



Important Dates:

Wed 11th Mar

PTA Uniform Sale
@ Lower School 3pm

Thurs 12th Mar

5AB Parent/Carer Lunch;
Y3/4 Sports Hall Athletics

Friday 13th Mar

SEND Parent & Carer
Workshop 2pm;
Choir Cancelled

Wed 18th Mar

FS Spring Craft Afternoon
1.45pm

Thurs 19th Mar

5SY Parent/Carer Lunch;
Y3 Parent/Carer Assembly
2.30pm;
Y5/6 Football Competition

Fri 20th Mar

Red Nose Day Special Lunch

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



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

Lower School Play Equipment

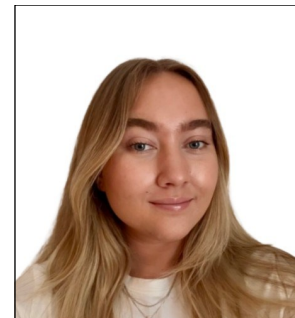
Thanks to your donations on Rainbow Fridays and to our wonderful PTA (together with money from our school budget), our new equipment was installed today.

We are very excited to play on it!



Welcome

Mrs Rickards has joined our school as a Midday Assistant, and Miss Redhead has joined us as a Learning Support Assistant.



SEND Parent & Carer Workshop

Come along and join us for our next Parent & Carer Workshop on **Friday 13th March at 2pm**. The turnout was very good for the last session and we have received lots of positive feedback

This session will focus on **Unique Learning and Thinking Styles**.

We will cover:

- Differences in executive function
- The brain house
- Memory, planning and organising
- Working Together

Come to Upper School main entrance.

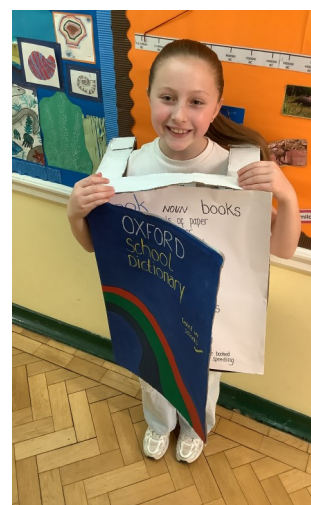
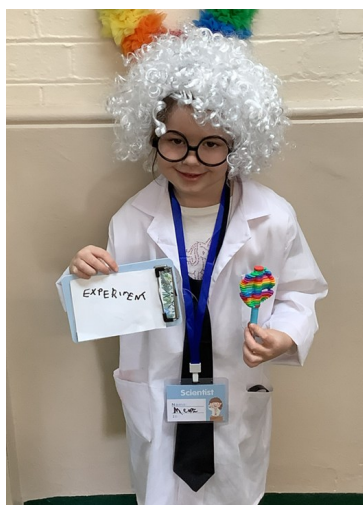


HAPPY WORLD BOOK DAY

We had a fabulous day yesterday. Thank you for your support in creating such amazing costumes. Please take a look at our website for more photos.

The year group costume winners were:

Luna Collins-Duncan, Megan Feasey, Rosie Searl, Mia Ross, Victoria Petkova, Harley Baigent, Ollie Simmons.



The Wacky Reading winners were: Jack Marsh, Avery-Rose Wayland, Emma Letchfield, Ivy O'Flynn, Oscar England, Charlie Prestige-Jones, Alessia Zaharia.

All the winners won a book from our vending machine.



Let's Celebrate!



Scarlett Facey, 3 CG was awarded Performer of the Year 2026 In her HSD dance school Yearly awards.

Anastasiia Kovalenko, 3EC was awarded with a trophy in nomination "Ballet of the year infant winner 2026" at the HSD dance school.

Amelia Baker, 3EC was awarded winner of 2025 most improved tap dancer.

Katie Cutbush Suarez, 4JM won the Most Improved trophy in Tap at HSD Dance Awards.

Luna Collins-Duncan, Bumblebees completed the Library Winter Reading Challenge.

Emily Hunt, Bumblebees has passed stage 2 in swimming and has moved up to yellow hat stage 3.

Ethan Farr, 2JB passed his stage 4 swimming and will now move on to stage 5. He also got his certificate for swimming 20 metres.

Megan Feasey, 1RJ achieved her yellow hat (level 3) in swimming.

Levi Oguntuase, 5SY won player of the match.

Kaleb Sharp, 5SY was awarded Player of the Match.

Lily Swindells, 2JB was awarded star of the day at her theatre group on Saturday.

Well done to this week's winners:

FS: Poppy Humphreys, Zoe Muringi

Year 1: Isla Saunders, Sofya Baranski

Year 2: Oscar Marsh, Sophia-May Goode

Year 3: Aras Kucuk, Chloe Joyce

Year 4: William Rooke, Izzie Webb, Katie Cutbush-Suarez

Year 5: Sienna Barfoot, Jacob Milchard, Albie Mifsud

Year 6: Amarachi Chikwendu, Ted Tuckerman, Anya Johnston



Let's Celebrate!

Cross Country Finals

On Tuesday, we took 22 runners to William de Ferrers for the Cross Country Finals. Everyone ran amazingly, showing great determination to complete their race.

Six of our children finished in the top 10 and 3 have qualified for the County Finals later in the term: **Thea**(Y3) 2nd, **Joe**(Y3) 9th, **Rosie** (Y4) 3rd, **Finley** (Y4) 6th, **Koby** (Y6) 5th and **Kai** (Y6) 7th.

Well done to you all!



School Dinners

The dinner menu next week will be:

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

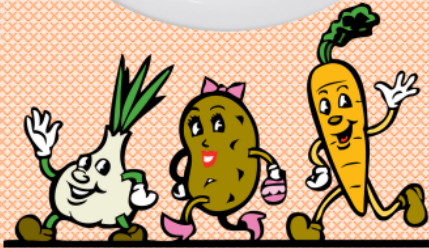
MONDAY
Pork & Carrot Meatballs
in a Rich Tomato Sauce
Plant Based Meatballs in a
Rich Tomato Sauce
Jacket Potato with Cheese
or Beans
Penne Pasta
Garlic Bread
Milkshake & Yoghurt

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



Whole School Attendance

91%

Weekly Winning Classes

4AY 99%

w/e 27/02/26

Easter Holiday Clubs

[JOAS Easter Workshops](#)

[JOAS Easter Soccer](#)

[School](#)

[Easter Cheer Camp](#)

[Crafty Katie—Week 1](#)

[Crafty Katie—Week 2](#)



Bikeability

Our next group of year 6s completed their Bikeability last week.

Well done!



Starting Reception Roadshows



Is Your Little One Starting Reception in September 2026?

Come along to our Starting Reception Roadshow!

Get ready for a fun, friendly, and totally **FREE** event designed to help you to support your child feel excited and confident about starting reception.

Essex Early Years has teamed up with local schools plus education, health and care partners to bring you a lively, helpful session packed with top tips and advice.

Want to join in?

Ask your child's childminder, preschool, or nursery for details about your nearest event, or visit the Essex Talk, Listen and Cuddle website to find out more about dates and times across Essex.

Starting Reception Roadshow near you:

Where: Janet Duke Primary School - 105 Markhams Chase,
Basildon SS15 5LS

When: Wednesday 18th March - 6pm - 7.30pm



You can find out information about the event by scanning the QR code or visiting www.tlc-essex.info and searching 'Starting reception'



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