



## Spring is in the air!

The children have returned to school very happy and the sun has been shining, too! Spring definitely seems to have finally sprung! Our school field is covered with daisies and on lunch duty, I have received lots of daisy chains from the children - taking me right back to my childhood (a long time ago!)

The children are starting to practise and prepare for Sports Day and we have a new rota for our Colchester United coaches at lunchtimes - including girls' football!

Whilst spring is about new beginnings, we would like to welcome Ms L Ptashenko to our school and she is settling in really well with the children and staff.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

All absence must be reported on the first day. If we do not have a reason for absence your child will receive an unauthorised absence mark. This data is monitored by The Department for Education on a regular basis.

Attendance Percentages for this academic year so far:

Class 1	95.7%
Class 2	93.2%
Class 3	96.2%
Class 4	94.6%
Class 5	94.1%
Class 6	93.7%
Class 7	94.0%
Class 8	94.6%
<b>Whole school</b>	<b>94.6%</b>

## KEY DATES

- \*Mon 24th and Tues 25th April: Y5 Bikeability groups
- \*Tuesday 25th April: Class 2 visiting church and library
- \*Thursday 27th April: NEU Industrial Action - strikes
- \*Monday 1st May: Bank Holiday
- \*Tuesday 2nd May: NEU Industrial Action - strikes
- \*Weds 3rd May: BSA Coronation Family Afternoon
- \*Weds 3rd May: Y5 parents - Birch Hall trip meeting (5pm)
- \*Thursday 4th March: School Closed (Local Elections)
- \*Monday 8th May: Coronation Additional Bank Holiday
- \*Tues 9th - Fri 12th May: YEAR 6 SATS WEEK
- \*Mon 15th - Fri 19th May: Mental Health Awareness Week
- \*Thurs 18th & Fri 19th May: Y5 Birch Hall residential trip
- \*Friday 26th May: Last day of half term
- \*Monday 5th June: Return to school

# The coronation of King Charles III

As well as the country receiving an additional Bank Holiday on the 8th of May for this historical event, our wonderful **BSA** has organised a **Coronation Family Afternoon** in our school hall from 3.30pm-5pm on Wednesday 3rd May. (The date has been changed due to the Industrial Action on 2nd May.)



## Wivenhoe News wants to hear from us!

by Mrs Crockett

For some time, Wivenhoe News has been publishing pieces of writing by children from Broomgrove Junior School. Over the years, they have been a great hit with the readers, and the editors are always keen to have more.

The written pieces are often stories, but they have also been: match reports, poems, or recounts of local or school events (the crabbing competition, Easter egg hunts, nature walks, sailing trips etc.). They have been imaginative and hugely entertaining.



We have some fantastic writers in school and being published is such a wonderful celebration of this. If you have any budding fiction writers, sports reporters, journalists at home, please do encourage them to send us their writing. It should be typed and emailed to: [office@broomgrove-jun.essex.sch.uk](mailto:office@broomgrove-jun.essex.sch.uk)

If you address the email to Mrs Crockett, I will thoroughly look forward to reading it!

## UK Chess Challenge!

This is the largest chess competition in the UK - for young players of all ages and abilities. It is one of the most prestigious junior chess events in the world!

This year, there is a UKCC Megafinal in Essex. It will take place at **Colchester Town Hall** on Sunday 21st May. The event is supported by Essex Junior Chess Association. It is a great opportunity for Essex junior players to qualify for the later stages without travelling to other counties. Besides qualifications, there will be trophies and medals to win for each age group. (See attached flyer.)

# Essex Megafinal 2023

## A Gigafinal Qualifying Event

**UK CHESS CHALLENGE**  
Rapidly approved by DfE

Supported by  
**ESSEX JUNIOR CHESS**

Sunday 21st May, Colchester Town Hall, CO1 1PJ

An official UK Chess Challenge qualifying Event for the Gigafinals



### Time control

Six rounds of rapid games with 15 minutes for each player and 10 seconds increment for each move.

### Eligibility

Open to all juniors born after 31-Aug-2004.

There are five main age sections: U8, U10, U12, U14 and U18. Ages are calculated as of 31-Aug-2022. Please visit the page below for detailed "Age Categories" calculations.

<https://bit.ly/UKCC-2023>

### Prizes and Qualification for Gigafinals

The top boy and top girl in each section will receive trophies with medals for second and third-placed boys and girls. These players will qualify for the Gigafinals. Please note that ties for third place will all qualify, but tiebreak rules will be used to determine trophies and medals. All players scoring a minimum of 3.5 points will qualify for the Gigafinal.

The top 3 U7s, U9s and U11s will also qualify automatically (boy and girl) – assuming they haven't done so already using the criteria above.

### Registration

Please register on the UKCC website using the link below or Scan this QR code:

<https://bit.ly/Essex-MF-2023>



### Venue

The games will take place in the "Moot Hall" on the 2nd floor of the Town Hall.

There will be sitting spaces for parents/guardians in the following rooms of the same building.

1. Community Room (Ground Floor)
2. The Grand Jury / West Committee Room (1st Floor)
3. The North Committee Room (1st Floor)

We encourage one parent/guardian per child at the Town Hall to abide by the fire safety regulations. Colchester Castle and Castle Park are within 100 meters of the venue. If the weather permits, these are lovely outdoor spaces for accompanying family members.

### Schedule

Arrival	09:30	Lunch break	13:00
Playing hall meeting	09:45	<b>Round-4</b>	<b>14:00</b>
<b>Round-1</b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>Round-5</b>	<b>15:00</b>
<b>Round-2</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>Round-6</b>	<b>16:00</b>
<b>Round-3</b>	<b>12:00</b>	Prize giving	17:30

### Refreshments

All popular food chains are available nearby. We will confirm the on-site arrangements nearer the time.

### Travel

#### 1. Car

There is NO onsite parking. The Britannia car park is about 8-10 minutes of walk and costs only £1 on Sundays. A closer alternative is Greyfriars Hotel Car Park by Castle Park, which costs £5 for 12 hours on Sundays. Several other public car parks are within a 10 mins walk from the venue.

Further details on <https://bit.ly/COL-CAR-PARKS>

#### 2. Park and Ride

Details on <https://bit.ly/COL-PnR>

#### 3. Trains

There are two stations in Colchester. The Colchester Town station is only 10 mins walk away. Colchester North station is only 20 mins walk away. Please check <https://www.greateranglia.co.uk/> for the service.

### Notes

A professional photographer will take photos which may be published on chess websites or in chess-related articles. If you do not wish your child to be photographed, inform the organisers in the "Requirements" box of the registration form.

Please note that the organisers take no responsibility for looking after the children outside the playing hall. The organisers also cannot take responsibility for any theft or accident during the event.

The organiser reserves the right to change the above on the day if required.

# Active April 2023



**MONDAY** **TUESDAY** **WEDNESDAY** **THURSDAY** **FRIDAY** **SATURDAY** **SUNDAY**

1. Commit to being more active this month, starting today
2. Spend as much time as possible outdoors today
3. Listen to your body and be grateful for what it can do
4. Eat healthy and natural food today and drink lots of water
5. Turn a regular activity into a playful game today
6. Do a body-scan meditation and really notice how your body feels
7. Get natural light early in the day. Dim the lights in the evening
8. Give your body a boost by laughing or making someone laugh
9. Turn your housework or chores into a fun form of exercise
10. Have a day with less screen time and more movement
11. Set yourself an exercise goal or sign up to an activity challenge
12. Move as much as possible, even if you're stuck inside
13. Make sleep a priority and go to bed in good time
14. Relax your body & mind with yoga, tai chi or meditation
15. Get active by singing today (even if you think you can't sing!)
16. Go exploring around your local area and notice new things
17. Be active outside. Dig up weeds or plant some seeds
18. Try a new online exercise, activity or dance class
19. Spend less time sitting today. Get up and move more often
20. Focus on 'eating a rainbow' of multi-coloured vegetables today
21. Regularly pause to stretch and breathe during the day
22. Enjoy moving to your favourite music. Really go for it
23. Go out and do an errand for a loved one or neighbour
24. Get active in nature. Feed the birds or go wildlife-spotting
25. Have a 'no screens' night and take time to recharge yourself
26. Take an extra break in your day and walk outside for 15 minutes
27. Find a fun exercise to do while waiting for the kettle to boil
28. Meet a friend outside for a walk and a chat
29. Become an activist for a cause you really believe in
30. Make time to run, swim, dance, cycle or stretch today

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