



Important Dates:

Mon 24th Nov

FS Maths Workshop 2.15pm

Tues 25th Nov

2EL Parent/Carer Lunch;
FS Christmas Crafts 1.45pm

Wed 26th Nov

5AB Planetarium Trip;
Y1 Christmas Crafts 2pm

Thurs 27th Nov

5SR Planetarium Trip;
Y2 Christmas Crafts 2pm;
Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics

Fri 28th Nov

5SY Planetarium Trip;
RAINBOW Friday

Mon 1st Dec

PTA Elves Breakfast 7.30am

Tues 2nd Dec

PTA Elves Breakfast 7.30am;
2JB Parent/Carer Lunch; Y4
Viking Day & Parent/Carer
Workshop 1.30pm

Wed 3rd Dec

Sleeping Beauty Panto

Thurs 4th Dec

Y3 Parent/Carer Assembly
2.30pm;
Y5/6 Dodgeball Competition

Fri 5th Dec

Y5 Parent/Carer Assembly
2.30pm

Please click [here](#) for other
dates.

Please remember that phones
& photography are not
permitted at school events.

Rainbow Friday Non-Uniform Days

Next Friday, children are invited to **wear red** (along with their Rainbow Friday accessories). Please make a £1 or £2 donation via SchoolMoney or bring cash on the day.

Half the money raised will go directly to school and the other half to the **British Heart Foundation**. If you have a story related to the British Heart Foundation that you would be willing to tell us about, please let your child's teacher know so that we can share these in next week's assembly and newsletter.



**Just a
reminder...**

Please note: due to **5SY's** trip to Southend Planetarium, their non-uniform day will be **Thurs 27th Nov** instead.

The money raised will firstly contribute to our new play equipment and then pupil councillors will choose how to spend the rest..

FS & Y1 Nativity

Letters were sent home yesterday with details of our FS & Y1 Nativity, The Sleepy Shepherd. Please keep this letter safe as the tickets were attached.

Teachers will send another letter next week with details of your child's part, any costumes that are needed and any words that need learning.

LB & 1RJ on **Monday 15th December 2.15pm** and
BB & 1BT on **Thursday 18th December 9.00am**



The Sleepy Shepherd

A great new nativity musical by Niki Davies



Christmas Celebrations

Christmas Church Services

Children in years 2 to 6, will be taking part in church services at St Andrew's Church on **Thursday 18th December**. They have already been learning various songs and a selection of children will be performing readings.

Parents and carers are invited to join us for these services so please save the date in your diary. Each service will last approximately 20 minutes and we have done our best to timetable these conveniently for those who have children in different year groups.

* Year 6	10.00am
* Year 4	10.45am
* Year 2	1.15pm
* Year 3	1.45pm
* Year 5	2.15pm



Please meet us at St Andrew's Church a few minutes before the start time above.

Choir

Our choir will be singing at the Wickford Lights Switch-on this **Saturday 22nd November**. They will be performing at **4.35pm** on the stage located outside Peacocks. The events are running all days from 9am to 5pm so please come along to celebrate the start of Christmas in Wickford.

Sleeping Beauty Pantomime

Over 400 children will be heading off to the Towngate Theatre in Basildon on **Wednesday 3rd December**. **Please do not park in Irvonhill or Market Roads that day so that the coaches can park nearby and children can travel safely.**

We will be heading off after registration for a 10.30am performance and returning for lunch. All children will need a water bottle and upper school children will need a [healthy snack](#). Lower school children do not need a snack as they will have their usual free fruit.

Christmas Lights Switch on Event

The Smitheman's provide a light show to bring happiness to the Wickford community and to raise money and awareness for Essex and Herts Air Ambulance at their house on London Road.

The switch on will be on Sunday 30th November at 5.30pm. Please go along to show your support.



Essex & Herts
Air Ambulance

Your local life-saving charity

Christmas Celebrations

Catch Up Session– Flu Immunisations

Vaccination UK will be visiting our school again on **Monday 8th December** to give flu vaccination to those children who didn't have it on their last visit.

If you would like your child to have the vaccination please complete the consent form <https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/Essex>

St Andrews Art exhibition

Last Friday, a selection of children from year 2 to year 6 were lucky to be invited to St Andrews church to view their art exhibition by David Crawford. Once inspired, the children were then able to create some art work of their own.



School Dinners

The dinner menu next week is:

MONDAY

Pork & Carrot Meatballs
in a Rich Tomato Sauce

Plant Based Meatballs in a
Rich Tomato Sauce

Jacket Potato with Cheese
or Beans

Penne Pasta
Garlic Bread

Milkshake & Yoghurt

Week 1

Week Commencing
3/11, 24/11, 15/12, 19/1,
9/2, 9/3

TUESDAY

Pepperoni Pizza

Cheese & Tomato Pizza

Jacket Potato with Beans or
Tuna Mayo

Baked Beans

Chocolate & Vanilla Muffin

WEDNESDAY

Roast Chicken & Yorkshire
Pudding

Roasted Quorn Fillet

Hot Chicken Roll

Roast Potatoes
Green Cabbage
Carrots

Healthy Fruit

THURSDAY

BBQ Chicken

Onion & Pepper Quiche

Jacket Potato with Cheese &
Beans

Potato Wedges
Corn on the Cobb

Apple Crumble & Custard

FRIDAY

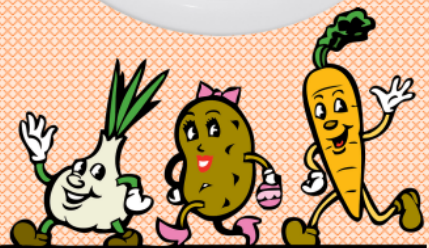
Fish Fillet

Quorn Burger

Jacket Potato with Cheese

Chips
Peas
Sweetcorn

American Style Pancake with
Maple Syrup



Recent Letters

[Y4 Viking Day & Parent/Carer](#)

[Afternoon](#)

[Y5/6 Dodgeball](#)

[Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics](#)

Christmas Dinner Wednesday 17th Dec

This year's Christmas dinner menu is:

Roast Turkey or Roasted Quorn Fillet
with

Yorkshire Pudding, Stuffing, Pigs in Blankets,
Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Garden Peas

followed by

Christmas Ice Cream Pot

£3.40

(Payment will be added to SchoolMoney after 5th December.)

Whole School Attendance

96%

Weekly Winning Classes

Bumblebees & 4AY 100%

w/e 14/11/25

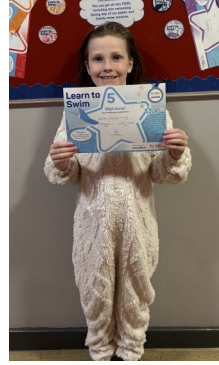
[Pupil Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 17th December 2025 – Fill in form](#)

Please complete the form even if your child will be having packed lunch that day so that we can ensure our numbers are accurate.

Deadline to order is Friday 5th December at 9am.

Striving to become independent, motivated learners and responsible citizens.

Let's Celebrate!



Kaleb Sharp, 5SY was awarded trainer of the week and will be team captain at the next match.

Leyla Sharp, 3CG passed her gymnastics level 1 in apparatus.

Isabelle Randall, 5SY achieved her next Rise medal and certificate in gymnastics.

Hunter Baigent, 2JB has moved up to stage 5 in swimming.

Freya Franklin, 2EL completed stage 4 swimming and has now gone up to blue hat.

Rosie Vaughan, 2EL attended a K-Pop Demon Hunters Dance Workshop where she worked on acting, singing and dancing. She then had to sign and dance as part of a troupe in front of the parents.

Zara Hanlon-King, 4KS completed her stage 5 in swimming.

Amelia Hunt, 5SR won Gymnast of the month.

Buzz has passed Puppy improver and moved to Novice class.

Well done to this week's winners:

FS: Charlie Spencer, Clarke Simms, Max Spiers

Year 1: George Spindler, Sia Boyd, Archer Dando

Year 2: Evelyn Earle, Jesse Vidgeon, Rosie Searl

Year 3: Maggie Ferry, Stanley McKay

Year 4: Mollie Forrest, Harry Heather, Beatrice Crossman

Year 5: Ivy Poulton, Nicole Peacock, Masal Kucuk

Year 6: Kai Facey, Henri Watkins, Jacob Thomas, Ollie Simmons

CLASS
dojo

Golden Token Winners

This week's lucky winners are:

FS: Theo Rain

Year 1: Clara Brown

Year 2: Matilda Holder



Year 3: Charlotte Weekes

Year 4: Rosie Douse

Year 5: Jake Rennie

Year 6: Darius Miron

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SAFETY ON THE ROAD

Traffic-related incidents are a significant risk for young pedestrians and cyclists, so understanding road safety is crucial for children's wellbeing. While all road users share responsibility for keeping one another safe, this guide offers strategies for empowering young people to navigate the roads confidently and responsibly.

1 TAKE PRACTICE JOURNEYS

Making 'practice' journeys with children is a great way to help them stay safe, thereby modelling responsible behaviours and having road safety conversations as they prepare to travel independently. Add hazard perception activities like spotting electric vehicles – which may have a green number plate – and point out how quiet they are. Children learn by watching others; remind them that their peers might not always be the best role models.

2 BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

Visibility is lower during darker winter days, and drivers need to take extra care to look out for pedestrians. Wearing bright and reflective clothing can help make children more visible to drivers near roads. In poor daylight conditions, encourage children to wear light, bright or fluorescent clothing. When it's dark, wear reflective clothing or materials such as a reflective armband or jacket.

3 EYES UP

Encourage children to look up and keep their eyes on the road. Teach them to constantly watch for traffic and practise double-checking the road before crossing – looking right, left and then right again.

4 LIMIT DISTRACTIONS

Where possible, devices like phones should be kept away from children while out and about near roads. If they're carrying devices, these should be put away until they've reached their destination. Children must also avoid playing with toys or being distracted by friends. If a friend wants to show them something funny on their phone, there'll be time for that once they've safely arrived.

5 SLOW DOWN

Discuss the importance of waiting instead of crossing immediately. It can be tricky to judge the speed of traffic and spot obstacles that could cause a trip or a fall. For safety, children must stop and think before they get to the kerb and should always walk – not run – when crossing the road. They should avoid crossing until they're certain they have plenty of time. Even if traffic seems a long way off, it could still be approaching very quickly.

6 STOP BEFORE THE KERB

Teach children to stop before reaching the kerb – not right at the edge of it. Halting before they get to the kerb allows them to see if anything's coming, whereas getting too close to traffic is dangerous. If there's no pavement, children should stand back from the road's edge but ensure they can still see approaching traffic.

7 CROSS SAFELY

Children should always find a safe spot to cross the road, prioritising zebra crossings or pelican crossings, footbridges and subways. Find a place where they can see traffic coming from both directions. Avoid crossing near junctions, bends in the road, or obstacles that block their view, instead moving to somewhere they can see and be seen. Remind them to use their eyes and ears together when checking the road, as sometimes they can hear traffic before they can see it. Looking and listening while crossing helps them quickly spot traffic, including cyclists and motorcyclists driving between other vehicles.

8 PARKED VEHICLES

Crossing between parked vehicles is very dangerous. Teach children to use extra caution if crossing in this way, and, ideally, avoid it altogether. They should use the outside edge of a vehicle as if it were the kerb, waiting and checking for traffic before moving. They should ensure vehicles aren't about to move, by looking for drivers in the vehicles and listening for engines running – but remember that electric vehicles may move off silently. They should always make sure there is a gap between any parked vehicles on the other side, so they can reach the pavement.

9 REVERSING VEHICLES

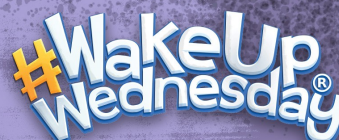
Children must never cross behind a reversing vehicle – it's extremely dangerous. Remind them to look for white reversing lights and listen out for warning sounds. Can they hear the engine sound or a radio playing inside the vehicle?

10 WAIT FOR THE BUS TO LEAVE

When getting off a bus, children must wait for it to leave before crossing so they can have a clear view of the road in both directions. This also allows them to see and be seen by other road users. Crossing near large vehicles is particularly dangerous and should be avoided.

Meet Our Expert

THINK! is a year-round national campaign that aims to encourage safe road behaviours – whether we're driving, cycling, horse riding or walking – with the aim of reducing the number of people killed and injured on the UK's roads each year. Find out more at: <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>



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