



Important Dates:

15th-19th November

Anti-bullying week

15th November

Y4 & 5 Diwali Dance Workshop
(wear PE kit)
& Odd Socks Day

16th November

FS, 1 & 2 Dance Workshop
(wear PE kit)
& Football Match (home)

17th November

Y3 & 6 Dance Workshop
(wear PE kit)

19th November

Children in Need (wear
something spotty or yellow)

25th November

Y6 Zoom Meeting re
Residential
1.15pm & 6.30pm

26th November

Rainbow Friday (wear
something colourful with
school uniform)

29th November

Christmas Shoebox Appeal
deadline

1st December

Parent Forum 1.00pm

15th December

Christmas Lunch

December Dates TBC:

FS Nativity
(parents invited)

Y1 & Y2 Christmas Play
(parents invited)

Y3-6 Christmas Church Service
(children only)

Anti-Bullying Week 15th-19th November

Every year our school focuses on anti-bullying in assemblies for the whole month of November. This coincides with the national anti-bullying week which takes place next week. The focus this year is about spreading kindness. **One Kind Word** can be a turning point. It can change someone's perspective, change the course of a conversation and break the cycle of bullying. Best of all, one kind word leads to another. Children will be learning how kindness fuels kindness and how they can play a part in that chain reaction.

Children can wear **Odd Socks on Monday 15th November** to show we're ALL unique and to celebrate and respect each other's individuality.



Children in Need

Friday 19th November will be a non-uniform day for a £1 donation to Children in Need. Children can come to school wearing something spotty, or something yellow to celebrate our value of Determination.



Staff Car Parks

Please remember that staff use our car parks until

8.30am. If you arrive in school earlier than this, please make sure children stand with you. There have been a few near-misses this week as younger children have been running behind cars as they are parking.



Diwali Dance Workshops

Children will be taking part in dance workshops next week led by a professional West End choreographer.



The most well known story behind Diwali is in the Ramayana, the great Hindu epic about prince Rama and his wife Sita. It has been shared orally and through dance for centuries and contains important cross-cultural concepts like the power of good over evil, knowledge over ignorance, freedom over oppression, and hope over despair are all touched upon.

Children will have the opportunity to imagine the different roles, dramatic situations and actions of the main characters as they retell elements of this epic story through dance.

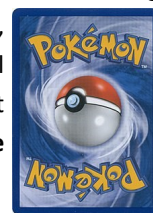


School has funded these workshops so there is no charge to parents & carers.

As usual, photos will be posted on our website.

Pokemon Cards

Staff are spending a lot of time resolving problems involving trading cards. Rather than banning these from school, children can still bring them in but **they must NOT be traded.**



PE Days

PE is taught by class teachers as well as sports coaches so there are 2 PE lessons each week.

Monday	FS, 5, 6ER, 6DB
Tuesday	2, 3, 6SY, 6CG and 3,4 Swimming
Wednesday	1, 2, 4
Thursday	6
Friday	1, 3, 5

Please note that class teacher PE next week will be the Diwali dance workshops.

Parent & Carer Surveys

Thank you for taking the time to complete the recent parent surveys. Your feedback is very much appreciated. If you have not yet returned yours, please do so next week.

As a result of your feedback, the following events will be taking place in the next few weeks:

Maths & Phonics Workshops to help you understand how we teach these subjects so you can support your child at home

Parent Forum so that various aspects of school can be discussed and immediate feedback received so that changes can happen quickly. This is planned for **1st December @ 1.00pm via Zoom**.

We also hope to start a new **PTA**. If you are interested in taking part, please join our Parent Forum or [email](#) the school office.

Positive Covid Cases

Over the past two weeks there have been confirmed cases in **FS, and years 2, 3, 4 & 6**. To reduce the transmission of the virus and enable school to remain open, it is vital that everyone takes part in twice-weekly Lateral Flow Testing (LFT). This helps to identify asymptomatic individuals as well as distinguishing between Covid and normal childhood illnesses.

School continues to observe good respiratory hygiene (Catch-it, Bin-it, Kill-it approach) to further help eliminate the transmission.



Attendance Letters

Letters will be given to children to bring home next week. Our target is for children to attend school at least 95% of the time, which means less than 2 days absent each half term. Research shows that children who attend school regularly learn better, build lasting relationships and develop confidence and resilience.

Children who attended school **every day** last half-term will **not** bring home a letter but will receive a surprise in the post.



Year 3/4 Football Match

Our year 3/4 football team played in their first ever school tournament on Wednesday and won every single match. The scores were 1-0, 2-0 and 2-1.

Winning all 3 games means they won the whole tournament. Very well done to the boys and thanks to Mr Harrington for organising the team.



Year 6 Remembrance Day

All of the children in year 6 visited Silvana Court yesterday to perform and open-air concert of World War II songs. It was a very emotional experience for the residents and our children were a credit to the school. Well done!

Please look at our website for more photos.



School Tucker Trials

Many children took part in the School Tucker Trials this week, trying new foods. Most (although not all) enjoyed the challenge, but all showed our school value of determination.

Thank you to the lunchtime staff for organising this special menu week. We look forward to next month's special menu—Christmas dinner!



Charity of the Year

Since the Covid pandemic began, we have not nominated a new charity of the year. We will be doing this in the next few weeks. If there is a particular charity which is close to your heart, please encourage your child to share this when their class discusses possible choices.

Children will then present the shortlisted charities in assembly and the whole school will vote democratically for their preferred choice. This will enable us to focus all of our fundraising events on supporting our chosen charity.

Whole School Attendance

94.9%

Weekly Winning Class

3YF 100%

(w/e 5/11)



FS: Mabel Davis & Harvey Dietsch

Year 1: Kai Burd & Lily Searl

Year 2: Ellen Lane & Ebun Mosadomi

Year 3: Lilly Mai Tillett, Blake Draper &

Reggie Smee

Year 4: Jack Lavelle, William Gibson & Lauren Cowley

Year 5: Khloe Vasiliou, George Ling, Toby Ridgers & Beniah

Adegbuyi

Year 6: Reyes Clark-Barham, Mia Key, Chloe Botwright



Shoebox Appeal

Remember to bring your shoeboxes in to school by **29th November 2021**.

For ideas of what to fill your shoebox with please have a look [here](#).



Spare Uniform

We have surplus school uniform in school. If you are struggling to obtain uniform for your child, please [email](#) the school office with sizes and items of uniform you require and we will see if we can help you. There will not be any charge for this uniform.

Achievements

Dinara 2AB - achieved her gymnastics proficiency award, Level 6 .



Louie 5BK - won player of the tournament at his Hockey Tournament In Maldon last weekend, scoring 2 goals.

Khloe 5BK - has been awarded her Silver & Gold Award in Brownies, the gold award is the highest award that a brownie can be awarded.

Morgan 2AB - has achieved his stage 1 in swimming.

Admissions

Primary School admissions opened on Monday 8th November 2021 for parents & carers to apply for a reception or year 3 school place for their child in September 2022. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2022.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions .

Pupils currently in year 2 at our school **DO NOT** need to apply for a year 3 place. This is only for new children to join our school as we have an additional 36 places in year 3.

There are still spaces available on our tours. Please have a look at available dates & times on our school [website](#).