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Friday 21st November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers



Thank you to everyone who dressed in blue for World Diabetes Day to help us to raise awareness and support for Diabetes UK and everybody with diabetes.

Reception children were very lucky to have a poem written and performed by **Alistair in 3RW** which helped the children understand what it is like living with about living with type 1 diabetes. Miss Young also led a whole school assembly



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Parent Consultation Evenings

Thank you to those who attended parent consultation meetings and one plan meetings. It is always so lovely to see so many of you supporting your children's learning.

Thank you also to those of you who filled in the parent engagement and communication survey. If you didn't get chance to fill in the short survey, we would appreciate it if you could do this by clicking on the QR code and answering the 4 short questions.



Communication with teachers

Our teachers are always happy to speak with you and are available on the classroom doors each morning for quick messages. However, if you need a longer conversation, please contact your child's class teacher by email to arrange an appointment. This helps ensure that teachers can be with their class promptly for registration at 8:40 a.m.

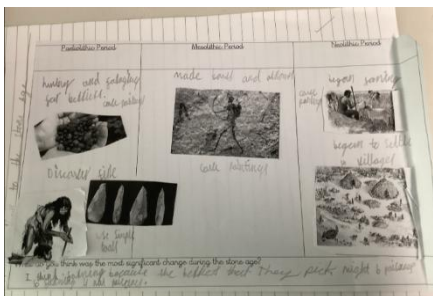
Thank you for your understanding and support.

Learning

Our **Year 1** mathematicians loved handling real 3D shapes as they learned to recognise and name cubes, spheres, cones and more.



3M



The children in 3M have been learning about the different stages of the Stone Age and so went out to outside to hunt and gather food.



PTA wreath making



Thank you to the PTA for organising the wreath making evening. It was a lovely evening, and some wonderful wreaths were made, all to help raise funds for funds to support the children of Cann Hall.



Christmas Card Competitions

Thank you to those children who entered the Christmas card competition to design Nigel Farage's 2025 Christmas card. They have been sent so fingers crossed!



We have a further opportunity to enter another Christmas card competition; this time it is for Colchester United Community Foundation.



Children are invited to create a **Colchester United-themed Christmas card design** — think snowflakes at the JobServe, festive footballs, snow-covered boots, Santa wearing a blue-and-white scarf... whatever their imagination can dream up!

The winning artwork will be:

- Turned into our official digital Christmas card
- Sent out to all our partner schools and community contacts
- Celebrated across our CUCF platforms

These will need to be handed into the class teacher by **Wednesday 3rd December**.

KS1 Nativity



The KS1 children have been busy practising for their nativity performances on 18th December. Please can any costumes be brought in by **Monday 8th December**.

Do you have a child starting school September 2026?

As you may be aware, the primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 10 November 2025**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2026.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2026**.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

All of the application information is available on the website above.

We have one final show round left now on **Monday 1st December 3.30-4.30pm**. please call the school office to book in, if you are thinking about applying for our EYFS classes for next year.

Attendance

Our overall attendance this week was **95%**, which is so close to our government target of **96%** so thank you so much for supporting your child's learning by ensuring they are in school every day, when they are well enough.



A huge well done to those year groups, whose attendance was above the government target, this week - **Year 3's** attendance was **97%** and **Year 1's** attendance was **96%**.

Year 3 Reading Mornings

Don't forget that if you have a child in **Year 3**, you are invited to come into the classrooms next week between **8.30-8.45am**, to listen to them read. We look forward to seeing you.



Celebration certificates

This week's certificates awarded in our celebration assembly we to the following role models:

- Year 1: Eadie & Oliver
- Year 2: Albert & Evie
- Year 3: Violet & Theo
- Year 4: Holly & Maisie
- Year 5: Cristian and the whole year group
- Year 6: Joey & Leo



Goodbye and Best Wishes



We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to Mrs McWilliams as she leaves us to pursue a new career in Child Counselling. Her dedication, care, and commitment have made a lasting difference to the lives of our children and families. We are so grateful for everything she has done during her time at our school.

Her last day with us will be Wednesday 3rd December. We wish her every success and happiness in this exciting new chapter. She will be greatly missed by us all.

Upcoming dates for your diary

- 24.11.25: Owls visiting EYFS and KS1
- 24.11.25: Year 3 Reading mornings (8.30-8.45pm all week)
- 26.11.25: Reading workshop for year 6 parents at 2:30pm
- 01.12.25: Reception intake 2026 show around 3:30-4:30pm
- ~~05.12.25: PTA Christmas Fair~~ **cancelled**
- 09.12.25: KS2 Christmas service at St Johns church
- 15.12.25: PTA Christmas Pop Up Shop
- 16.12.25: EYFS and KS1 Christmas dinner
- 17.12.25: KS2 Christmas dinner
- 18.12.25: KS1 Nativity Performance Year 1 @9.15am and Year 2 @10.30am
- 18.12.25: EYFS Christmas fun time afternoon
- 19.12.25: Christmas jumper day and parties and last day this year
- 05.01.26: INSET day
- 06.01.26: Return to school**
- 15.01.26: statutory national closing date for Reception intake applications

At the end of this letter, you will find information from Clacton Rugby Club and Colchester United Community Foundation Programme.

We will see you all on Monday, in your **blue** outfits, for World Diabetes Day.

From the whole team, have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards

Wendy Byrne

Upcoming
Events!



The poster features a photograph of four girls in maroon rugby jerseys standing on a grassy field, looking towards a man in a dark jacket who appears to be a coach. The background shows a clear sky and some trees in the distance.

Girls Only Sessions

CLACTON RUGBY CLUB, VALLEY ROAD

THURS **5:30**
till
6:00 **AGES**
10-14

Dear Parents & Guardians,

We're thrilled to announce that our Xmas Holiday Camps are now open for bookings! Register today using the links below 📌

What does a Colchester United Community Foundation Camp Look Like? ✅

- Activities within a safe and fun environment
- Book for as little as just £3.16
- High Quality Facilities
- Gifts & Prizes to Be won
- Tailored Football Sessions ff Different Topics
- Small Sided Games & Tournaments Each Day
- Opportunities for CUFC 1st Team Player Appearances
- Opportunities for CUFC Mascot Eddie The Eagle Appearances

Where are camps held?

📍 **SHRUB END - (Mon 22nd December, Tuesday 23rd December, Friday 2nd January 9.30am-4.30pm) + Early Drop Off Available**

- Football Camp (School Years 1-6) [Click Here](#)
- Goalkeeper Camp (School Years 1-6) – [Click Here](#)
- Train Like a Pro Camp (School Years 7-11) – [Click Here](#)

📍 **ALL SAINTS PRIMARY, MALDON (Mon 22nd December, Tuesday 23rd December, Friday 2nd January 9.30am-3pm) + Early Drop Off Available**

- Football Camp (School Years Y1–6): [Click Here](#)

All camps can be found below - Full Week & Individual days are available to book

www.abler.io/shop/colchesterunited/xmas

Regards,
Colchester United Community Foundation

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