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Friday 28th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back, everyone! We hope you all had a great half term and feel refreshed and ready for the second half of the Spring term.

Chartwells

Announcing an exciting opportunity, for all children to try our school meals, as Chartwells are offering a **FREE school meal to every child on Wednesday 11th March.**

If you have a child in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 or Year 6 and you want them to take up their free school meal, please **do not order via your My Child at School App**, on this day as you will be charged. Instead, your child just will just order their meal, in class, during registration.

If you have a child in EYFS, Year One or Year Two just can just order your meal via your My Child at School App, as usual.

www.gov.uk Apply-free school meals to check. Schools may have an online facility that allows you to order your child's meals. If your child is in KS2 and above, then this portal will allow you to order and pay for meals.', 'WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS AN ALLERGY OR SPECIAL DIET? Our primary objective is to keep our pupils - your children - safe every day when enjoying their school meals. We take allergies very seriously and supported by our robust Medical Diet Policy, we've taken every step to ensure that as many children as possible living with food allergies and intolerance can eat safely at school with their friends. To find out more please email: chartwells.medicaldiet@compassps.uk', 'CAN A PACKED LUNCH BE PROVIDED INSTEAD OF A HOT MEAL? Absolutely! Our packed lunches are made fresh each day and are designed to be both tasty and nutritious, ensuring that children enjoy a balanced and satisfying meal.', and the Chartwells logo with the tagline 'So much more than fantastic food'."/>

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New menus

After the Easter break, there will be new Spring/Summer menus. Please see larger versions for each week at the end of the newsletter. They will also be on our school website in due course.

[Cann Hall Primary School - School Meals](#)

		SPRING/SUMMER 2026 MENU					WEEK 1				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY					
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Beef Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Pork Sausage Eaters with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Battered Pullback with Chips					
	OPTION 2	BBQ Vegetable Wrap with Wholegrain Rice	Vegetarian Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta	Bean and Cheese Pastry Turnover with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Quorn Diggers with Chips					
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DELI DISHES	OPTION 4	Cheese and Tomato Roll	Tuna and Cheese Baguette	Roast Chicken Wrap	Cheese and Tomato Roll	Tuna and Cheese Wrap					
	OPTION 5	Egg Mayo/avocado Roll	Ham Baguette	Cheese, Carrot and Apple Slaw Wrap	Tuna and Mayo Roll	Cream Cheese and Cucumber Wrap					
DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD											
DESSERT		Carrot, Orange and Sultana Slice	Oat Cookie	Strawberry Shortcake Mousse	Apple Crumble with Custard	Chocolate Ice Cream					

BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY with a choice of toppings
AVAILABLE DAILY Fresh fruit, salad, protein and water
 Vegetarian Vegan Oily Fish Fruity! Wholegrain Nutritional's Choice

Parents evenings

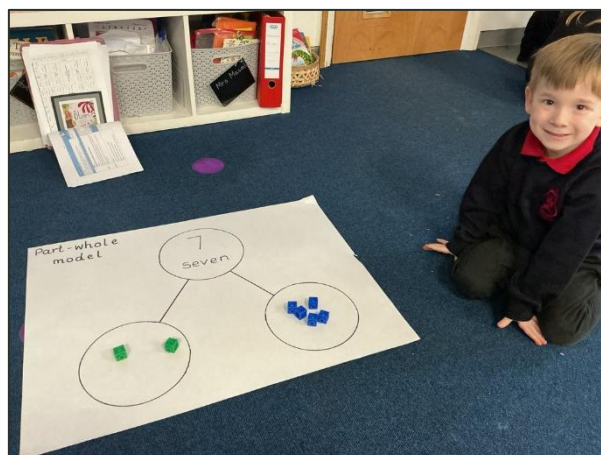
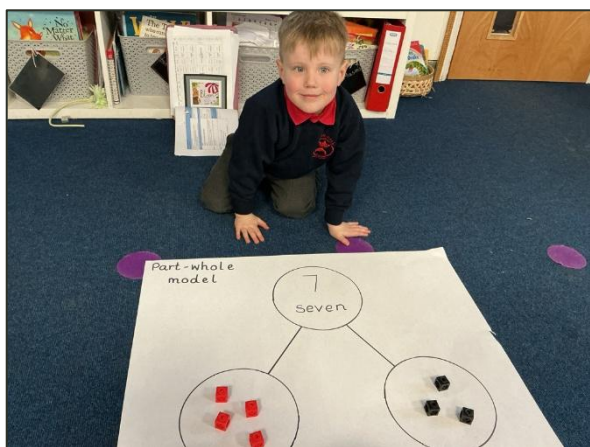
A reminder that our upcoming Parents' Evenings will take place on:

- **Wednesday 25th March 2026: 3:40pm – 6pm**
- **Thursday 26th March 2026: 4pm – 7pm**

You will be able to sign up for your meeting, from next week, with your child's class teacher or you can just pop them an email, if you can't get into school at drop off or collection times. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress. Chartwells will be offering food samples on **26.3.26** so parents and carers will get a chance to try samples from our menus.

Learning

In **EYFS**, the children have been exploring the number 7 using 'part, whole models' to help them. They also used the sentence stem “? is a part and ? is part, the whole is 7.”



Last half term, **1Y** looked at the artist Edward Tingatinga. Here is some of their completed artwork in his style.



In PSHE this week **4HH** looked at the No Outsiders book 'Aalfred and Aalbert' which looks at finding common ground. The children played a form of bingo where they had to find other children who liked the same things as they did.



Green Tree Award Activities – Reminder



As you know, 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 and Share Your Woodland Words and Images

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

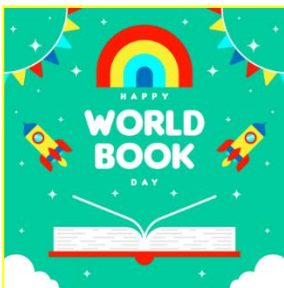
Please send all entries by **Monday 13th April 2026**. Thank you for supporting our journey to Silver!

The Attendance Update

Just a reminder this week that if your child, is unable to attend school for any reason, **you let us know as soon as possible, by contacting the school on the morning of every day of their absence**. We have noticed that we have had to make lots of call this week, as we are not receiving these messages.

Home visits are now carried out if a child has been absent for three days.

World Book Day




Don't forget we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 5th March**. You will have now received a letter with the details including a dress up theme day in which your child can wear either a favourite book character costume or cosy clothes. They will be taking part in exciting activities during the day to develop their love of reading. You are also invited in at 2:55 to share a story with your child. We look forward to sharing some photos with you next week.

New books!

We purchased another £800 worth of new books this week. These were purchased to ensure the children have enough texts in our reading scheme to choose from. We hope they enjoy exploring and choosing books from this new selection to read at home.



Tendring Show Front Cover Competition - Reminder

<p style="text-align: center;">ENTRY FORM</p> <h3 style="text-align: center;">Front Cover Competition</h3> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Design a cover for the 2026 Tendring Show Programme</u></p> <p>Our theme for 2026 is "Our Communities - Our Show".</p> <p>Our communities are more than the place where we live, it's also the clubs and groups we belong to that bring us together.</p> <p>Our Show is where we celebrate these communities in the countryside, education, sport, family and livestock areas.</p> <p>Make it BOLD, BRIGHT and COLOURFUL and please use the whole of the area for your design.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PRIZES:• 1st - Two adult tickets and three child tickets• 2nd - Two adult tickets and two child tickets• 3rd - Two adult tickets and one child ticket• Runner Up x 2 - One adult ticket and one child ticket• Highly Commended x 10 - Certificates• Free ticket online for every child that enters <p style="text-align: center;">Closing date Friday 17th April 2026</p> <p>Name of your School _____</p> <p>Your Name _____</p> <p>Your Age _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">YOUR DESIGN SHOULD FILL THIS A5 AREA (PORTRAIT) </p>	<p>OUR COMMUNITIES</p> <p>OUR SHOW</p>
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TENDRINGSHOW
Brought to you by Tendring Hundred Farmers' Club

Front Cover Competition

Please return this cover sheet with your entries and complete the following:

Name of school: _____

Contact person: _____

Email: _____

Number of entries enclosed:

Closing date by which all entries must be received is
Friday 17th April 2026

Please send your entries to: Louise Kemp
THFC Office
Admirals Farm
Heckford Road
Great Bentley
Colchester
CO7 8RS

Tel: 01206 231621

Another reminder that it is the Tendring Show's annual front cover competition. This year's theme is 'Our Communities – Our Show'. We have had lots of success in this competition in the past so if your child would like to take part, this year, entry forms, as seen here, can be collected from the front office. Please then hand completed entries into the school office by **Monday 13th April 2026**.

Celebration certificates

The role models, receiving certificates in our celebration assembly today were:

Year 1: Aurora & Stanely
Year 4: Alanna & Jaycee

Year 2: Parker & Olivia
Year 5: Whole of the Year 5

Year 3: Callie & Jacob
Year 6: Freddie & Stanley P-W

Great effort everyone!



Additional Information

At the end of this letter, you will find information about advance teacher training, Colchester United Community Foundation Easter holiday clubs and the new Spring/Summer dinner menus.

Upcoming dates

Here are some key dates for the rest of the year. More dates will be added, as the weeks progress, so please keep eye on this list for any further additions and/or amendments.

05.03.26: World Book Day

09.03.26: Mother's Day Pop-Up Shop
10.03.26: EYFS walk around the local area
11.03.26: Chartwells - Free School Meal for Every Child Day
12.03.26: Red Nose Day
23.03.26: KS1 Easter Service
25.03.26: World Maths Day
25.03.26: KS2 Easter Service at St John's Church
25.03.26: Parents Evening 3.40-6pm
26.03.26: Wear Purple for Epilepsy Awareness Day
26.03.26: Parents Evening 4-7pm
26.03.26: Chartwells School Menu Parents Taster Session
27.03.26: Last day of term (Easter Holiday)
13.04.26: Children return to school
20.04.26: PTA Summer Discos
04.05.26: Bank Holiday
11.05.26: KS2 SATs Week (11-14 May)
15.06.26: Father's Day Pop-Up Shop
22.05.26: Last day of term (Half Term Holiday)
01.06.26: Children return to school
05.07.26: Year 6 Residential (5-8 July)
10.07.26: Summer Fair (weather permitting)
16.07.26: Last day of term (Summer Holiday)
17.07.26: INSET DAY (school closed to children)
20.07.26: INSET DAY (school closed to children)

Have a great weekend, everyone!

Kindest regards



Wendy Byrne



CONSIDERING A CAREER IN PRIMARY TEACHING?



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 .
- With over 20 years of experience of delivering teacher training locally we offer knowledgeable trainers, excellent facilities and personalised support.

Contact us today and begin your journey into teacher training!

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Come and find out more at our on-line information session on Thursday 12th March 12-2pm

- We offer 1:1 mentoring to assist with your application process.
- 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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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

NEW HOLIDAY CLUB

8.30am - 5.30pm

FOR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL YEARS 1-6
A FUN, ENRICHING, & VARIED
CHILDCARE OFFER

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FEBRUARY HOLIDAYS

SHRUB END COMMUNITY & SPORTS CENTRE, CO2 9BG

DATES	TIME	SCHOOL YEARS	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



Prices from as little as **£2.80** per hour.

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16 - 17 February 2026	9.30 - 15.00	1-6	OUTFIELDERS	£40.00	£22.50
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Age range 5-16 years old.

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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Pathway Progression into our Development Centres

JOBERVE COMMUNITY STADIUM, CO4 5UP

19 - 20 February 2026	9.30 - 16.30	1-6	OUTFIELDERS	£45.00	£25.00
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Meet new friends.

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



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

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7 - 8 April 2026	9.30 - 15.00	1-6	OUTFIELDERS	£40.00	£22.50
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Opportunities to receive gifts and prizes.

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
31 March - 1 April 2026	8.30 - 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.**

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		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges 🌱	Beef Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta 🍖🌾	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🍖	Pork Sausage Bites with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Battered Pollock with Chips
	OPTION 2	BBQ Vegetable Wrap with Wholegrain Rice 🌱🌾🍌	Vegetarian Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta 🌱🌾🍌	Bean and Cheese Pastry Turnover with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🌱	Macaroni Cheese 🌱🍌	Quorn Dippers with Chips 🌱
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🌱🍌	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🌱🍌	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🌱🍌	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🌱🍌	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🌱🍌
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
DELI DISHES	OPTION 4	Cheese and Tomato Roll	Tuna and Cheese Baguette	Roast Chicken Wrap	Cheese and Tomato Roll	Tuna and Cheese Wrap
	OPTION 5	Egg Mayonnaise Roll	Ham Baguette	Cheese, Carrot and Apple Slaw Wrap 🌱	Tuna and Mayo Roll	Cream Cheese and Cucumber Wrap 🌱
DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD						
DESSERT		Carrot, Orange and Sultana Slice 🌱🍌	Oat Cookie 🌱	Strawberry Shortcake Mousse	Apple Crumble with Custard 🌱	Chocolate Ice Cream



BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY
With a choice of toppings 🌱🍌



AVAILABLE DAILY
Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

🌱 Vegetarian 🌱 Vegan 🐟 Oily Fish 🍌 Fruity! 🌾 Wholegrain 🍌 Nutritionist's Choice

Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all notified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for.

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SPRING/SUMMER 2026 MENU

WEEK 2

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HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges 🌱	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Tandoori Chicken with Wholegrain Rice and Chota Naan Bread 🌱🍷	Fish Fingers with Chips
	OPTION 2	OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
	OPTION 3	Tex Mex Vegetable Fajita with Wholegrain Rice 🌱🍷🥑	Beany Vegetable Burger with Potato Wedges 🌱🍷	Roast BBQ Quorn with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🌱	Macaroni Cheese 🌱🍷	Quorn Dipper Wrap with Chips 🌱
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DELI DISHES	OPTION 4	Cheese and Tomato Roll	Tuna and Cheese Wrap	Roast Gammon Baguette	Cheese and Tomato Wrap	Cheese Roll
	OPTION 5	OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
		Egg Mayonnaise Roll 🌱	Cheese and Cucumber Wrap	Cheese Baguette 🌱	Tuna and Sweetcorn Wrap	Ham Roll
DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD						
DESSERT		Apple and Golden Syrup Sponge with Custard 🌱	Chocolate Slice	Caramel Mousse	Ginger Biscuit with Melon Wedges 🌱🍷	Strawberry Ice Cream



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WEEK 3

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		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with BBQ Potato Wedges 🌱	Herby Tomato Chicken with Wholewheat Pasta 🌱🌱	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🌱	All Day Breakfast with Potato Wedges	Southern Fried Chicken with Chips
	OPTION 2	Veggie Pizza with Wedges 🌱	Cheesy Bean Burrito with Wholegrain Rice 🌱🌱🌱	Vegetarian Cottage Pie with Gravy 🌱🌱	Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread 🌱🌱🌱	Veggie Fingers with Chips 🌱
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DELI DISHES	OPTION 4	Cheese and Tomato Wrap	Cheese Roll	Roast Chicken Wrap	Cheese Roll	Cheese and Tomato Baguette
	OPTION 5	Houmous and Carrot Wrap 🌱	Ham Roll	Cheese Wrap 🌱	Tuna and Sweetcorn Roll	Egg Mayonnaise Baguette 🌱
DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD						
DESSERT		Custard Shortbread with Melon Wedges 🌱	Orange Glazed Sticky Sponge Cake with Custard 🌱	Chocolate Mousse	Raspberry Jelly 🌱	Mango Frozen Yoghurt



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