



Dear Families,

We are already seven weeks into the school year and will soon be discussing Christmas celebrations! The half term has been busy and will continue to be so as we progress into November and December. We are aware that not everyone takes the time to read our weekly newsletters and therefore are missing out on important dates and information. Please read the newsletters, especially about aspects such as applying for secondary school spaces!

Earrings

If your child has their ears pierced during the school year you run the risk of your child missing sports lessons, including swimming. If you are going to get your child's ears pierced, please do this at the start of the six weeks holiday and not during the school year. If your child cannot take their own earrings out, then they should have their ears taped. School staff will not be able to put tape on your child's ears so if your child is not able to do this themselves then they will not be able to take part in sports lessons.

Parent consultations – 4th to the 6th November 2025

We are really pleased that over 150 appointments have been made for parents to attend their child's parent consultation meeting. If you have yet to do so you will need to use the Arbor App to book your slot.

Secondary School Applications

The new secondary school admission round opened on Friday 12th September 2025, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2026. **The statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October 2025.**

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

All the information required is available on the website above. Parents must apply for places as, even with an application, your choice of place is not guaranteed, so please ensure you submit your application within the admission window.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



Next week and the week we return after half term, we will be selling poppies and related merchandise in school in support of the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal 2025. Children will be able to donate in return for a poppy which they can wear on their uniform. We will be observing a period of silence on Tuesday 11th November, as we usually do, to show respect and gratitude to the armed forces past and present who have lost their lives fighting for their country.

Letters Sent Home

Wednesday 8 th October 2025	All Year Groups	Consultations Evenings Letter
Wednesday 8 th October 2025	All year Groups	PTA Pumpkin Carving Competition
Thursday 9 th October 2025	Year 3	Dental Letter
Thursday 9 th October 2025	Year 6	Isle of Wight Letter

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 22 nd October 2025	Year 3 - Dental Services Visiting
Friday 24 th October 2025	PTA Pumpkin Carving Competition
Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st October 2025	Half Term
Tuesday 4 th , Wednesday 5 th , Thursday 6 th November	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 5 th November 2025	Individual Photos
Monday 10 th November 2025	Flu Immunisations
WB 10 th November 2025	One Planning Meetings
Thursday 20 th November, Friday 21 st November	1:30-2:45 – Open Afternoon for New 2026 Reception Intake
Thursday 11 th December 2025	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 12 th December 2025	EYFS Nativity 09:15 – 09:30 Christmas Songs Evening 4:30 – 5:30
Wednesday 17 th December 2025	Panto
Friday 19 th December 2025	Last Day of Term
Monday 5 th January 2026	First day of Spring Term
Monday 26 th January 2026	Year 6 – Parents SATS Presentation – 3:30
Tuesday 10 th , Wednesday 11 th , Thursday 12 th February 2026	Parent Consultations
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February 2026	Half Term
WB 16 th March 2026	One Planning Meetings
Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April 2026	Easter Holidays
WB 27 th April 2026	Mock SATS
WB 11 th May 2026	SATS Week
Friday 22 nd May 2026	INSET DAY
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May 2026	May Half Term
WB 1 st – 14 th June 2026	Multiplication Tables Check Window
WB 8 th June 2026	Phonics Check Week
Tuesday 23 rd June 2026	TELAT Sports
WB 29 th June 2026	Year 6 Isle of Wight Week
Thursday 9 th July 2026	Sports Day
Wednesday 15 th July 2026	Leavers Assembly to Year 6 Parents
Friday 17 th July 2026	Last Day of Term

2025/2026 - Term & Holiday Dates

Monday 27 th - Friday 31 st October 2025	Half Term Holiday
Monday 22 nd December 2025 to Friday 2 nd January 2026	Christmas Holiday
Monday 5 th January 2026	First Day of Spring Term
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February 2026	Half Term Holiday
Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April 2026	Easter Holiday
Monday 13 th April 2026	First Day of Summer Term
Monday 4 th May 2026	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 22 nd May 2026	Non Pupil Day
Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th May 2026	Half Term Holiday
Monday 20 th July 2026	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday 21 st July 2026	Break up For the Summer Holiday