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Thursday 1st	Year 3 Stone Age Workshop
Friday 2nd	Whole School Photograph
Monday 5th	Infant OPAL Parent Play Session
Wednesday 7th	Junior OPAL Parent Play Session
Thursday 8th	Van Cols Individual Photos
Tuesday 13th	Parent Consultation Meetings
Thursday 15th	Gemma's Farm Visit—Reception Classes
Thursday 15th	Parent Consultation Meetings
Friday 16th	Wear Red—Show Racism the red card
26th—30th	Half Term
November	
Sunday 1st	FOP Firework Event
Friday 27th	Non Pupil Day



Ambition ♦ Respect ♦ Kindness

Dear families,

Next week we will be starting our school tours for parents with children starting school in September 2027. If you know anyone who has a child who will be starting school next September and would like to have a look around our schools, please let them know that they can now book a tour.

Tours can be booked through our infant office by emailing Mrs Hughes at j.hughes@prettygateschools.co.uk or call the office 01206 577608 (option 2 for the infant school).



Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday morning, Ms Pulsford, our Welfare Lead, hosted our Macmillan Coffee Morning. A big thank you to everyone who came along to support this event and to everyone for the generous cake donations. If you would like to make a donation, you can do this via the School Comms Parent Pay. We will let you know the total raised once the money has been counted.



School Meals

Next week we will be eating meals from menu 2. <https://www.prettygateschools.co.uk/lunch-menus>

Dates for your Diary

We have put together a list of events taking place throughout the autumn term. You can find this on our website under the 'Term Times' page. We hope you find this helpful.

This Week's Appeal



- ♦ Buckets for water play
- ♦ Cushions, blankets and duvets for our chill out zone





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Colchester Foodbank—Fill the Van Plan

As part of our Harvest celebrations, we will be collecting food for Colchester Food Bank. 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 aiming to support the community, or a school arranging 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 14 October.

Celebrate ◀
Celebrate helping your community. The organisation with the largest donation wins 4 tickets to our Auction Gala!

JOIN NOW!

Contact us 07942 141299 Email hr@colchesterfoodbank.org.uk Charity no:1204958

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](#)

Tickets can be purchased by following this link [friends of prettygate event tickets from TicketSource.](#)

Parent Consultation Meetings

Our Parent Consultation Meetings will take place on Tuesday 13th October and Thursday 15th October. The booking system will open on Monday 28th September at 9.00am. The last day for booking your appointment will be Friday 9th October. There is a link to the booking system on our website under 'useful links' at the bottom right of the home page.

Visitors on the School Field

We wanted to make you aware that on Wednesday 30th September there will be a small group of adults camping on our school field. This is an outside company who are holding a workshop in school on Thursday 1st October and need to make an early start on the school site. We have informed the local police that this is happening. If you see people on the school field on the evening, please do not worry, this is something we have arranged.

Reception Forest School

Our Reception children began their Forest School journey this week. The children enjoyed exploring our Forest School area.





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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	Remi L
RL	Kathleen C
1S	Rita S
1M	Luke D
2MB	Jaxson D
2N	Flo M
3H	Freddie B
3PJ	
4G	Fin B
4K	Zane A
5D	Ella G
5RG	Matthew E
6L	Caden N (rolled over from last week) Luna W
6MH	Sofia D



House Points

Venus – 553	1 st
Jupiter – 450	2 nd
Pluto – 433	3 rd
Mars – 381	4 th