



## We're nearly there!

We are nearing the end of this academic year and time is flying by at such a fast speed.

This week, years 3 to 5 have had their progress check week and they have all shown resilience and a huge amount of effort.

Today, your child will be bringing home their end of year report and we hope you enjoy reading about their learning outcomes and progress.

Year 4 pupils will also have the results of the Multiplication Tables Check assessments and Year 6 pupils will also have their SATs results.

We are very proud of their achievements.

## 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:

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| Class 1             | 93.6%        |
| Class 2             | 92.9%        |
| Class 3             | 96.1%        |
| Class 4             | 93.5%        |
| Class 5             | 92.7%        |
| Class 6             | 93.7%        |
| Class 7             | 95.0%        |
| Class 8             | 92.9%        |
| <b>Whole school</b> | <b>93.8%</b> |

## KEY DATES

- \* Fri 12th July - End of year reports to parents
- \* Mon 15th July - Rock Steady Concert (pm)
- \* Tues 16th July - Year 6 performance
- \* Weds 17th July - Celebration Afternoon
- \* Thurs 18th July - Year 6 performance
- \* Fri 19th July - BSA Summer Fayre
- \* Tues 23rd July - Non Pupil Day
- \* Wed 24th July - 2nd September - **Summer Holidays!**
  
- \* Tues 3rd Sept - First day back at school.

## BSA Summer Fair

Next Friday is the BSA's Summer Fair on our school field. All members of the BSA work extremely hard as volunteers to provide these events to raise funds for both schools. They are always in need of volunteers to help, so if you could spare an hour or so, they would really appreciate it.



## Sad Goodbyes ...

At the end of term, we will be saying goodbye to both Miss Henshall and Mrs Thackeray. Miss Henshall's one-year contract has come to an end and she has decided to pursue new ventures. However, she has very kindly offered to support the school as a volunteer for two afternoons a week in our Forest School sessions in the new school year. So, whilst she is leaving her current role, it won't be a goodbye forever, but more of an au revoir! We are obviously very pleased that she will be continuing to support our pupils.



Mrs Thackeray is also sadly leaving in order to work at a school closer to her home as she lives in Suffolk and the journey takes considerable time each day. She has expressed that she is sad to be leaving.

We are all extremely sad to be losing both of them as members of our team.

## Celebration Afternoon

As you will be aware, we have invited all parents and carers to visit both the Infant and Junior Schools on Wednesday 17th July between 2.30pm and 3:30pm. This is an opportunity to see the children's achievements and to see their current class teacher before taking the opportunity to visit your child's new classroom so that the children can introduce you to their new teacher.

This year, access to the school will be through the main gates that the children use at the start and end of each day (rather than the front office.) Miss Bonner and I will be standing at the gates to welcome you.

Please can we request that infant children are collected before their older junior siblings.

## Essex County Council School Term and Holiday Dates for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools - Academic Year 2024-2025

| September 2024 |    |    |    |    |    |    | October 2024 |    |    |    |    |    |    | November 2024 |    |    |    |    |    |    | December 2024 |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |
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| 16             | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 21           | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 18            | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 16            | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |   |
| 23             | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 28           | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |    | 25            | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 23 | 24            | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |    |   |
| 30             |    |    |    |    |    |    |              |    |    |    |    |    |    |               |    |    |    |    |    |    | 30            | 31 |    |    |    |    |    |   |

  

| January 2025 |    |    |    |    |    |    | February 2025 |    |    |    |    |    |    | March 2025 |    |    |    |    |    |    | April 2025 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| May 2025 |    |    |    |    |    |    | June 2025 |    |    |    |    |    |    | July 2025 |    |    |    |    |    |    | August 2025 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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- = Schooldays     
  = School holidays     
  = Bank holidays  
 = Weekends

In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

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|---------------------|--|----------|
| <b>Autumn Term:</b> | Monday 2 September 2024 – Friday 20 December 2024<br><i>Half Term 28 October – 1 November</i>                  | 75 days  |
| <b>Spring Term:</b> | Monday 6 January 2025 – Friday 4 April 2025<br><i>Half Term 17 February - 21 February</i>                      | 60 days  |
| <b>Summer Term:</b> | Tuesday 22 April 2025 – Tuesday 22 July 2025<br><i>Half Term 26 May – 30 May, and May Bank Holiday - 5 May</i> | 60 days  |
|                     |  | 195 days |

**Please note:**

The above dates may vary for individual schools, especially Foundation, Voluntary Aided schools and Academies.

You are strongly advised to check with your child's school before making any holiday or other commitments.





## Helping parents to understand the changes to fines for term time holidays

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued for unauthorised holidays recorded by schools **after 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024**.

### Who may be fined?

Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent who allows their child to be absent from school.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent who allowed the holiday receiving 3 separate fines.

### First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for an unauthorised term time holiday the fine amount will be:

£80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Increasing to £160 if paid between days 22-28.

### National Threshold

There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period.

These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence, including the U code (late after registers have closed).

For example: a 5 day holiday would meet the national threshold.

The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

### Second Offence

#### (within 3 years)

The Second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

£160 per parent (who allowed the holiday), per child, payable within 28 days.

### Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and local authorities will need to consider other available measures to address the absence concerns. This may mean that cases are presented before a Magistrate's Court. Prosecution can result in criminal records and fines of up to £2,500.

Cases found guilty in the Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.