Newsletter Prettygate Schools

Opening the gate to success

23rd October 2026

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October	
26th—30th	Half Term
November	
Sunday 1st	FOP Firework Event
Thursday 5th	Year 3 visit to Plume Avenue Church
Thursday 5th	Reception and Year 2 Diwali Workshop
Wednesday 11th	Reception Road Safety
Thursday 12th	Flu Vac Day
Friday 13th	Children in Need
Thursday 19th	Reception Night Walk
Friday 27th	Non Pupil Day





Ambition ◆ Respect ◆ Kindness

Dear families,

Last Friday we sent home our parent survey letter. Thank you to those of you who have already shared your views. We would be very grateful if you could spare a few minutes to complete the survey. Your feedback is very important to us.

Here are the links for the surveys.

Parent Survey Autumn 2026 Prettygate Infant School – Fill in form

Parent Survey Autumn 2026 Prettygate Junior School – Fill in form

School Meals

The new menus are now available to order via the app. Please ensure you have ordered meals for the next half term before we return to school after the half term break.

Copies of the menus are available on the website.

Year 6 Dodgeball

On Thursday morning, a group of Year 6 children took part in a dodgeball tournament at Colchester sixth form college. They demonstrated excellent teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship throughout the event. We are incredibly proud of the way they represented our school and the positive attitude they showed throughout the tournament.





Charity Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our charity events this half term. We raised £361.52 for Jeans for Genes, £240.00 for our Macmillan coffee morning and £176.68 for our Wear Red day.

This Week's Appeal

- Buckets and Spades



Individual Photos

You can now order your child's school photo online. Just follow the link and put in the code from the card that your child brought home on photo day. http://www.getphotos.co.uk/ The deadline for placing your order with free delivery to school is **Wednesday 29th October**.

Friends of Prettygate Fireworks Night—Sunday 1st November

We are looking forward to our fireworks event on 1st November. To make this evening a great success, we need your help. Even if you can only help out for a short time, we would be very grateful.
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 or scanning the QR code.
friends of prettygate event tickets from TicketSource.

Friends of Prettygate—Wreathmaking Workshop

The Friends of Prettygate have organised a wreathmaking workshop on Monday 30th November from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. To book your place follow the link tinyurl.com/friendsofprettygate or scan the QR code.

Poppies

After the half term holiday we will be selling poppies at both the infant and junior schools. Keep a look out in the mornings for our poppy sellers and remember to bring some money with you.



Plume Avenue Church—Light Party

Plume Avenue Church are holding a Light Party on Friday 30th October at Plume Avenue church for primary school aged children. It will be a party filled with fun, games, crafts, story and refreshments. They are encouraging children to dress up in bright clothes.
Tickets are now available for the party using
the following link: https://plumeavenuelightparty26.eventbrite.co.uk

Online Safety Newsletter

On Friday you will be have been sent the Online Safety Newsletter. Please take some time to read this valuable information.

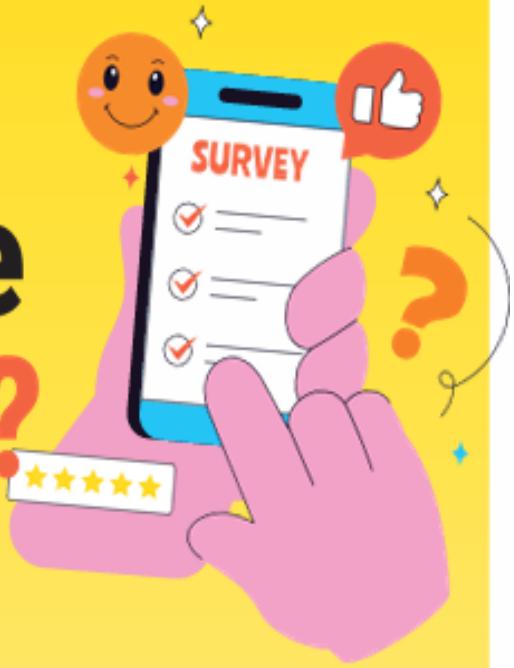
Half Term

Next week (Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October) is half term.
We hope you have a good holiday with your families. We will look forward to seeing you at the fireworks on Sunday 1st November and back in school on Monday 2nd November.



Colchester City Council have asked us to share the information below.

Got ideas to improve bus travel?



We want to hear from everyone, including people who never use the bus.



Tell us:

- What's working well
- What needs to improve
- What would get you on the bus more often

Your feedback will help shape future bus travel campaigns and improvements across Colchester and surrounding communities.

SCAN THE QR CODE OR FOLLOW THE LINK TO SHARE YOUR VIEWS IN OUR SHORT SURVEY.

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/yqNZMMfQp9

Survey Closes 31 October 2026



Colchester City Council

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	Bowen S
RL	Dylan R
1S	Isabelle S
1M	Niall S
2MB	Ava H
2T	Sarnitha K
3H	Indigo P
3PJ	Harry A
4G	Aurora D
4K	Edward N
5D	Sri T S
5RG	Elsie H
6L	Sofia E
6MH	Lenny S





House Points

Jupiter – 829

Venus – 769

Pluto – 607

Mars – 460