



Important Dates:

Mon 10th Nov

Anti-Bullying Week;
Y5 Parent/Carer and
Daughter Workshop
2.30pm

Tues 11th Nov

Bumblebees Parent/Carer
Road Safety Session
2.15pm

Wed 12th Nov

Ladybirds Parent/Carer
Road Safety Session
2.15pm

Thurs 13th Nov

3CG Parent/Carer Lunch

Mon 17th Nov

KS1 Parent/Carer Maths
Workshop 2.15pm

Thurs 20th Nov

3EC Parent/Carer Lunch;
FS Parent/Carer Read with
Me 2.30pm

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



To safeguard our children,
please remember that
phones are not permitted at
any school events.

Anti-Bullying Week

This year's theme is Power for Good. We are kicking off the week with a weekend challenge: children are invited to create their own superhero character whose mission is to stop bullying. They can create a poster or maybe create a short comic strip showing their hero stepping in to help someone being bullied. Children should bring these in for their class teachers on Monday so they can be displayed in class during the week.



On Monday, children can wear odd socks to celebrate individuality and to encourage them to express themselves. During the week children will take part in various activities to help them recognise bullying, and remind them how to stand up to bullying, including the importance of not being a by-stander.

Remembrance Day

As you are aware, we have been selling items to raise money for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. We will be focusing on Remembrance in assembly on Monday and taking a moment's silence on Tuesday.



Y3 Learning Rocks!

Year 3 have fully immersed themselves into their new topic. On Tuesday, they went back in time to the Stone Age and had a wonderful day in school. Then on Wednesday, they visited Barleylands Farm where they made Stone Age Stew, Stone Age bread, visited the polytunnel to see how vegetables were grown, fed the animals and completed some cave paintings.

As well as having great fun, everyone demonstrated our school values and we are very proud of you all.



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Let's Talk Anti-Social Behaviour in Wickford

If you would like to discuss any concerns you have about behaviour in our town, officers will be at Miracle House, Silva Island Way on Saturday 8th November, 11am - noon.

Bike Licences UPPER SCHOOL PUPILS

Children who cycle to school will need to have a bike licence.

Parents and carers need to sign an agreement before these are issued. Please click [here](#) to complete the form.



Let's Celebrate!



Leyla Sharp, 3CG has cut her hair for the Little Princess Trust and raised £210.

Oscar McIlroy, 2EL won a medal after playing his first match for his new team Benfleet Youth.

Lily Swindells, 2JB completed stage 4 this evening at her swimming lessons and has moved up to stage 5 and also completed her 20 metres.

Freya Franklin, 2EL was awarded her level 6 medal in gymnastics today.

Well done to this week's winners:

FS: Lola Hickey, Eleya Bura

Year 1: Johnjoe Kerrigan, Charlie Hartie

Year 2: Elissa Budu, Lilly Polley

Year 3: Amelia Baker, Henry Sheridan

Year 4: Ava Ingram, Leo Gullidge,

Abdulhamed Yusuf, Beau Sargent

Year 5: Emily Holt, Mateo Qirko, Paige Wilkins

Year 6: Savannah Hanlon-King, Pavel Mitev, Maria Potapov

Golden Token Winners

This week's lucky winners are:

FS: Ayaz Kucuk

Year 1: Charlie Parrish

Year 2: Peter Ocansey



Year 3: Saumya Jeevathas

Year 4: Chidubem Chikwendu

Year 5: Sita Joughlah

Year 6: Jacob Thomas

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School Dinners

The dinner menu next week is:

MONDAY
Battered Chicken Nuggets
Crispy Quorn Dippers
Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans
Crispy Cube Potatoes
Peas
Sweetcorn
Milkshake & Yoghurt

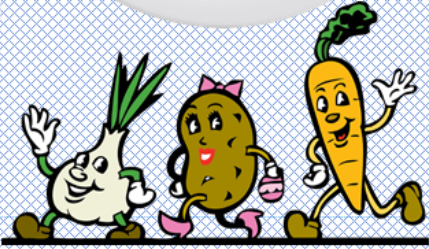
Week 2
Week Commencing
10/11, 1/12, 5/1, 26/1,
23/2, 16/3

TUESDAY
Ham Pizza
Sweetcorn & Pepper Pizza
Jacket Potato with Beans or Tuna Mayo
Mixed Salad (Cucumber, Tomato, Peppers, Carrot & Sweetcorn)
Chocolate Chip Muffin

WEDNESDAY
Pork Sausages
Vegetarian Sausages
Hot Sausage Roll
Mash Potato
Mixed Vegetables
Healthy Fruit

THURSDAY
Sage & Onion Seasoned Chicken
Sage & Onion Seasoned Quorn Fillet
Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
Buttered New Potatoes
Carrots
Cauliflower
Ice Cream Roll or Ice Lolly

FRIDAY
Fish Fingers
Southern Fried Quorn Burger
Jacket Potato with Cheese
Chips
Peas
Sweetcorn
Chocolate Ring Doughnut



Recent Letters

[2EL Parent/Carer Lunch](#)

[2JB Parent/Carer Lunch](#)



Y6 Residential 2026

If you were unable to attend the meeting yesterday, the presentation can be viewed [here](#) and the Parent & Carer Authorisation Form can be collected from the school office or printed [here](#).

Deadline for initial deposit of £60 is Friday 21st November 2025.

If your child would like to go on the trip but there are barriers to achieving this, please make an appointment to discuss these with your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Year 6 Residential Trip Grosvenor Hall, Kent



Mon 5th – Fri 9th October 2026

Whole School Attendance

95%

Weekly Winning Classes

3EC 98%

w/e 24/10/25

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What you need to know about...

VOICE ACTIVATED SEARCHING

What is it?

'Voice Activated Searching'

Voice activated search, also known as 'voice search' or 'voice-enabled search' is a search tool that allows the user to use a voice command to search the internet, a website, or an app. It is commonly associated with smart speakers or digital assistants such as Alexa, Siri and Cortana. They can be used on smart phones and also operate on separate devices like the Amazon Echo or Google Home. They are particularly beneficial for children with disabilities who struggle with using a keyboard.

***Ahem* Ok Kloe, what's the number for National Online Safety?**

**...Okay. Here is the number I have found.
0800 368 8061**

Know the Risks

Data Misuse

This is one of the biggest concerns about voice activated search. Many times, we do not know where our data is being stored and how it will be used. Before using a voice activated search, it is always good practice to know what happens to our data once we hand it over to digital assistants.

Forming bad manners

There is a concern that children will get used to giving commands instead of politely requesting for something when using a voice search. They may think that such behaviour is considered normal and it could influence how they speak offline in the real world.

Adult content

Children can ask questions that may not be appropriate for their age. Voice assistants aren't able to identify the age of a user and hence might provide them with answers that may not be suitable for their age group. Similarly, devices may play explicit versions of songs if no parental controls are applied.

Online purchases

If you have your credit card or other online payment information linked to your voice activated search, then there is a risk that children could make unauthorised purchases, potentially racking up huge bills.

Safety Tips

Use it together

When using voice activated searching, it's important to do it together with your child, especially at the initial stages. This will help them to become familiar with it and to understand how it should be used properly. Teach them how useful it can be and remind them to always speak politely, even when issuing commands.

Set parental controls

Review the parental settings on your devices. Implement filters and block any access to explicit or adult related content. Remove connected cards or implement safety measures to ensure children cannot spend freely.

Keep security software updated

Keep software updated on your devices to help keep the voice activated search feature secure. Use two-factor authentication whenever possible and set a strong password to avoid the risk of hacking.

Mute speaker when not in use

On smart speakers installed at home, it's good practice to mute the speakers when not in use or to just unplug the device when in standby mode. This reduces the risk of the speaker misidentifying an activation command and helps to improve your privacy and security.

Wider Benefits

Can improve learning

Voice activated searching can be used as an educational tool to help stimulate children's critical thinking and problem-solving skills. For instance, it can help children with their spelling, solving mathematical problems and also with reading, writing and their time-management.

Help reduce screen time

When used correctly, voice activated search can help to reduce the amount of time children spend in front of a screen. This could be in the form of a story, conducting a quiz or playing music rather than watching TV or playing computer games.

Learning assistant for children with SEND

Smart speakers can be a beneficial digital assistant for children with SEND since it removes the need for typing. Some children may struggle using a keyboard or having to multitask so using voice activated search can be a good tool to help children be digitally connected.

Our Expert Parven Kaur



Parven Kaur is social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks; a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.