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Friday 20th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have by now seen the staffing structure for next year and your child has shared their new teacher's one page profile, with you.

You may have noticed that there are some familiar names missing from our staffing structure for next year and some new editions and so I just wanted to share some important news about staff changes and take a moment to celebrate the contributions of some very special members of our team.



After many dedicated years at our school Miss Ross will be retiring at the end of this term. She has made a lasting impact on the lives of countless children and families, and we are deeply grateful for her passion, care and commitment to education.

We also say goodbye to Mr Turner, who is moving on after many wonderful years at the school. He has played an important role in shaping the learning journey of so many pupils, and we thank him for everything he has brought to our school community.



One of our long serving and respected HLTAs, Mrs King, will also be leaving us to have a well-deserved rest and spend more time with her family. Her dedication and support have made a huge difference to the lives of so many children and staff, in the classroom and beyond.

Miss Lynch, one of our learning support assistants, will be moving on at the end of the year for a change in career. She has worked closely with many children, across the school but especially the Year 1 children over the last few years, showing them kindness and encouragement, every step of the way.



Finally, Miss Moyler, will be moving on at the end of this term also. She has now completed her apprenticeship with us and goes off now to secure a permanent placement in another educational setting. She has been a wonderful support to the EYFS children, in her time here.

We will miss all these amazing staff members greatly and want to express our heartfelt thanks for the fantastic work they have done for the school and, most importantly, for the children here. We know you will join us in wishing them all the very best for the future.

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On a happy note, you may have also noticed that Mrs Argent is not class based, next year. This is because she is expecting a new edition to her little family in the Autumn term. Mrs Argent will be teaching classes across the school, before going off on her well-deserved maternity leave in November.

Miss Eade, went off on her maternity leave, last week, to put her feet up before her 'little bundle of joy' arrives, any day now. We wish her lots of luck for the 'big day' and are looking forward to welcoming her back, at some point next year.

We are very excited to be welcoming Miss McFarland and Miss Ashmore to the teaching team, in September, and we are also delighted that Miss Sinclair, our HLTA and governor, will be returning to support teaching and learning, across the school, next year.



Sports Day



Apologies for keeping you waiting about the actual timings for sports day. As I am sure you will understand, we have had to complete multiple risk assessments regarding the ongoing roof works.

Unfortunately, for the next, 2 years we will be unable to run our annual sports day, as we have done in the past. due to the reduced space on the school grounds. We are still planning to run a scaled down sports event, for you to come and watch, but we will have to do this in year groups rather than in key stages, as follows:

Year 1 sports event will take place on Wednesday 2nd July at 9am – 10am

Year 2 sports event will take place on Wednesday 2nd July at 10.15 – 11.15am

EYFS sports event will take place on Wednesday 2nd July at 1.45pm

Y3 sports event will take place on Thursday 3rd July at 9am – 10am

Y4 sports event will take place on Thursday 3rd July at 10.15am – 11.15am

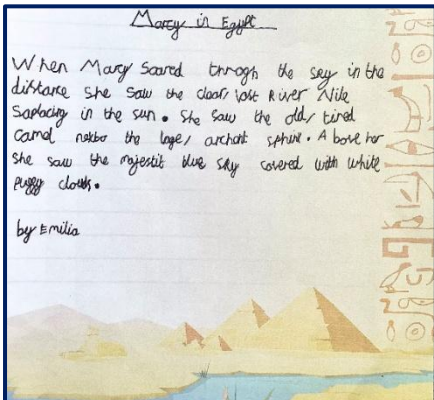
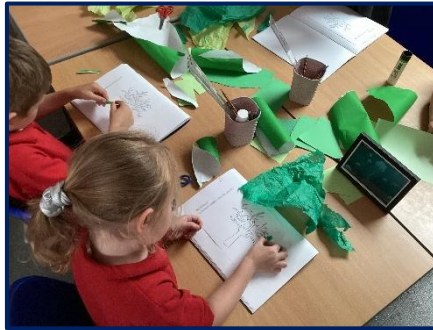
Y5 sports event will take place on Thursday 3rd July at 11.30 – 12.30pm

Y6 sports event will take place on Thursday 3rd July at 12.45 – 1.45pm

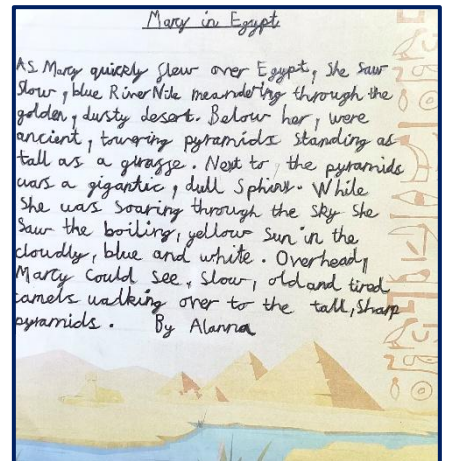
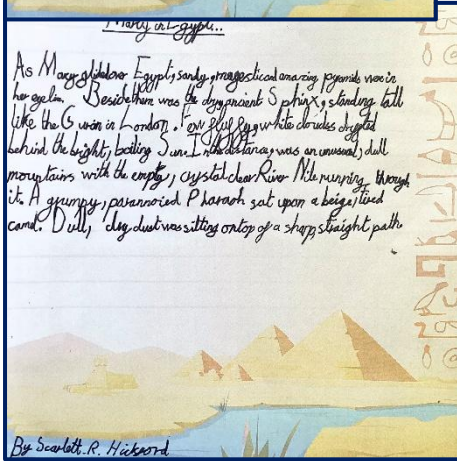
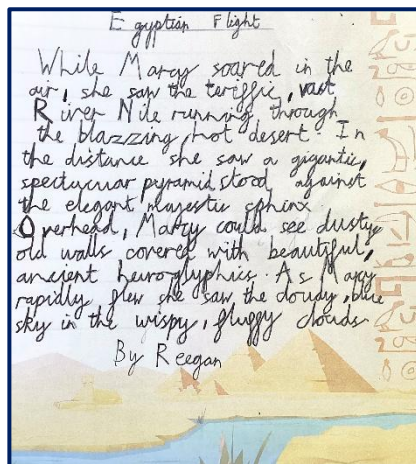
The finer details will be shared with you early next week.

Learning

Year 1 have been looking at Andy Goldsworthy's natural collages. Then they made their own collages, layering different colours to make their own tree design.



Year 3 have been setting the scene this week for an adventure based in Egypt. They have focused on including prepositions and expanded noun phrases with fantastic adjectives to improve their sentences.



Year 4 went on their trip to St Osyth Priory on Thursday. The children did lots of activities some that linked with their History topic of Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. They had a tractor & trailer ride around the estate, did a scavenger hunt in the rose garden, where they had to collect rubbings to create a picture that told the story of St Osyth, then they had a debate about whether the Vikings were right or wrong to attack the Priory. The children even got dressed up to help them become Vikings or nuns! Finally, they searched for runes in the chapel, using torches to help them as it was quite dark. The children had a wonderful day. A big thank you to all the volunteers, who gave up their time to help make this such a wonderful trip.





Congratulations

A massive congratulations to Lincoln, Woody, Louie, Rocco and Tommy for their amazing efforts over the weekend.

As part of their football team, the boys took on a 5K Cancer Pretty Muddy charity run together. They ran, climbed, slid, and laughed their way through the course – and raised an incredible £3,300 for a very worthy cause!

They showed brilliant teamwork, determination and community spirit throughout.



We are also very proud of Finley also took part in the Race for Life 5k mud run on Sunday 15th of June in Ipswich. If anyone would like to donate, please do so by clicking the link:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/finleys-race-for-life-2113>

Well done to all the other children that took part in the run. We are incredibly proud of you all.

Great work from Eliza in Reception who took part in The Royal Life Saving Society UK's drowning prevention week. She told us that if you fall into the water or get in trouble in the water, you should float like a starfish and shout for help! If you want to find out more about the amazing work the RLSS UK does, information about keeping safe, videos and activities, please go to their website by clicking on the link below:

[The Royal Life Saving Society UK \(RLSS UK\)](https://www.rlss.org.uk/)



Book fair

Next week we will be hosting the travelling book fair.

Children will visit the book fair during school time on **Monday 23rd** to create a wish list for books.

After school, on **Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th June**, the Book Fair will be open for you to buy the books with a 3 for 2 offer (the cheapest free). Please come along to share our love for reading!

Purchases will need to be on card; no cash will be taken.

PTA events

A reminder that if any parents would be interested in helping at this year's fete, please email the PTA on Info@friendsofcannhall.co.uk



Bouncy castle wrist bands and game stall tokens can be pre ordered at

Pta-events.co.uk/foch

Wrist bands are £5 and tokens can be preordered in lots of £5. The pre-sale will be available until the 20th June and the tokens/wristbands will be delivered to classes by the Wednesday before the fete. Both will be available to buy on the day at the fete.

Don't forget that the children can wear non-uniform to school on the day for a 50p donation and you can collect them from their classrooms at 2:00pm to visit the fete.

(Please let your child's class teacher know, in advance, if your child will be collected by someone else, as they will not be able to release them otherwise).

Year 6 Leavers' Party Fundraising

To raise money for the Year 6 Leavers' party, the much anticipated 'Soak the Teacher' will be running during the summer fair. We will accept card or cash payments for this.

Thank a teacher day



On **Wednesday 18 June** it was 'Thank a Teacher Day'. We are very grateful for all the many cards, kind words and gifts, showing appreciation for the work we do to help your children.

Music lessons for year 3 to year 6

The following information also went out as an email earlier this week:

- Register before 7th July for September start.
- Payment is needed before hand
- <https://ukessex.speedadmin.dk/registration?signupSchoolID=707#/courselist/25>



- 10 x lessons per term @ £97.50 per term
- Please register for [Financial assistance here](#).

Does my child need an instrument?

- Yes, your child will need to take an instrument to individual lessons unless they are having piano or drum lessons.
- If you do not own an instrument, Essex Music Service provide low-cost hire for all Essex children.
- Please register for [Instrument Hire here](#).

Useful information

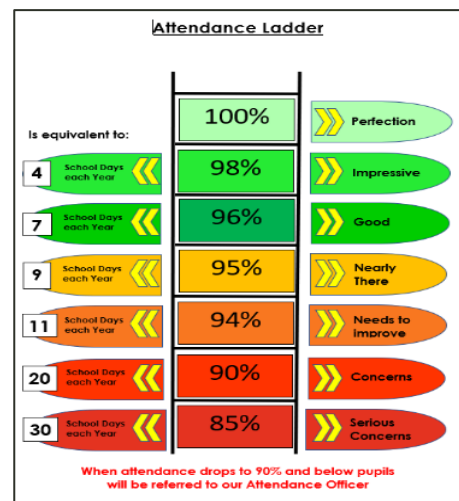
- Please view Essex Music Service's [Terms and Conditions for Parents](#)
- You may wish to read through our new [Parent's Guide to Music Lessons](#)
- You can sign up to the Service's [free newsletter 'In Tune'](#) which includes details of music making for pupils during the school term and in school holidays

Attendance Update

Our overall attendance this week was **94.3%**

We have had lots of holiday requests in the last few weeks. Please be aware that we are not permitted to authorise any holiday taken in term time.

If you are struggling with anything regarding your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to ask to come and speak to someone.



Prize Draw - Parent Survey



You still have time to complete our short parent survey. Your views are already playing an important role in making positive change for the coming academic year.

Please, please, please take a few minutes to do so, using this link

<https://forms.office.com/e/YPFgjr7e7>.

Don't forget, on completion of this survey, your name will go into a prize draw to win a **£25 Tesco voucher**.

Celebration Assembly!

Well done to all the children who received certificates this week, to acknowledge effort and achievement.

EYFS: Nova and Amari
Year 1: Louis and Emily
Year 2: The Whole Year Group
Year 3: Vinnie and Floella
Year 4: Joshua and Sophie
Year 5: Kian and Dougie
Year 6: Faith and Thomas



Uniform supplier

Don't forget, from the **Monday 30th June**, you will be able to order online from Anglia Sports and School Wear Ltd. Smarty-pants have confirmed that all orders up to the **Monday 30th June** will be honoured, to help clear their remaining stock.



Anglia Sports and School Wear are a local company, whose cost is also better - £5 cheaper on some items - and collection will be quicker as they are based behind The Range, so you won't need to wait for a 'once a month' school delivery.

Roof Works Update

The scaffolding works are progressing well. For the next few days, the **Year 1 and Year 2** drop off and collection points will remain the same.

Upcoming dates for your diary

23.06.25: Get to know your new teacher
24.06.25: Story time with your new teacher
25.06.25: Whole School Transition Morning
27.06.025: PTA Summer Fayre
02.07.25: EYFS & KS1 Sports Events
03.07.25: KS2 Sports Events
06.07.25-09.07.25: Year 6 Residential Trip
09.07.25: End of Year Reports sent home (Y6 reports tbc)
10.07.25: Final Parents' Evening/Meet Your New Teacher Evening (3.30-4.30pm)
11.07.25: Y6 Production to the rest of the school (dress rehearsal)
14.07.25: Y6 Production 9.30am and 5.30pm
15.07.25: Year 6 Production 5.30pm

17.07.25: Year 6 Leavers' Party 4-6pm
18.07.25: Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (10am)
18.07.25: Last day of term

Have a well-deserved weekend, everyone!

Kindest regards



Wendy Byrne

Other community events



Essex County Council Libraries THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge 2025
Delivered in partnership with libraries

Story Garden
Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors

summerreadingchallenge.org.uk
Saturday 19 July to Saturday 6 September
At your local Essex library or mobile library -
see libraries.essex.gov.uk for library opening times

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND



Colchester Royal Grammar School
Compassion - Respect - Generosity - Support

The Sunday Times East Anglia State Secondary School of the Decade

11+ Open Evening
Tuesday 27th June, 6.30pm - 9.00pm

Day school for boys aged 11-18 years, with co-ed Sixth Form and Boarding

Limited parking at rear of school No booking required
crgs.co.uk 6 Lexden Road, Colchester, CO3 3ND 01206 509100

THE GOOD SCHOOLS GUIDE EAST ANGLIA STATE SECONDARY SCHOOL OF THE DECADE

Year 4 and 5 pupils

11+ Open Evening - 27th June, 6.30-9.00pm

We look forward to welcoming you to our 11+ Open Evening on Tuesday 27th June, 6.30-9.00pm.
No booking is required to attend. There is limited parking on site, car entrance is via Creffield Road but we recommend using St Mary's Public Car Park, CO3 3AA as this is very close to the school.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

GIRLS TALENT PATHWAY

U8-U12 OPEN TRIALS
MONDAY 7TH JULY - 6:30-8:00PM
 SHRUB END COMMUNITY AND SPORTS CENTRE

U7/8 (School year 2 & 3) - colchester-united-cl.classforkids.io/info/2239
 U9/10 (School year 4 & 5) - colchester-united-cl.classforkids.io/info/2240
 U11/12 (School year 6 & 7) - colchester-united-cl.classforkids.io/info/2241
 U8-12 Goalkeepers (School year 2-7) - colchester-united-cl.classforkids.io/info/2242

School year as of September 2025

TO INSPIRE, ENRICH AND UNITE OUR COMMUNITIES

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Registered Charity Number: 1159381

A fantastic opportunity for the budding young female footballers. We would love to be able to help them realise their dream.

SUMMER HOLIDAY

DANCE WITH A DIFFERENCE WORKSHOPS

JULY/AUG 2025

BEGINNERS - INTERMEDIATE DANCE PERFORMANCE
FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 7 - 16 YEARS

THURSDAY 24th July 1pm - 4pm
 Coppins Hall Community Centre
 Maldon way, Clacton-on-Sea, CO167PA

THURSDAY 7th August 10am - 1pm
 Brotherhood Community Hall
 St Osyth Road, Clacton-on-Sea, CO15 3BW

THURSDAY 28th August 1pm - 4pm
 Coppins Hall Community Centre
 Maldon way, Clacton-on-Sea, CO167PA

£2.50 Per Session and Limited Spaces
TO BOOK YOUR SPACE
CALL OR WhatsApp: 07545476741
Email: allianceclacton@yahoo.co.uk

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