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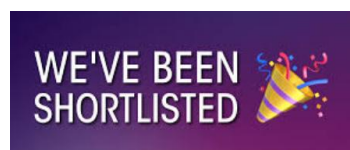
Wendy Byrne



Friday 22nd May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Essex Teaching Awards 2026



Last week, we were notified that Cann Hall has been shortlisted for an Essex Teaching Award in the category of **Making a Difference – Primary School**. This is a significant achievement, and we are all very proud to have even been nominated.

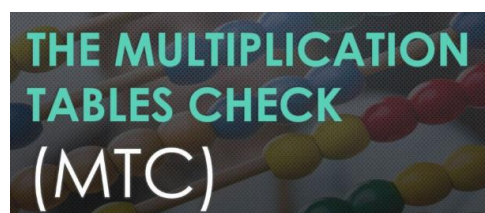
Thank you to everyone who supports us and goes above and beyond to make a real difference to the lives of the children here and our community.

Year 3 Trip to the Beach

Year 3 had a great trip to the beach, this morning. They did lots of walking, observations and sketching linked to their Geography topic – The Urbanisation of Clacton. They then came back to school and were straight into their dance session so they should be very tired this evening.

Thank you to the staff for organising this trip and to all the volunteers, who gave up their time to ensure this visit could go ahead. We will share lots of photographs, in the first week back.

Year 4 National Multiplication Tables Check - Reminder



Another important reminder that if you have a child in Year 4 that they will be completing the **Year 4 National Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)** in the first two weeks of next term (w/c Monday 1st June).

This official check is an opportunity for children to demonstrate their fluency and confidence in recalling multiplication facts up to 12×12 . The check is completed online in a calm and supportive environment, and the children have been preparing well in school every day.

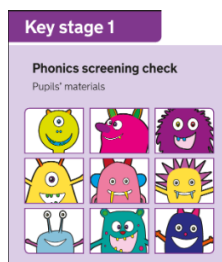
Over the half term, please continue to support your child at home, by encouraging them to log onto TT Rockstars every day to help them secure their recall of these important facts.

Accuracy is key, at this point, rather than speed. Asking you child random times table questions, throughout the day, will also really help them keep these facts fresh in their minds.

Your child will have come home with their individual heat maps, so you can see which facts they can confidently recall and which facts they need continual practice on.

If you want further information, go to [Multiplication tables check: information for parents](#)
Or speak to the class teacher.

Y1 Phonics Check - Reminder



Another reminder that if you have a child in **Year 1**, that they will be completing their National Phonics Screening Check in the two weeks commencing on Monday 8th June. The children have been practising in school every day, working very hard all year to ensure they know their sounds and can recognise them within real words and 'made up' words to support their reading. Thank you to all those of you who have been supporting your child with their reading and phonics at home. Any questions about the check, please speak to the class teacher or for more information about the check, go to [Phonics screening check: information for parents - GOV.UK](#)

A small number of Year 2 children will also be re-taking their phonics checks too. If you have any questions about whether your Year 2 child will be taking part, please speak to their class teacher.

Walk to School Week 18th – 22nd May 2026

This week it was walk to school week.

The teachers and children have been completing a tick sheet in class to show if they walked, cycled or scooted to school each day. The children also had an assembly to learn about the benefits to both them and the environment, by walking to school, even if it is only part of the way.



More new books purchased

We are delighted to share that we have spent a further £2,000 on another 300 brand-new books, which arrived this week to refresh and expand our Accelerated Reader collection. These titles have been carefully selected within the 2.8–4.2 reading range, offering engaging, accessible and appropriately challenging texts for our developing readers. This exciting addition provides greater choice, supports reading progression and encourages a love of reading across the school.





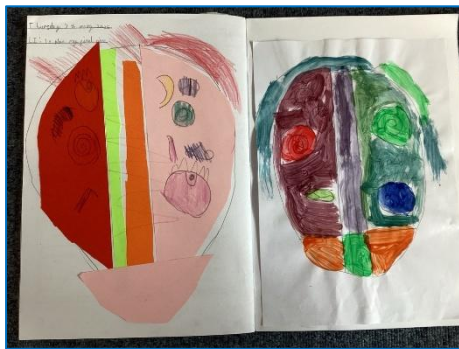
Learning

This week, **Year 1** had a visitor - **Dean from for 'Animal Aid'**. He came to speak to the children about the importance of looking after animals and how to treat them nicely. We also discussed why some people choose to adopt rescue animals. The children enjoyed his interactive stories and sharing tales of their own pets.



3RW

3RW have been learning about Picasso this half term. After investigating a colour wheel to see how secondary and tertiary colours are made, they had a go themselves. The children then planned their abstract artwork using coloured paper, before painting their final piece.



Year 4 children shared their persuasive letters that they had written in English. They listened carefully to each other and then gave constructive feedback. It was lovely to see the children sharing their work in such a positive way.



National Numeracy day



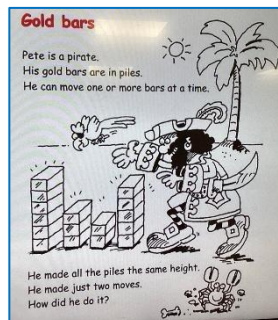
We celebrated National Numeracy Day on Wednesday. This is celebrated across the Country to promote confidence and skills in everyday maths. National Numeracy Day is dedicated to improving numeracy for people of all ages, building confidence with numbers in daily life such as shopping, sports and bills.

Here are some photographs of **4HH** taking part in activities for National Numeracy Day. They completed a pairs activity, building a community park, took part in a live lesson with Mr Moneyjar and drew/wrote about their number hero.



Year 2's NRich challenge for this half term

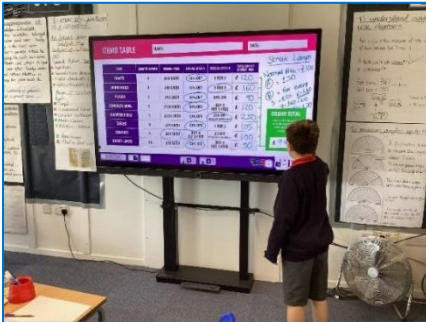
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Year 5's pictures from Number Day



Maths videos

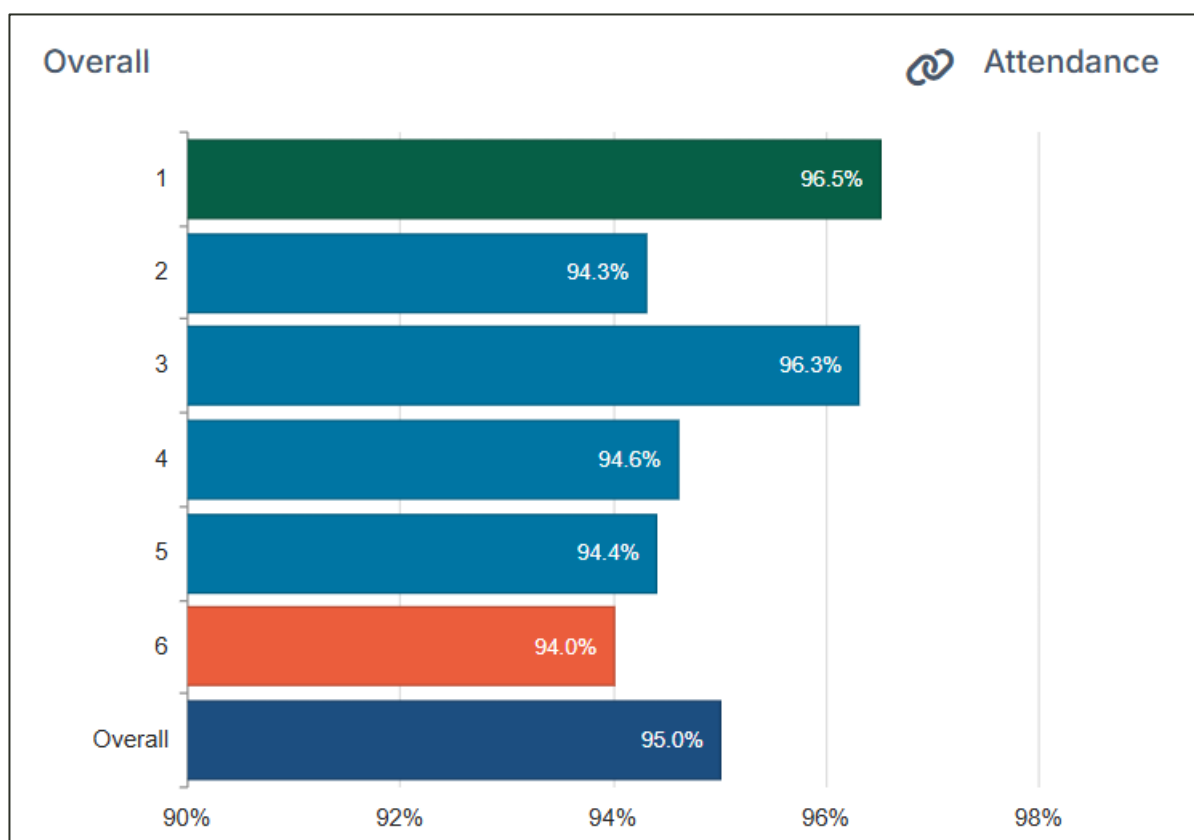
We are pleased to remind parents and carers that our school provides a series of short maths videos for every year group. These videos clearly explain how the four key operations—addition, subtraction, multiplication and division are taught in school.

We know that methods can sometimes look different from the ones you were taught, so these videos are a great way to understand the strategies your child is learning. By using the same approaches at home, you can feel more confident supporting your child with their maths. You can access the videos via this page on our website [Cann Hall Primary School - Maths](#). Please take a look and use them alongside your child when practising at home.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Attendance Update

As you can see, from the chart below, our overall attendance has remained at 95% all term. We currently have 7 classes with 95%+ attendance – that's an amazing achievement, especially as we have had chicken pox circulating around the school for the last couple of weeks. Thank you for ensuring that your child is in school every day, when they are well enough to do so.



If your child is unable to attend school, please remember to let us know as soon as possible, by contacting the school on the morning of every day of their absence. Home visits will continue to be carried out, if a child has been absent for three days.

Celebration certificates

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

Year 1: Ivy & Jaxon

Year 2: Max & Elliot

Year 3: Louie & Lullah

Year 4: Freddie & Isla-Rae

Year 5: Stefan & Nevaeh-May

Year 6: The Whole Year Group – for their production auditions



Congratulations

We are always delighted to hear about the many activities and achievements our children take part in outside of school. From sports and performing arts to clubs and community events, there is so much to celebrate, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts and successes.

These experiences enrich our pupils' lives and help them develop confidence, resilience, and new skills. Please do continue to share your children's achievements with us—we love celebrating them as part of our school community!

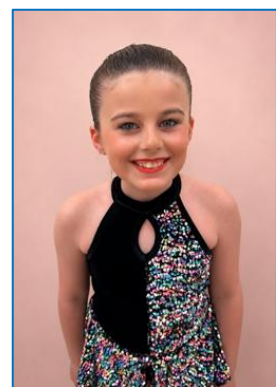
At the weekend, **Lottie** finished the Pier to Pier Walk for St Helena Hospice. Lottie raised over £100 in sponsorship money on her own page and walked 14 miles, doing both parts of the walk! She really struggled the last few miles but pushed through, even walking in her socks, and completed it! What an achievement!



Well done to **Lincoln, Woody, Louie and Rocco**. Their football team, Holland FC Blacks, have had an incredible season and have won the double!! They have won the league and the league cup, whilst playing a year up against older teams.

The boys have worked hard, showing determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the season. It is such a brilliant achievement for them all. What great news to share!

Ivy has been taking part in a dance show 'Wonderland' at the Prince's theatre with the dance school JA Performing arts. She's been working hard towards it with lots of rehearsals. What dedication you are showing. We hope it is a great success!



School Census Day – thank you!

A big thank you to everyone who supported our recent Census Day. It was fantastic to see so many children choosing a school meal, with many trying the food for the first time. We hope this positive experience will encourage more pupils to enjoy school meals in the future.



Your support really does make a difference as our school meal uptake, on this day, directly contributes to the funding we receive. Funding which helps us to continue providing high quality learning resources, improving our facilities and organising more new opportunities and experiences for all our children.



Cann Hall are striving to become more energy efficient and environmentally friendly. You may notice some new bins popping up on the playground or the children coming home telling you some of the things we are starting to do around school.

Food waste bins are now in the playground for children to use and each class has a paper and cardboard recycling bin. Also, an Eco Council will be starting in September, working alongside the current School Council. With the children's input, we will have many more exciting ideas to help us achieve our goal of becoming more environmentally friendly.

This Week's Additional Information

At the end of this letter, this week, you will find information about sessions being run Colchester United Community foundation half term activities, free courses for parents and our Spring/Summer dinner menus (we will be on Week 2 when we return after the May half term)

Upcoming dates for your diary

Lots of dates have been added to the following list, for next half term. I have added two provisional Sports Days, however I am still in consultation with the Trust to see if it will be safe enough to run these events, this year with the reduced space on the field. We are trying to be as creative as possible to ensure that we can ... we will confirm as soon as possible.

- 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
- 01.06.26: Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (1-12 June)
- 08.06.26: Year 1 Phonics Screening Check (8-12 June)
- 09.06.26: Year 2 Trip to St Osyth Priory
- 15.06.26: Year 5 Assessment Week
- 15.06.26: PTA Father's Day Pop-Up Shop
- 15.06.26: Class and Sports Team Photographs

19.06.26: Classes for next year shared with parents and children
22.06.26: Story time with new teachers
23.06.26: Games with new teachers
25.06.26: Transition Day
29.06.26: Rocky Steady Concert
01.07.26: EYFS and KS1 Sports Day (weather and risk assessment permitting)
02.07.26: KS2 Sports Day (weather and risk assessment permitting)
05.07.26: Year 6 Residential (5-8 July)
07.07.26: End of Year Reports sent home
10.07.26: KS2 SATs results shared with parents
08.07.26: Open Evening (3.10-4.10pm)
10.07.26: Summer Fair (weather permitting)
15.07.26: Year 6 Leavers' Party (tbc)
16.07.26: Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 10am
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)

From everyone here, we hope you have a restful half term.

Kindest regards



Wendy Byrne

Dear Parents, Guardians & Players,

We hope this email finds you well.



We would be delighted if your son or daughter would like to join us for our FREE Activate Camps during the Whitsun half-term.

Colchester United May Camps!

We are excited to announce that we will be offering FREE ActivAte Camps during the May half-term to Primary school children. These camps will take place in Colchester, Maldon & Clacton.

📍 **Shrub End Community & Sports Centre, Boadicea Way, Colchester, CO2 9BG**

📍 **Colchester Academy, Hawthorn Avenue, Colchester, CO4 3JL**

📍 **All Saints Primary School, Highlands Drive, Maldon, CM9 6HY**

📍 **St Clares Primary School, Cloe's Lane, Clacton-on-Sea, CO16 8EG**

The camps are open to children on Free School Meals and families with low income.

We've lined up a variety of fun activities for all participants to enjoy, giving children the chance to stay active and entertained this half-term!!


What's Included in Our Activate Camps:

- Gifts and prizes to be awarded
- High-quality, safe facilities and equipment
- Possible appearances from Colchester United 1st team players or our club mascot, 'Eddie The Eagle'
- Special activities provided by external providers to enrich the camp experience

Camp Information:

Shrub End Community & Sports Centre, Boadicea Way, CO2 9BG – PRIMARY – FOOTBALL CAMP

 Tuesday 26th May – Friday 29th May 2026

 Time: 9:30am – 4:30pm




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Free School Meals & Low- Income Booking Link : [CLICK HERE](#)

Inclusive U's (specifically designed for children with SEN) Booking Link: [CLICK HERE](#)

Colchester Academy School, Hawthorn Ave, Colchester CO4 3JL– PRIMARY – FOOTBALL CAMP

 Tuesday 26th May – Friday 29th May 2026

 Time: 9:30am – 1:30pm

Free School Meals & Low- Income Booking Link : [CLICK HERE](#)

All Saints Primary School, Highlands Drive, Maldon, CM9 6HY– PRIMARY – FOOTBALL CAMP


 Tuesday 26th May – Friday 29th May 2026

 Time: 9:30am – 3:00pm

Free School Meals & Low- Income Booking Link : [CLICK HERE](#)

St Clares Primary School, Cloe's Lane, Clacton – on – Sea, CO16 8EG – FOOTBALL CAMP

 Tuesday 26th May – Friday 29th May 2026

 Time: 9:30am – 3:00pm

Free School Meals & Low- Income Booking Link : [CLICK HERE](#)

PLEASE NOTE: When you register your child, you will be asked to complete a survey to indicate whether you are in receipt of Free School Meals or a Low-Income Family. This information is required for Active Essex to monitor.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Cucf@colchesterunited.net

Regards,
Colchester United Community Foundation

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FREE MOVING UP WEBINARS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

of primary aged children

Provided by your Mental Health Support Team

@EssexMHST_and_SETcamhs

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Moving Up from Infants to Juniors

17th June 10 am and 7 pm

Moving Up from Primary to Secondary

24th June 10 am and 7 pm



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Understanding Behaviour and Supporting Emotional Wellbeing: Course for Parents



Introduction

In Essex, the Trauma Perceptive Practice (TPP) approach is helping schools/settings to better understand behaviour and support emotional wellbeing for all children and young people.

Values and Mindset

Through this training, we aim to promote:

Compassion & Kindness	Hope	Connection & Belonging
...instead of Shame & Blame	...instead of Hopelessness	...instead of Disconnection

Course Details

Venue: White Hall Academy Training Room
 Duration: 6 weeks
 Dates: Monday 18th May 2026
 Monday 1st June 2026 (after half term break)
 Monday 8th June 2026
 Monday 15th June 2026
 Monday 22nd June 2026
 Monday 29th June 2026
 Time: 9.30am-11.30am
 Facilitators: Ms Watts and Mrs Davis

If you would like to book a place on this course – please book via the booking link (link is also available on the school website)
 If you have any difficulty booking, please contact Suzy Watts or Tracy Davis at

White Hall Academy, Melbourne Road, Clacton on Sea, CO15 3SP
 email: admin@whitehallacademy.essex.sch.uk

Booking link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rqhnVjY-bkmsUYihtBXSrp8TtOc15hIhtQLVoghmxyvBUMkwwVWINNUhYQldVMJZNIzEODhOUU9XTC4u>



SPRING/SUMMER 2026 MENU		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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WEEK 2

W.C: 20/04/2026, 11/05/2026, 01/06/2026, 22/06/2026, 13/07/2026, 03/08/2026, 24/08/2026, 14/09/2026, 06/10/2026

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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	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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	OPTION 5	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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		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	Homous 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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