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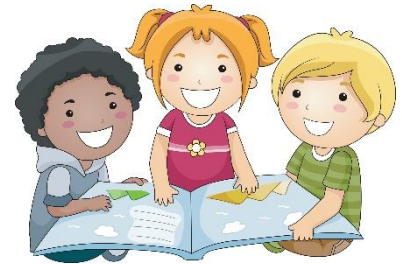


Friday 30th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

EYFS Reading afternoons

Thank you so much to all the **EYFS** parents and carers who joined us for our Reading Afternoons this week. It was lovely to see so many of you attending and to witness how excited the children were to welcome you into the classrooms and share books with you. Your involvement makes such a difference and helps to further nurture their love of reading. We look forward to welcoming you to more events soon.



Reminder: Green Tree Award Activities – We Need Your Help!

You will have received a letter to inform you that our School Council is working towards the Woodland Trust's Silver Green Tree Award. To support this, children are taking part in two exciting activities:

- **Design a Tree Champion:** Your child will have brought home a design sheet to create their own woodland protector. Class shortlists will be judged by the School Council and Mrs Byrne, with a special nature-themed prize for the winner. If you haven't received this and would like one, please speak to the class teacher.
- **Share Your Woodland Words and Images:** We'd love to see your photos, drawings, nature art, poems, or writing inspired by woodland adventures. Physical entries can



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be given to class teachers, and digital submissions emailed to Mr Giles at agiles@compassps.uk.

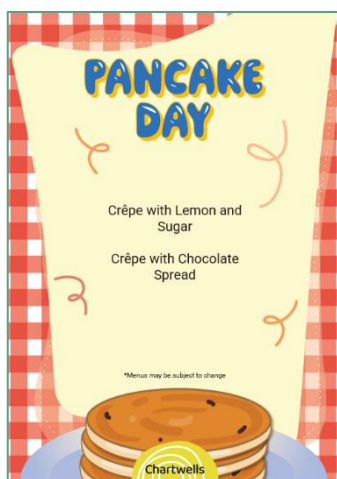
Please send all entries by **Monday 13th April 2026**. Thank you for supporting our journey to Silver!

Chartwells

We have continued to offer the children samples of our school meals, each day this week. Please ask your child if they have tried something new and what they thought of it. If they enjoyed the sample, look out for when this comes up next, as they might want to try a full meal, **especially if your child is in EYFS, Year One or Year Two as they are entitled to a free meal every day. This could be saving you lots of money on packed lunches.**

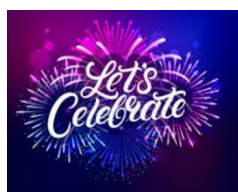
(EYFS, Y1 and Y2 parents and carers, who the filled out the Microsoft Form for lunch on Wednesday 4th February have been sent an email today, confirming spaces).

Pancake day dessert REMINDER!



A reminder that on **Shrove Tuesday (10th February)** to celebrate Pancake Day, children having a school dinner will be able to enjoy a pancake, covered in either lemon and sugar or chocolate spread for dessert, instead of the usual raspberry jelly.

The Attendance Update



We have had positive news from our attendance officer, this week. She reported that **our attendance, is above expected national figures for primaries and one of the best in Clacton!** We cannot thank you enough for your support with this, in ensuring that your child is in school every day, when they are well enough to do so.

We know that children learn best when they are here, settled, and with their friends so if you are struggling with your child's attendance, please do come in and speak to us so we can see if there is any support we can offer.

If your child, is unable to attend school for any reason, please make sure you let us know, by contacting the school on the morning of every day of their absence. Please be aware

that for safeguarding purposes, we will now be carrying out home visits, if a child has been absent for three days.

Learning

In science, **1B** have been investigating with our five senses, thinking about how different things sound, look, smell, feel and taste. Children especially enjoyed the sweet taste of jammy biscuits but the strong smell of horseradish was not such a big hit!



2C have been investigating whether materials can change shape. This week we had a range of materials and tested whether we could squash, twist, bend or stretch them.

3RW are enjoying going to their swimming lessons.





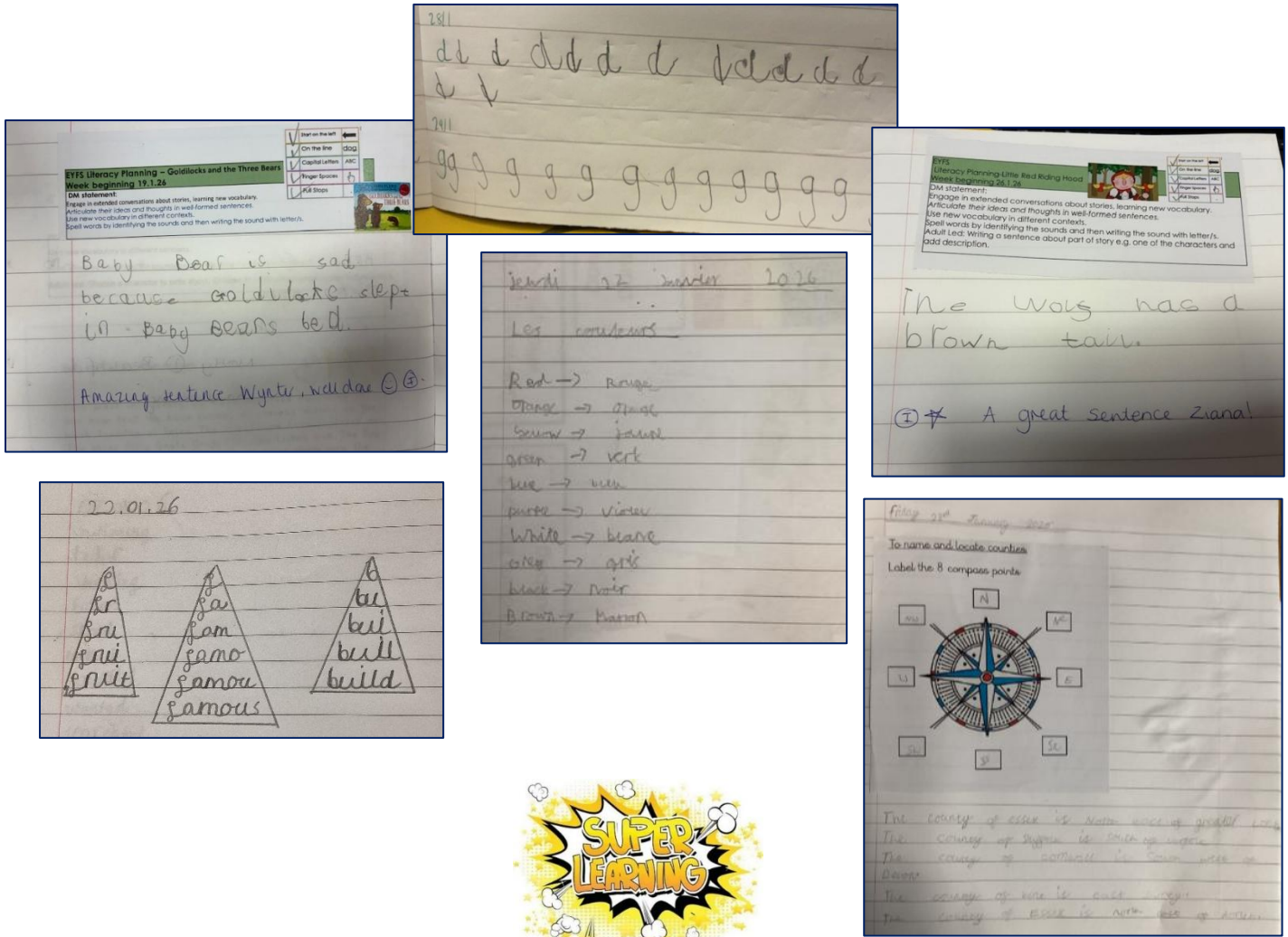
In DT, **4A** made our prototypes for our portable snack. We'll be making our final products next week.

5S have been enjoying their new learning in computing. We coded on Crumble to get a disco dancer to move, while lights flashed on a sparkle! For some children, this involved debugging when their code didn't work as it should. We have been able to change the colour of a light and the speed and direction of a motor. We have also used forever loops and count loops in our programs.



Handwriting

We always take great pride in how our learning is presented and that includes the children's written work. The children have been working especially hard on developing their handwriting skills, ensuring they are forming letters correctly. To celebrate *National Handwriting Day*, we wanted to share some lovely examples of their writing with you from **EYFS and Year 3**. We hope you enjoy seeing their fantastic progress!



Celebration certificates

Certificates awarded in our celebration assembly went to the following role models:

Year 1: Nicolas & Jack
Year 4: Arthur & Jack

Year 2: Vinnie & Jazarah
Year 5: Hadleigh & Emily

Year 3: Kira & Eden
Year 6: Lilly J and Judah

Well done everyone!

NSPCC number day – REMINDER!



A reminder that next week on **Friday 6th February**, we will

be participating in the NSPCC's number day. We are encouraging the children to wear something digit related in return for a donation that will go to the NSPCC.

Here are a few ideas for you digit themed outfits. Please help us support this very worthy cause.



The children will also be participating in a special TT Rockstars NSPCC Rocks competition, so please encourage them to log on and practise their times tables, every day. Knowing these important facts has a huge impact on how confidently your child will be able to tackle the more challenging mathematical concepts as they progress. If you need a reminder of passwords, etc. Please speak to their class teacher.

A Reminder About Safe Parking Around School

To help keep our children and our school community safe, we kindly ask all families to park considerately when dropping off and collecting their children.

Please do not park on:

- the zigzag lines outside school
- double yellow lines
- pavements, where this blocks access for pedestrians
- residents' driveways



Unsafe or inconsiderate parking creates hazards for children who are walking, crossing the road or arriving by bike or scooter. It also causes difficulties for residents and other road users.

It is not ideal, but if you do need to turn around in front of our carpark entrance, please think about your speed and be careful to make sure no one is crossing.

We really appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and respectful environment for everyone.

Please be considerate to our neighbours

We have been made aware that some of our children have been knocking on our neighbours' doors and running away. If you think there is chance that this could be your child, please speak to them about being kind and considerate to our neighbours.

Additional Information

At the end of this letter, you will find information about advance teacher training, holiday camps at St. Claires, free webinars for parents and Colchester United Community Foundation holiday clubs,

Upcoming dates for your diary

06.02.26: NSPCC Number Day
09.02.26: Children's Mental Health Week
10.02.26: Safer Internet Day
13.02.26: Sickle Cell Awareness Day
13.02.26: Break up for Half Term

Have a wonderful weekend, everyone!

Kindest regards



Wendy Byrne

Upcoming Events!



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Train to Teach with Advance Teacher Training

- We provide 1:1 mentor support to assist with your application and interview process.
- We have training opportunities available in Tendring, Colchester, Harwich & Braintree .
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- We deliver primary and secondary teacher training.
- We have training bases in Clacton-on-Sea and Colchester with schools in Tendring, Colchester, Braintree and surrounding areas.
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Dear Parents, Guardians & Participants.

We're thrilled to announce that our February & Easter Holiday Camps are now open for booking! Register today using the links below.

We are also offering a discount on us for both holiday periods if you book early! We have lots of fun filled camps available to cater for all participants.

🎁 To claim your discount for February Half Term, simply use your unique promo code 'CUCFFEBRUARY26' at checkout when booking via Abler before 31st January 2026

🎁 To claim your discount for Easter Holiday, simply use your unique promo code 'CUCFEASTER26' at checkout when booking via Abler before 28th February 2026

What to expect from our holiday activities:

Activities within a safe and fun environment
Book for as little as just £2.80 per hour
High Quality Facilities
Gifts & Prizes to be won
Tailored sessions of different topics
Small Sided Games & Tournaments Each Day
Opportunities for CUFC 1st Team Player Appearances
Opportunities for CUFC Mascot Eddie the Eagle Appearances

February Half Term 2026:

📍 ST CLARES PRIMARY SCHOOL, CLACTON ON SEA, CO16 8AG - Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th February 2026

Football Camp School Years 1-6 - 9.30am-3pm (early drop off option available) -

<https://www.abler.io/shop/colchesterunited/holidaycamps/product/Q2x1YINlcnZpY2U6NDk1OTg=?>

Individual days are also available to book

Easter Holidays 2026

📍 ST CLARES PRIMARY SCHOOL, CLACTON ON SEA, CO16 8AG - Tuesday 7th April & Wednesday 8th April 2026

Football Camp School Years 1-6 - 9.30am-3pm (early drop off option available)

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FREE WEBINARS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

of primary aged children to support with
mental health and wellbeing

Provided by your Mental Health Support Team
@essexmhst_and_setcamhs

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Coming up in February...

Understanding ADHD in Primary
Aged Children
11th February 6:30 pm

Supporting Your Child with
Challenging Behaviour
24th February 10 am



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FEBRUARY HOLIDAYS

SHRUB END COMMUNITY & SPORTS CENTRE, CO2 9BG

DATES	TIME	SCHOOL YEAR	COURSE	FULL PRICE	PRICE P/DAY
16 - 20 February 2026	9.30 - 16.30	1-6	OUTFIELDERS	£112.50	£25.00
16 - 20 February 2026	9.30 - 16.30	7-11	TRAIN LIKE A PRO	£112.50	£25.00
16 - 20 February 2026	9.30 - 16.30	1-8	GOALKEEPERS	£112.50	£25.00
16 - 20 February 2026	8.30 - 17.30	1-6	HOLIDAY CLUB	£135.00	£30.00

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16 - 17 February 2026	9.30 - 15.00	1-6	OUTFIELDERS	£40.00	£22.50
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ALL SAINTS PRIMARY SCHOOL, MALDON, CM9 6HY

17 - 18 February 2026	9.30 - 15.00	1-6	OUTFIELDERS	£40.00	£22.50
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JOBERVE COMMUNITY STADIUM, CO4 5UP

19 - 20 February 2026	9.30 - 16.30	1-6	OUTFIELDERS	£45.00	£25.00
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EASTER HOLIDAYS

SHRUB END COMMUNITY & SPORTS CENTRE, CO2 9BG

WEEK 1

30 March - 1 April 2026	9.30 - 16.30	1-6	OUTFIELDERS	£67.50	£25.00
30 March - 1 April 2026	9.30 - 16.30	7-11	TRAIN LIKE A PRO	£67.50	£25.00
30 March - 1 April 2026	9.30 - 16.30	1-8	GOALKEEPERS	£67.50	£25.00
30 March - 1 April 2026	8.30 - 17.30	1-6	HOLIDAY CLUB	£85.00	£30.00

WEEK 2

7 - 10 April 2026	9.30 - 16.30	1-6	OUTFIELDERS	£90.00	£25.00
7 - 10 April 2026	9.30 - 16.30	7-11	TRAIN LIKE A PRO	£90.00	£25.00
7 - 10 April 2026	9.30 - 16.30	1-8	GOALKEEPERS	£90.00	£25.00
7 - 10 April 2026	8.30 - 17.30	1-6	HOLIDAY CLUB	£110.00	£30.00

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7 - 8 April 2026	9.30 - 15.00	1-6	OUTFIELDERS	£40.00	£22.50
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ALL SAINTS PRIMARY SCHOOL, MALDON, CM9 6HY

30 March - 1 April 2026	9.30 - 15.00	1-6	OUTFIELDERS	£60.00	£22.50
7 - 9 April 2026	9.30 - 15.00	1-6	OUTFIELDERS	£60.00	£22.50

JOBERVE COMMUNITY STADIUM, CO4 5UP

31 March - 1 April 2026	9.30 - 16.30	1-6	OUTFIELDERS	£90.00	£25.00
8 - 7 - 8 April 2026	9.30 - 16.30	1-6	OUTFIELDERS	£90.00	£25.00

EARLY DROP-OFF AVAILABLE

Need an earlier start? Option at point of booking for early drop-off from 8.30am - 9.30am.

Prices from as little as £2.80 per hour.

Age range 5-16 years old.

Pathway Progression into our Development Centres

Meet new friends.

Meet Col U players and/or mascot Eddie the Eagle.

Opportunities to receive gifts and prizes.

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