



September	
Thursday 24th	Reception 2027 Information Evening
Friday 25th	Macmillan Coffee Morning
October	
Thursday 1st	Year 3 Stone Age Workshop
Friday 2nd	Whole School Photograph
Thursday 8th	Van Cols Individual Photos
Thursday 15th	Gemma's Farm Visit—Reception Classes
Friday 16th	Wear Red— Show Racism the red card
26th—30th	Half Term
November	
Sunday 1st	FOP Firework
Friday 27th	Non Pupil Day



Dear families,

Thank you to everyone who took part in Jeans for Genes on Friday to raise money for this wonderful charity. We will let you know how much we raised once the money has been counted.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Lia Pulsford, our Welfare Lead, will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 25th September. It will take place in the junior school hall and will start at 8.45am, just after drop-off!



Please pop in and support this fantastic charity. Tea, coffee and squash will all be available as well as a selection of delicious treats. Younger children, family and friends are all welcome. We really hope to see as many of you there as possible.

School Garden Competition

You may remember that Prettygate Schools took part in the School Garden Competition during the summer. It was located in Culver Square and many of you visited our garden, designed by Mei from Year 5 and also voted for us. Thank you for your support. We are delighted to inform everyone, that although we did not win the 'People's Vote' we were lucky enough for the judges to award us 3rd place. We received a £30 voucher for Perrywood's Garden Centre and a trowel! I'd like to say a big thank you to Fin from Year 4 and his family for popping along to the award presentation in the summer holidays.



This Week's Appeal

- ♦ Dinosaurs





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Information Evening for New Starters 2027

On Thursday 24th September we are holding an information evening for parents with children starting school in September 2027. If you know someone with a child starting school next year, please let them know about this event. More information can be found on our website.

<https://www.prettygateschools.co.uk/starting-school>

Naming Belongings

Please ensure all of your children's school clothing, P.E. kit, bags, coats, wellies and lunch boxes are clearly named. This helps us to return any missing items to their owners.

School Meals

Next week we will be eating meals from menu 1. <https://www.prettygateschools.co.uk/lunch-menus>

Special Menu 1st October

If you haven't already completed the Microsoft Form for re-choosing your child's meal choice for the special menu day on 1st October, please can you complete this over the weekend. The link was email out to everyone this week.

A Date for your Diary -Friends of Prettygate Fireworks Night—Sunday 1st November

The Friends of Prettygate have organised our annual community fireworks event for Sunday 1st November. To make this evening a great success, we need your help.

If you can help to deliver leaflets in the local area, please follow this link. [Leaflet delivery.](#)

If you can offer some help on the day of the event, please sign up here. [Event help](#)

Creative Writing Workshops for 7 to 11 Year Olds

We have been asked to let you know about some workshops that are taking place at Colchester Library.

[Create your own superhero](#) - this Saturday, 19 September, at 10.30am

[Playing with poetry](#) - Saturday 3 October at 10.30am

[Creating characters](#) - Saturday 17 October at 10.30am

[Spooky stories](#) - Saturday 31 October at 10.30am

[The Storycoaster](#) - Saturday 14 November at 10.30am

[Make your own zine](#) - Saturday 28 November at 10.30am

Colchester Foodbank—Fill the Van Plan

As part of our Harvest celebrations we will be collecting food for Colchester Foodbank. This year they have a 'Fill the Van Plan' where they are filling as many vans as possible to support the Colchester community. Our collection day is Wednesday 14th October. We are asking for your donations to be brought into school **from Monday 28th September**. All donations can be left outside either school office.

Please see the list of items needed below:

Rice, pasta, tinned meats/fish, tinned fruits, soup, tea bags, sugar, sauces, tinned fish, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, jam, coffee, long-life milk, shampoo, soap, shower gel, razors, nappies, baby wipes, washing up liquid, tooth brushes, tooth paste, sanitary products, toilet rolls and deodorant.

Thank you for your support.



FILL THE VAN PLAN

JOIN OUR FOOD DRIVE AND WE WILL COLLECT FROM YOUR DOOR

14TH OCTOBER 2026
10:00 AM - 14:00 PM

About Our Event!

We warmly invite you to join us for our Fill the Van Plan 2026. Whether you're an individual wanting to make a difference, a business wanting to support the community, or a school celebrating a harvest festival, we welcome you to be part of our plan!

How it works

Organise a food drive. Grab a group of colleagues, students, customers or friends and collect as much food as you can.

Contact us. Let us know you are taking part and we will add you to the collection list.

Be ready. Have your collection ready for us to collect from your door on 14th October.

Calculate. Calculate helping your community. The organisation with the biggest donation wins a ticket to our Auction Gala!

JOIN NOW!

Contact us on 01206 577608 or Email info@colchesterfoodbank.org.uk Charity no:1204884



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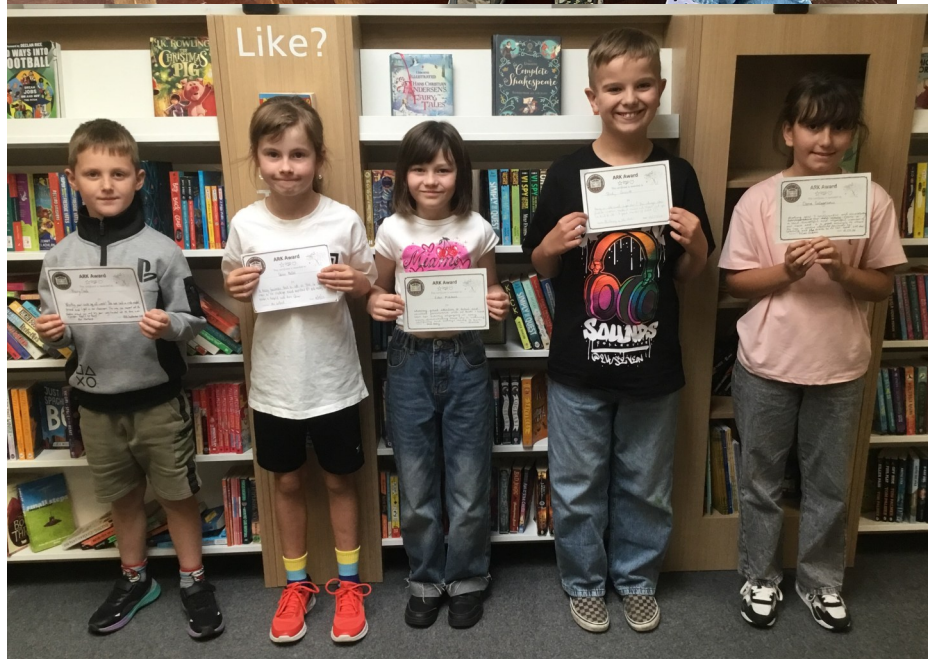
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Friday ARK Assemblies

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
1S	Mila B
1M	Madeleine H
2MB	Ariella B
2N	Louis E
3H	Harry F
3PJ	Arthur R-C
4G	Quinn M
4K	Roman R
5D	Eden M
5RG	Daria S
6L	Caden N
6MH	Stanley B



House Points

Venus – 302	1st
Jupiter – 297	2nd
Pluto – 214	3rd
Mars – 205	4th