



November	
Monday 10th	Odd Socks Day
Monday 10th	Phonics Meeting for Year 1 and Year 2 parents
Wednesday 12th	Year 3 Stone Age VR Workshop
Wednesday 12th	Year 5 Ancient Greece VR Workshop
Friday 14th	Children in Need
Thursday 27th	Whole School Pantomime Trip



ODD SOCKS DAY



Ambition ♦ Respect ♦ Kindness

Dear families,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our fireworks event on Sunday. Thank you to the Friends of Prettygate, who organised this spectacular event! It was a huge success and wonderful to see so many people enjoying the evening. Once the money has been counted, we will share with you how much has been raised for our schools.

Thank you again to everyone involved. Without your dedication and commitment, it certainly would not have been possible to hold such a successful event

Odd Socks Day – Monday 10th November

We're taking part in Odd Socks Day to celebrate what makes us all unique and to raise awareness for Anti-Bullying Week. It's a fun and positive way for children to express themselves and to remind everyone that we are all different – and that's something to be proud of!



All your child needs to do is come to school wearing odd socks on **Monday 10th November**. It's a simple way to join thousands of schools across the country in saying no to bullying.

Let's make it a colourful day full of fun, self-expression, and kindness!

Remembrance Day—11th November

On Tuesday at 11am, we will observe a one-minute silence as part of our Remembrance Day commemorations.

Children who are members of Girl Guiding or Scouts are warmly encouraged to wear their Scouts, Squirrels, Brownies, or Guides uniforms on the day, should they wish to do so. This is always a poignant and meaningful moment in the school year, and I know many children take real pride in participating respectfully.



Children in Need

Next Friday 14th November, we will be supporting 'Children in Need' with a non-uniform day. We are asking children to come to school wearing something spotty in exchange for a small donation for this fantastic charity.





Starting School

The primary school (Reception) admission round opens on **Monday 10th November 2025** 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 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 opens on Monday 10th November and will close on 15th January 2026. You can make your application online at: [Junior \(year 3\) school places - Essex County Council](#)

Year 5—Homework Project

Over the half term, our Year 5 pupils completed a homework project all about Ancient Greece in preparation for their upcoming History lessons. They all showed fantastic commitment and produced some amazing work. Take a look at their brilliant creations!



School Meals

Next week we will be eating meals from menu 2. Menus can be viewed on the school website.

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

Attendance - Studybugs

We would like to remind you about our Studybugs app. You can use the app to tell us whenever your child is ill and unable to attend school.

Get the app or register now (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>)

You can also download the app from your app store on your phone or tablet.

Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs:

1. It's integrated with our systems so we know right away if your child is unaccounted for.
2. It's quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
3. You'll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations improve children's health. (<https://studybugs.com/about/schools>)

Please be aware that we have Studybugs for each school so you will need to **sign up for either the infant school or the junior school depending which school your child is attending.**



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
1T	Mya C
1S	Amelia T
2MB	Ruby L
2N	Callan K
3FJ	Eloise M
3G	Ethan R-M
4K	Louie R-M
4M	Coral B
5D	Elena B
5RG	Emily R
6L	Oliver G
6MH	Siobhan R



House Points:

Mars – 413

Venus – 215

Pluto – 209

Jupiter – 207