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Monday 17th	Reception Night Walk
Thursday 27th	Whole School Pantomime Trip
December	
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 6 & 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



Ambition ♦ Respect ♦ Kindness

Dear families,

We had lots of fantastic spotty outfits in school on Friday. Thank you to everyone who supported Children in Need. We will let you know how much we raised once the money has been counted.

Please can we remind you that when we hold these days for various charities, we do like the children to take part in the dressing up if they are happy to but the donation of money is purely voluntary.



Christmas Performances 2025

We are pleased that we can now share with you the dates of our Christmas performances. Entry to all performances will be by ticket. Letters have been sent home this week regarding ordering your tickets.

Reception Class RB — Monday 15th December at 10.00am

Reception Class RLI—Tuesday 16th December at 10.00am

Year 1 and Year 2—Monday 8th December at 2.00pm

Year 1 and Year 2—Tuesday 9th December at 10.00am

Year 3 and Year 4— Wednesday 10th at 2.00pm and at 6.00pm

Year 5 and Year 6—Thursday 11th December at 2.00pm and at 6.00pm

School Meals

Week commencing 17th November we will be eating meals from Menu 3. 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, at the infant school we are asking for a donation of £1.00 cash, towards the cost.

Pantomime Trip

We are looking forward to our whole school trip to the pantomime on 27th November. If you have not yet paid for your child to come along, please could we ask that you make your payment by Friday 21st November. If your child will not be going on the trip, please speak to the office staff.

Letters regarding the trip are on the 'letters' page of our website and paper copies are available from the school offices.





Starting School

The primary school (Reception) admission round is now open for parents/carers to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2026. Applications can be made online at : [Primary school places - Essex County Council](#) The closing date for applications is 15th January 2026. If you need any help with applying for a Reception place for September 2026 please speak to the infant office staff.

We are currently offering tours of our school to parents who have a child starting school next September. If you know someone who would like to come for a look around, please ask them to contact the infant office.

We also have an Information Evening on Wednesday 26th November for any parents new to the school who would like more information.

Year 2 to Year 3

Parents of children in Year 2 will need to make an application for a junior school place for their child. The application process is now open and will close on 15th January 2026. You can make your application online at: [Junior \(year 3\) school places - Essex County Council](#)

Year 1 and Year 2—All In Festival

Last Friday, children from Years 1 and 2 took part in an athletics competition at Thurstable school. They represented our school values brilliantly, showing great teamwork, determination and sportsmanship. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and achievements.



Red Lion Books—Colchester

Red Lion Books, located on Colchester High Street, have asked us to let you know about an event they are running. On Saturday 29th November, they have their **Civilised Saturday** where customers will be offered a 10% shopping discount.





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	Sophie C
RLI	Mila B
1T	Ned L
1S	Abigail S
2MB	Adelynn C
2N	Harry A
3FJ	Ted W
3G	Jacob N
4K	Kayla I
4M	Matei E
5D	Anna S
5RG	Nithin S
6L	Naveeda Z
6MH	Phoebe H



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 6MH. Well done!

