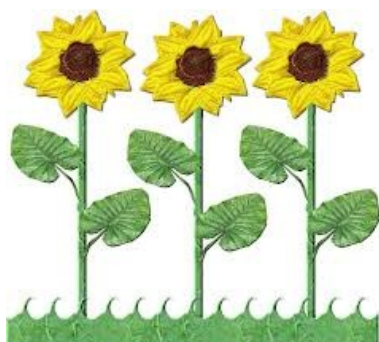




July	
Wednesday 8th	Year 6 performance
Wednesday 8th	Open Afternoon
Friday 10th	Reception trip to Firstsite
Wednesday 15th	Year 6 prom
Thursday 16th	Reception Sports Afternoon
Friday 17th	Last day of term
Monday 20th	Non-Pupil Day



Dear families,

Thank you to everyone who came along on Friday afternoon to support our summer fair. A big thank you to Hollie Allen and her fabulous team for organising this event. More details and photos will follow next week.

Year 6 Sailing

Last week, a group of children from Year 6 attended a very special sailing trip at Alton Water. They learnt how to rig the sail and steer the boat, and a few of them became experts at falling into the reservoir. As well as plenty of time *on* the water in their sailing boats, the children enjoyed lots of time *in* the water to stay cool in the very hot weather. They had a terrific time, represented the school brilliantly and will hopefully remember this trip in years to come.



School Meals

Week commencing 6th July we will be eating meals from menu 3. Menus can be seen on our website. _

<https://www.prettygateschools.co.uk/lunch-menus>

Unwanted Visitors

We have had a few cases of headlice reported to us this week. Please can we ask that you check your child's hair over the weekend and treat if necessary.





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Colchester Castle Trip - Year 3

Last Friday, Year 3 enjoyed their annual trip to Colchester Castle. They had a great time exploring the museum and finding the Fenwick Hoard that they had learnt about during their recent topic lessons. Children also enjoyed the Iron Age settlement role play area and building a Roman Villa. They were lucky enough to cool off in the foundations of the castle and listen to the 'Story' of Roman Colchester. A big thank you to all the volunteers and staff, who helped on this trip.



A Plea from Year 1

The Year 1 teachers have asked for any of the following items. If you have any of these items that you no longer need and that are in good condition, please donate them to us. Duplo, traffic cones, building blocks and dolls. You can leave any items with the infant office.

Online Safety Newsletter

Along with this newsletter you will also receive the July edition of the Online Safety Newsletter. You can also see this on the letters page of our website.

News and Events

Don't forget to check our 'local events and news' page on the website. We will be adding up and coming events happening over the summer holidays.

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





FREE SCHOOL MEALS 2026/27

Important changes for families receiving Universal Credit



FROM SEPTEMBER 2026

All children from households receiving Universal Credit may be entitled to Free School Meals (FSM).



TWO TYPES OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS



TARGETED FSM

Linked to lower income, savings of £7,400 or less



Free school meal every school day



Access to the HAF Programme (school holidays)



School receives Pupil Premium funding for additional educational support



EXPANDED FSM

Universal Credit households above the £7,400 savings threshold



Free school meal every school day



No HAF eligibility



No Pupil Premium funding



TRANSITIONAL PROTECTION IS ENDING

From 31 July 2026, previously FSM protection arrangements will end.



Eligibility will be reassessed annually.



Some families may become eligible for the first time.



FSM may no longer be automatically protected for older children.



ACTION REQUIRED

You may need to check your eligibility again.

1 JULY 2026

New eligibility rules start from **SEPTEMBER 2026**.



Apply or re-check eligibility as soon as possible.



RECEPTION YEAR & YEAR 2

The Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme is not changing.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to receive free school meals under the existing scheme regardless of household income.





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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
RB	Amelia J Oscar C
RLI	Charlie Y Diego M
1T	Zachary WO
1S	Caleb James B
2MB	Laila E
2N	Harrison T
3FJ	Grace R
3G	Freya T
4K	Ranveer R
4M	Leo B
5D	Oliver R
5RG	Brody A
6L	Loic B
6MH	Charlotte S



House Points:

Pluto—251

Venus—237

Jupiter—235

Mars—196