Unwanted Visitors

We have had a few cases of headlice reported to us this week. Over the weekend, please check your child's hair and treat if necessary.

Online Safety Parent Workshop Thursday 11th December

The 2 Johns will be back on Thursday 11 December, at 8.00pm with one of their popular online sessions. This is your chance to hear the latest insights, tips, and must-know updates to help keep children safe online — just in time for the holiday season. Save the date and register now by scanning the QR code via [this link](#).

Year 5 and 6 Cross Country Competition

On Wednesday 26th November, 18 Year 5 and Year 6 pupils took part in the Cross Country Competition at Northern Gateway. Each competitor ran a challenging 1.5km course, racing against children from a number of schools across Colchester. All of our pupils gave their very best, with several improving on their positions from last year. A special congratulations goes to Layla, who achieved an impressive 3rd place in her race. Our Year 5 and 6 pupils were a credit to their families and to Prettygate, demonstrating fantastic determination, excellent sporting attitudes and wonderful support for one another. A big thank you to all the parents and staff who attended—your support is invaluable and helps make events like this possible.



Name Labels

Please ensure all of your children's belongings are clearly named including their shoes. We seem to have an increasing number of children losing their shoes around the schools. If items are named we can easily return them to the correct owner.

Family Nativity Trail

On Sunday 7th December, Plume Avenue Church are holding a Nativity Trail around Prettygate. For more information, please see the flyer on our ['News and Events'](#) page on the school website.

OPAL— Toy Cars

We would be very grateful for donations of toy cars for our outdoor areas. If you have any that your child no longer plays with, please drop them into either school office. Thank you.





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
RB	Evan S
RLI	Tavonga D
1T	Ayva J
1S	Ada S
2MB	Ayana S
2N	Nicole B
3FJ	Mayble G
3G	Riaan N
4K	Toby S
4M	Lauren R
5D	Rolling over to next week
5RG	Aleya B
6L	Stanislav B
6MH	Tyler M



House Points:

Mars – 533	1st
Venus – 334	2nd
Jupiter – 267	3rd
Pluto – 226	4th

Golden Broom Award

Every other week, one infant class and one junior class are awarded the Golden Broom in recognition of their efforts to tidy up at the end of lunchtime. This week's winner is class 5D. Well done!

