

PTA Easter Disco

The Easter Disco for KS1 and KS2 will be running at slightly different times from now on. Please read the details below carefully for the earlier times.



KidAround Easter Issue

Easter Issue has arrived and look what's inside: <https://anyflip.com/btwyj/vdnd/>



3D Printer

There has been much excitement in Year 3 over the last month! We have borrowed a 3D printer from CREATE education with the aim of incorporating more computer aided design into our design and technology curriculum. It has been a real pleasure to observe the children's skills develop and the delight when their product was printed. Our long-term aim is to be able to purchase our own 3D printer so that all of our children are able to experience this exciting area of the curriculum.



ECO-Council Litter Pick

As an Eco-Council we have been working hard to help protect our environment but now we need your help! We have noticed there has been some **littering** around the Recreation Ground and nearby streets and want to help clean them up.

We have organised a **litter pick** for **Thursday 18th April at 3:30-4:30** and would really like to get as many families as possible involved to help us clean up the areas around our school. The litter pick will also be part of Keep Britain Tidy's 'Great Big School Clean'.

Meet at **G4 Café on the Recreation Ground at 3:30pm**. Equipment will be provided so you just need to bring yourselves (all children must be accompanied by a parent/family member).

We look forward to working together to improve our local area for everyone!



Letter from Mrs French and Mrs Smith

Please look out for the additional letter that Mrs Smith and I will be sending out today alongside our newsletter in which, with the permission of the parents involved, we will be informing you that we have a student in one of our Key Stage 2 classes that has Tourette Syndrome (TS). This letter explains what TS means for our pupil and sign-posts you to further information, including the national charity Tourettes Action, who have been supporting our school:

www.tourettes-action.org.uk

There is also a useful short film made by a local child, Shay, to explain TS further, which I recommend you watch and share with your child. See: <https://youtu.be/6yt3BVHWVCU>

Forest School Diary

We are hoping that Forest School sessions will resume after the Easter break.

Firstsite Holiday Fun

Firstsite Holiday Fun activities are for families facing economic challenges or who require additional support during the school holidays, including those who qualify for benefit-based free school meals. Please see all the information, including how to book places, attached to the newsletter.

Help for Parents or Carers of Autistic Children

Essex County Council in Partnership with the NHS are facilitating a peer led support group for the parents and carers of children and young people with autism. Please see the flyer below.

A flyer for Autism Central. The top left features the Autism Central logo, which consists of a stylized brain made of colorful dots. The main title 'Autism central is here to help!' is in large white text on a dark blue background. Below the title, there are two columns of text. The left column says 'Sometimes talking to people who share similar experiences to yours means you're more likely to feel understood and get the support you need.' The right column describes the 'Autism Central Peer Education Programme' and lists what they can offer. At the bottom left is a QR code with the text 'Scan me'. At the bottom right are logos for 'Funded by NHS' and 'Delivered by Essex County Council'.

 **Autism Central**

Autism central is here to help!

Sometimes talking to people who share similar experiences to yours means you're more likely to feel understood and get the support you need.

The Autism Central Peer Education Programme is for parents, carers and Personal Assistants of autistic people of any age. They do not need a diagnosis to access the service. Support is provided by parents and carers of autistic people who are happy to share their knowledge and experience with others.

What we can offer:

- A constantly growing range of information and resources is available on the Autism Central website www.autismcentral.org.uk
- Weekly online groups sessions – drop-ins and themed sessions covering a range of topics
- 1:1 support via a telephone or Teams call. This can be requested via the QR code below

www.autismcentral.org.uk

Scan me 

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Online E-Safety Magazine for parents

#DITTO is a free online safety newsletter in PDF format for parents to keep you up to date with online safety risks, issues, advice and guidance related to keeping children safe online, with a view to enjoying and learning about technology. You can sign up for this newsletter at <https://www.esafety-adviser.com/latest-newsletter/>

Internet Matters – resource for the parents of neurodiverse children

Internet Matters have a great range of guides and advice hubs available for parents of neurodivergent children including connecting and sharing online, online gaming and more. You can access all the guides [HERE](#).

Amazing Attendance? Free Tuck Friday!

Free Tuck Friday – All classes who have achieved the required attendance of at least 96% are highlighted in green. Well done **Year 4** for having the best attendance this week!

EYFS	96.65%	
Year 1	96.45%	
Year 2	98.35%	
Year 3	96.1%	
Year 4	98.7%	★
Year 5	98.1%	
Year 6	91.65%	
Overall Attendance	96.55%	

(Week ending 15/03/2024)

Reminder! Holidays Taken During term Time

We would like to remind parents/carers that we do not authorise term time holidays and the local authority may issue a penalty to both parents. Please find our attendance policy on our [website](#).

Please note: If you have previously received a Penalty Notice for an offence of failing to ensure regular school attendance or been the subject of a prosecution for any child in relation to irregular school attendance, you may not be given the opportunity to pay a further Penalty Notice; your case may proceed directly to court.

Food Bank Vouchers

Please don't forget that the school is an agent for food bank vouchers. Please speak in confidence to a member of the school office or Mrs French if you need to use this service.

Happy Birthday!

Please join us in saying happy birthday to: Jenson OM, Iyiola O, Charlie FS, Freddie FS, Oli J, Willow L, Jude W and Noah W.



Headteacher Cups

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Headteacher Cup in assembly this week: Alex W, Grace J and Joshua D.

Golden Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils who received Golden Awards this week:

Makeda D, Elliott H, Reuben H, Alex W, Ching C, Esmae G, Meena V, Mahaut DJ, Alice A, George P, James P, Billy R, Christine A and Daniel N.

Maths Awards

Don't forget to enter!

Writer of the Week

Congratulations to **Teddy** in **Year 4** who received our Writer of the Week award and took home a new stationery set and journal – keep up that good writing!

Vision Value Leaves

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a leaf for our 'Vision Values' Tree:

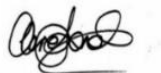
Isla W, Bradley G and Gabriel FB.

Kendall Team Points

Congratulations to the Weekly Team Winners: **Elm**!

Elm	Ash	Birch	Yew
1st	2nd	4th	3rd

Yours sincerely,



Clare French
Headteacher

Diary Dates

March 2024

Thursday 28th – Easter Worship at St Stephens Church and
Thursday 28th – Non-uniform day for the PTA Summer Hamper Extravaganza!
Thursday 28th – PTA Easter Disco
Friday 29th to Friday 12th April – Easter Holidays

April 2024

Monday 15th – First Day of Summer Term
Monday 22nd – Year 5 Ancient Egyptian Day
Wednesday 24th – Writing Parent Information Event (PIE)
Thursday 25th – EYFS Visit to Boydells Farm

May 2024

Wednesday 1st – SEND Support Group
Monday 6th – Bank Holiday
Monday 13th to Thursday 16th – KS2 SATs
Friday 24th – PTA Pyjama Day
Monday 27th to Friday 31st – Half Term Holiday

June 2024

Friday 7th – Pride/Rainbow Day
Friday 7th – Year 6 Bake Sale
Friday 14th – Year 5 Bake Sale
Friday 21st – Year 4 Bake Sale
Thursday 27th – Year 3 Visit to Harwich
Friday 28th – Year 3 Bake Sale
Friday 28th – PTA Curry & Quiz Night

July 2024

Monday 1st – Sports Day & Family Picnic
Tuesday 2nd – Year 5 St Helena Taster Day
Friday 12th – Year 1 Bake Sale
Friday 12th – PTA Summer Disco
Wednesday 17th – Year 3 Visit to Pizza Express
Thursday 18th – KS2 Production 7pm
Friday 19th – Kendall Music Festival 9:40am to 10:45am
Friday 19th – KS2 Production 1:30pm
Friday 19th – KS2 Production 7pm
Monday 22nd – Year 6 Treat Trip
Tuesday 23rd – Leavers' Assembly 9:30am
Tuesday 23rd – Last Day of Summer Term

Schedule of Trips and Visits 2023/2024

Budgeting £20 a quarter (£80 a year – or approximately £2 a term-time week) should cover the cost of trips. Where a trip is more expensive, for example £40, we will always try to make sure that over the academic year, the cost for all 4 Quarters comes to no more than £80 for the trips and visits we organise. Sadly, with school funding being at an all-time low in real terms, the school is financially unable to subsidise trips and visits to the extent it has done in the past. If we do not receive enough contributions to cover the cost, we will reluctantly have to cancel trips or visitors to the school. As promised, to help you with budgeting, please see Mrs Nicholson's schedule and the associated charge for each trip for the summer term below:

Quarter 3

Year Group	Trip/Visit	Cost per child
EYFS	Boydells Farm	£22
Year 1	TBC	TBC
Year 2	No paid trips this quarter	n/a
Year 3	No paid trips this quarter	n/a
Year 4	No paid trips this quarter	n/a
Year 5	Ancient Egyptian Day	£19.30
Year 6	No paid trips this quarter	n/a

Quarter 4

Year Group	Trip/Visit	Cost per child
EYFS	Walton trip	TBC (approx. £6)
Year 1	TBC	TBC
Year 2	No paid trips this quarter	n/a
Year 3	Harwich Boat Trip	£38
	Pizza Express	No charge
Year 4	No paid trips this quarter	n/a
Year 5	No paid trips this quarter	n/a
Year 6	No paid trips this quarter	n/a

Week 1	MONDAY (meat free)	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Macaroni Cheese	Creamy chicken pie topped with pastry	Oven roasted gammon	Pasta Bolognese topped with cheese	Birdseye Omega 3 fish fingers
Vegetarian (V) Or Vegan (Ve)	Penne pasta cooked in a tomato sauce (v) (ve)	Vegetable parcel (ve)	Oven baked Quorn fillet (v)	Quorn Bolognese topped with vegan cheese	Quorn dippers (v) Vegetable fingers (ve)
Sides	Sweetcorn Or Veg sticks	Mashed potatoes, Peas, vegetable gravy (ve)	Roast potatoes, stuffing, Yorkshire pudding, fresh carrots, cabbage, broccoli, vegetable gravy (ve)	Sweetcorn Garlic bread	Chips Peas
Freshly prep salad bar	Tomatoes, Iceberg lettuce, cucumber, peppers, cress, sweetcorn, sultanas	Tomatoes, Iceberg lettuce, cucumber, peppers, cress, sweetcorn, sultanas	-	Tomatoes, Iceberg lettuce, cucumber, peppers, cress, sweetcorn, sultanas	Tomatoes, Iceberg lettuce, cucumber, peppers, cress, sweetcorn, sultanas
Dessert	Homemade fruit shortbread or Fresh fruit	Chocolate sponge & custard or fresh fruit	Fresh fruit Honeydew melon and pineapple or yogurt	Oat cake or yogurt	Strawberry ice cream sponge roll or yogurt

Academic Year 2023-2024

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Essex County Council School Term and Holiday Dates Academic Year 2024-2025

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In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated.

DRAFT School Term and Holiday Dates for Academic Year 2025-2026

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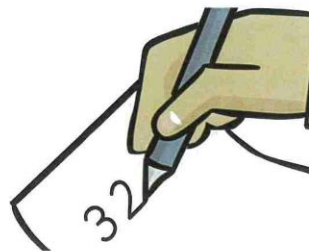
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In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days. These are to be confirmed.

Kendall KS1 Fortnightly Maths Challenge



**Write a list of all of the numbers you can think of that
when you add all of the digits you get 5.**

If you think you know, write your name and answer on a slip of paper and post it into the correct box on the table. The winner will be announced in two weeks. Good luck!

Kendall KS2 Fortnightly Maths Challenge



All of the pages in this book are numbered 1 to 155. How many pages will have the digit 5 in their page number?

If you think you know, write your name and answer on a slip of paper and post it into the correct box on the table. The winner will be announced in two weeks. Good luck!

Firstsite

Holiday Fun

April 2024

Tue 2 Apr - Sat 6 Apr
and Tue 9 Apr - Sat 13 Apr

Colchester

Activities take place at:
Firstsite
Lewis Gardens, High St
Colchester, Essex
CO1 1JH



FREE

MAKE
Free creative
art activities
10:00am -
2:30pm



MOVE
Free fun sports
activities
10:45am - 11:45am
& 12:00pm
- 1:00pm



CANTEEN
Free freshly made
hot meals for all
the family
11:45am &
1:00pm

Our Holiday Fun activities are for families facing economic challenges or who require additional support during the school holidays, including those that qualify for benefit-based free school meals.

- Advanced booking is essential
- Activities most suitable for 4-11 years, but all ages welcome
- Caregivers are required to stay on site throughout the activities.
- Menus and lists of activities available at www.firstsite.uk

Delivered in partnership with:



How to book

**Early bird tickets released
from 9am on Tue 26 Mar**

**More tickets will be
released three days in
advance of each
session.**

**Limited spaces available,
offered on a first come first
served basis.**

**If you can no longer attend your
booking, please let us know
as soon as possible by calling
01206 713700. If you contact us
24 hours before the event your
space can be made available for
another family.**

Thank you!

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or call
01206 713700



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