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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to EYFS

A warm welcome to all of our new EYFS children and their families. We are delighted to see how well the children have settled into school life and embraced their new learning environment. It has also been wonderful to see so many children enjoying our school meals and making the most of their lunchtime experience. We look forward to an exciting year ahead as they continue to grow in confidence and independence. EYFS have had some landscaping work carried out in their outside area and we now just awaiting some further furniture and resources to finish it off but already, it is looking much better! We will send out some photos in due course when it is fully completed.



Gym trail

As you may have noticed, we have some fantastic new gym trail equipment installed on our playgrounds. The children are very excited to use these new additions during the school day. We would like to remind families that the equipment must not be used before or after school, as it is only supervised and available for use during designated school times. Thank you for your support in helping us keep all children safe. The blue equipment will be opened up, once the field areas have been reseeded.



Come and look around your child's new classroom

Don't forget that on Friday 18th September parents and carers are invited to pop into their child's classroom between 3.10pm and 3.40pm to have a look around.

Building works

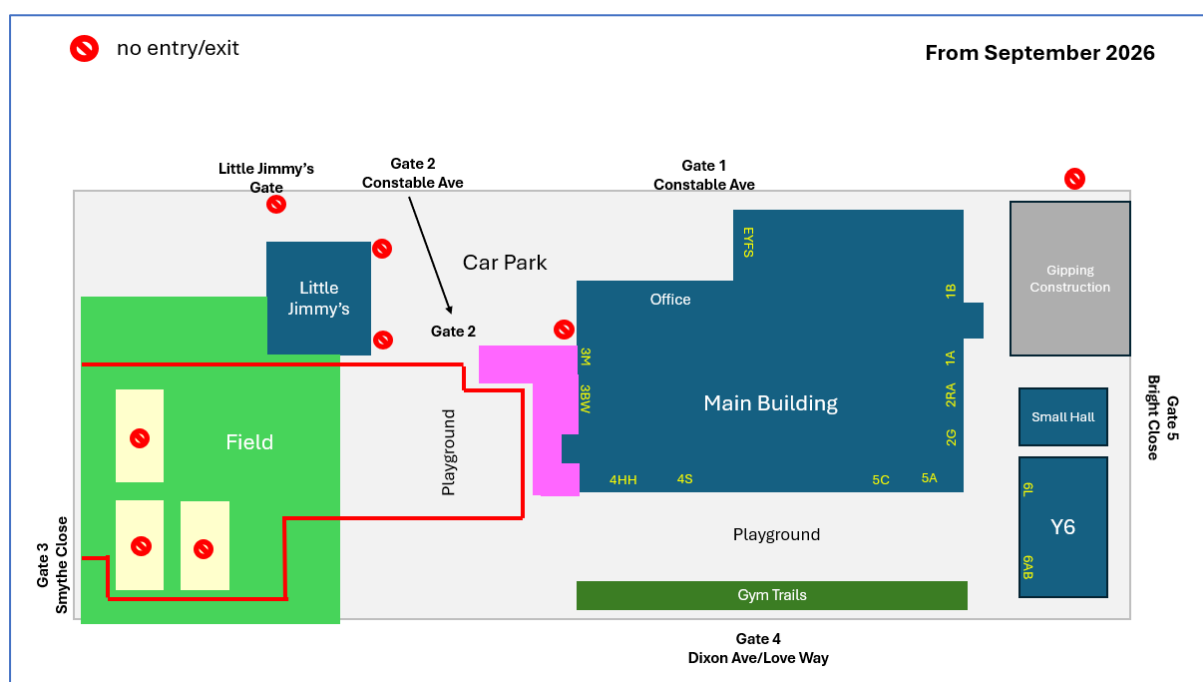


While the pedestrian gate remains locked during the day, please telephone the office on 01255 420603 and a member of the office team will come out and assist you.

Where possible, we would appreciate parents and carers contacting the office by telephone or email instead, while we are in this final stage of the project. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Removal of the Temporary Classrooms

You may have noticed that the dismantling of the portacabins has started, in preparation for their removal from the school site next week. To safeguard everyone **the field will be cordoned off** and a **temporary walkway** will be set up leading from Gate 2 and run along the front of the Year 3 classrooms (as shown below). If you have a child in Year 3, please be mindful that other members of our community will be using this walkway and ensure that there is space to get past. Thank you, in advance, for your co-operation.

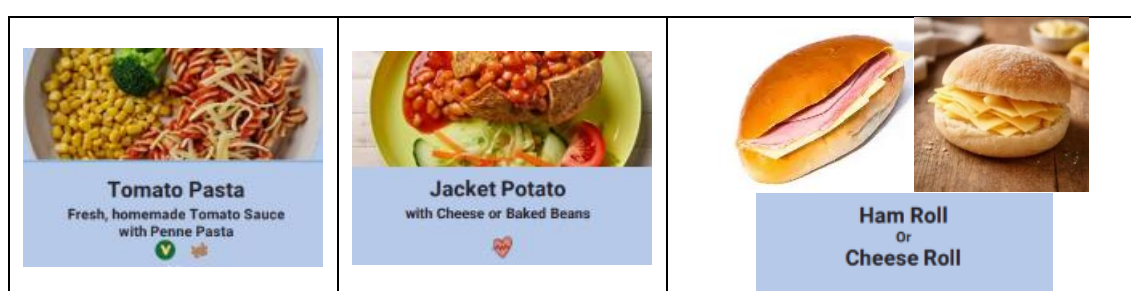


While the portacabins are being removed, we will have a banksman on site always manning the walkway and gates during the day.

Free school meal reminder

Don't forget that if your child is in **EYFS, Year 1 or Year 2** they are entitled to a free school meal every day so please encourage your child to try the school meals. They can always bring a packed lunch with them, just in case they do not like the meal they have chosen.

Again, due to the temporary closure of the main school hall because of the building works, we have a limited temporary menu. Please see below:



There will also be fresh mixed salad, bread and a choice of desserts, every day.

Medication

If your child has any medication, please take it to the main office to be signed in. Any health care plans, e.g. for broken bones, are also completed at the office.

Contact Details

Please ensure that you let the office know, if your contact details have changed over the summer.

Attendance

Our attendance for our first full week back at school was **96.4%** - if you refer to our attendance ladder, below, that's a fantastic start to the school year. Thank you for ensuring that your child does not miss out on all the fantastic learning opportunities we offer here every day.

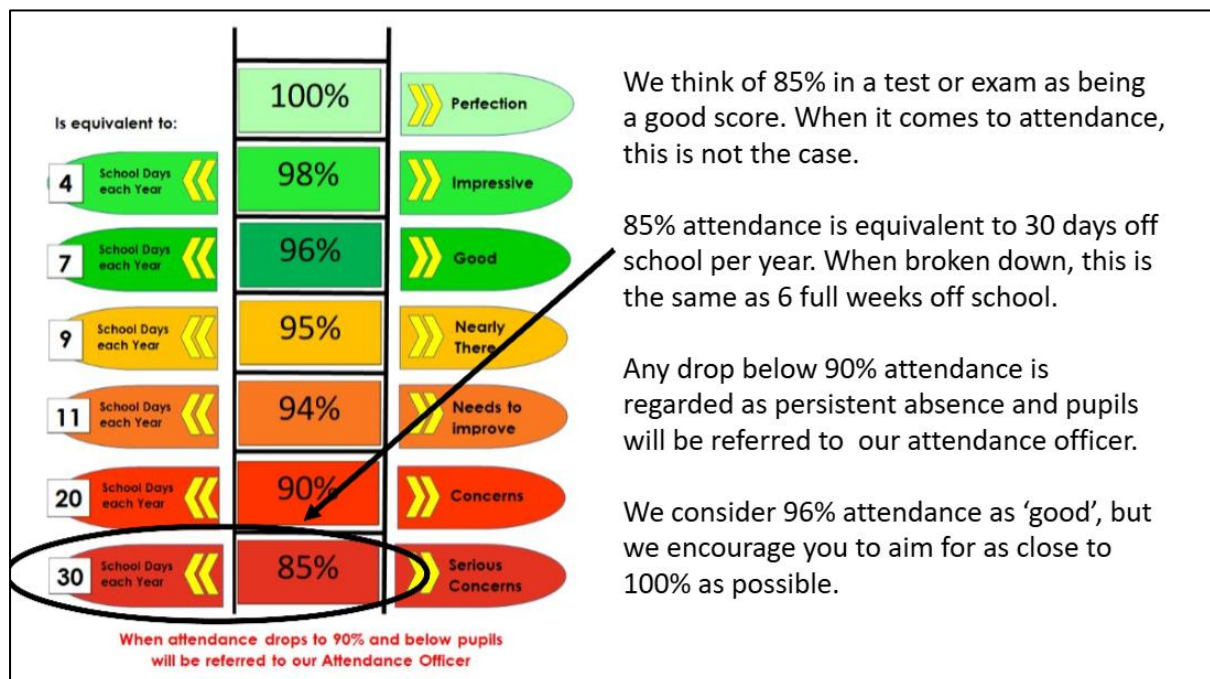
Attendance

Regular school attendance is an important part of giving children the best possible start in life. The aim should be to attend 100% of the time.

Students who miss school frequently can fall behind with their work and do less well in exams. Good attendance also shows potential employers that a young person is reliable.

Research suggests that students who attend school regularly could also be at less risk of getting involved in antisocial behaviour or crime.

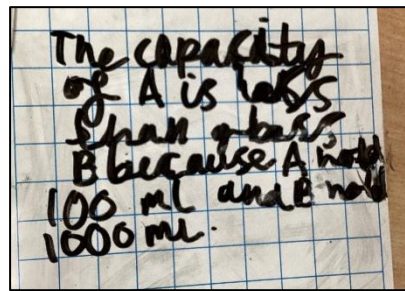
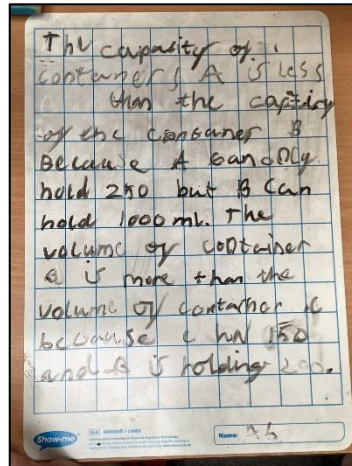
Data from 2019 shows that 84% of Key Stage 2 pupils who had 100% attendance achieved the expected standard, compared to 40% of pupils who were persistently absent across the key stage.



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 each day of their absence. Wellbeing visits are carried out, by our school attendance team, if a child has not been in school for 3 days so if you are struggling with your child's attendance, please come in and speak to us so we can see if there is anything we can do to support you and your child.

Learning

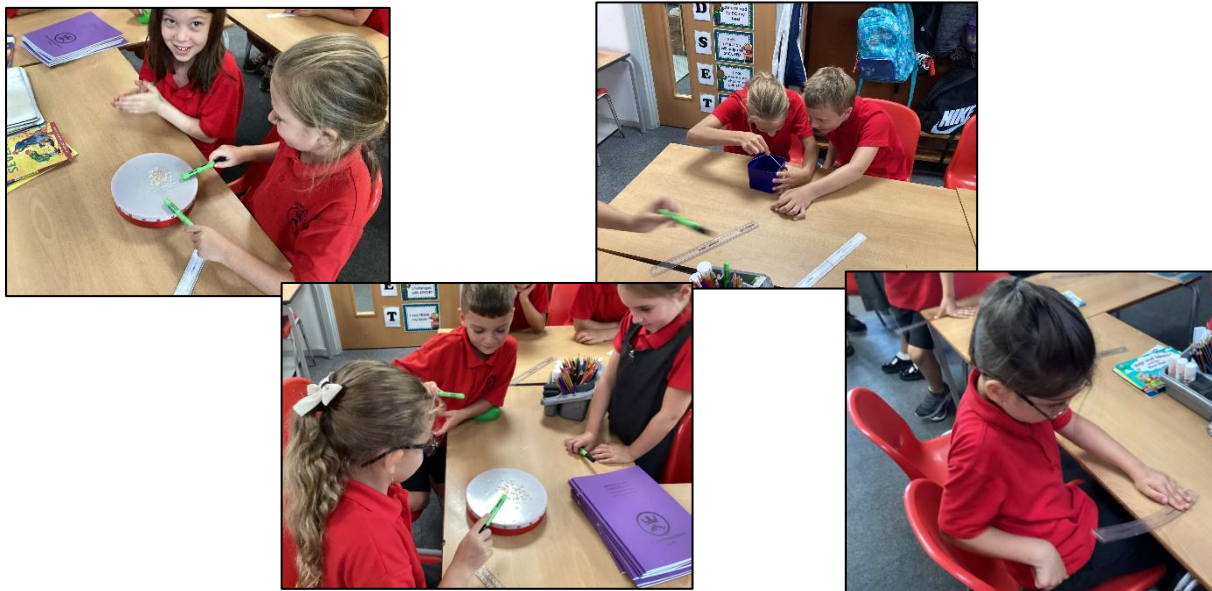
2C have been comparing volume and capacity in maths today. Capacity is the maximum amount that something can hold inside of it, and the volume is the amount of something inside the container. We looked at the capacity and volume of containers and compared them explaining how we know.



In science, **4S** explored how sounds are made.



In **4HH's** science lesson this week, they were exploring sounds and observing that sounds are created by vibrations. They looked at 3 different ways of creating sounds - twanging a ruler, plucking an elastic band and hitting a drum with rice on it. They noticed the size and speed of the vibrations and understood that each one was different.



Maths support videos

A reminder to parents and carers that we have created a range of maths videos to demonstrate how key mathematical concepts are taught across the school.

We hope these resources will help you feel more confident when supporting your child's learning at home and provide an insight into the methods used in the classroom. You can access the videos using the following link:

[Cann Hall Primary School - Maths](#)

Information for parents with a child in EYFS, Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6

If you have a child in one of the above year groups, this year, please follow this link [National curriculum assessments: information for parents - GOV.UK](#), where you will find information about the following statutory assessments they will be taking part in this year:

EYFS – Reception Baseline Assessment

Year One – Phonics Screening Check

Year Two – Optional KS1 Assessments

Year Four – Multiplication Tables Check

Year Six – Key Stage Two SATs

Tesco's Cafe

Tesco are continuing their 'Kids Eat Free' promotion 7 days a week until **18th December**, giving one free kids' meal with any full-price adult purchase when you scan a Clubcard—even an item as cheap as a 65p apple qualifies.



E-Scooters and E-Bikes



Essex police have sent a reminder about the use of E-Scooters and E-Bikes. Whilst these devices remain widely available for purchase, their use in public places, including roads, pavements, and parks, is currently **illegal** unless operated as part of an approved rental scheme. **The police emphasise that there is currently no approved rental scheme**

operating anywhere within Tendring. Please see the end of newsletter for a flyer and letter with further information.

Health and Wellbeing Programme

This flyer gives information about some free online workshops for parents and carers and a free 12 week health and wellbeing programme run by Colchester United community foundation.

Upcoming dates for your diary

Here are some initial dates for your diary. We will confirm more dates as the weeks progress, so please keep an eye on this list.

18.09.26: Look around your child's new class 3.10pm-3-40pm

28.09.26: Harvest Festival



05.10.26: KS2 Reading Afternoons (all week) timings tbc
12.10.26: EYFS & KS1 Reading Afternoons (all week) timings tbc
21.10.26: Flu Vaccinations
11.11.26: Year 6 Crucial Crew
17.11.26: Year 5 Trip to Princes' Theatre
20.11.26: Individual and Sibling Photographs

Have a great weekend, everyone!

Kindest regards



Wendy Byrne



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing in partnership with Essex Police to remind you of the current legal position, safety concerns, and fire risks associated with the use of electric scooters (e-scooters).

While e-scooters can be legally purchased in the UK, it is currently *illegal* to use privately owned e-scooters on public roads, cycle lanes, and pavements. They may only be used on private land with the landowner's permission, or as part of an approved government rental scheme.

Safety and injury risks

E-scooters can pose a significant risk of injury. Nationally, there has been an increase in serious collisions involving riders, often resulting in head injuries, fractures, or collisions with pedestrians and vehicles. Many e-scooters are used without appropriate safety equipment such as helmets, further increasing the risk of serious harm.

Fire safety concerns

We also want to highlight important advice supported by Fire and Rescue services. E-scooters are powered by lithium-ion batteries, which can pose a serious fire risk, particularly if they are:

- charged using incorrect or incompatible chargers,
- left charging unattended or overnight,
- stored or charged in escape routes such as hallways or near doorways,
- damaged or modified.

Fires involving these batteries can develop rapidly and are extremely difficult to extinguish, placing families at significant risk.

To ensure the safety of all pupils, staff, and the wider community, we ask you to reinforce the following expectations:

- E-scooters must not be ridden on school premises.
- Pupils must not use e-scooters to travel to and from school.
- Where unlawful use is identified, the school may involve Essex Police.
- E-scooters are only permitted on private land with the express consent of the landowner.

These restrictions are in place to protect young people and others from serious harm and to ensure compliance with current legislation.

We would also encourage parents and carers to supervise the safe storage and charging of any devices at home, in line with Fire Service guidance.

We appreciate your continued support in reinforcing these expectations. Our shared priority is ensuring all members of the school community travel safely, act responsibly, and remain protected from avoidable risks.

For further information, please visit:

- <https://www.essex.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rs/road-safety/advice-escooters/>
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XO_PIEBGlv8

FREE ONLINE WORKSHOPS THIS SEPTEMBER

FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

OF NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Delivered by the Mental Health Support Team

@EssexMHST_and_SETcamhs

SCAN TO
REGISTER



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Burnout and Masking

21st September 7 pm

Sensory Differences

29th September 7 pm

Striving to provide the best care by the best people



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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

We hope you all had a good summer break and are looking forward to the new school year!

At **Colchester United Community Foundation** we have had a very busy summer and we are now

excited to introduce a new **free 12-week health and wellbeing programme for families in the Clacton community**, delivered by the coaches at **Colchester United Community Foundation**.

Fit Families is designed for a parent/carer and child aged **8–13** to take part together. The programme combines **fun, healthy lifestyle learning and active games**, creating an enjoyable opportunity for families to spend time together, try new activities and learn simple ways to support a healthier lifestyle. The programme will begin on **Monday 14th September 2026 at Clacton Leisure Centre**, and early registration is advised, with places available for only **10 parent-and-child pairs**.

Throughout the 12 weeks, families will take part in:

-  Fun, games-based physical activities
-  Active challenges that the whole family can enjoy
-  Simple and practical healthy lifestyle learning
-  Learning about hydration, nutrition, sleep and wellbeing
-  Activities designed to build confidence and encourage positive family habits
-  Quality time for parents/carers and children to be active together

Our aim is not to make healthy living complicated or feel like a chore. **Fit Families is all about having fun, being active and learning together in a friendly and supportive environment.**

We believe programmes like this can make a real difference to the **Clacton community**, providing families with a free opportunity to be active together, build positive relationships and develop healthy habits that can continue beyond the 12 weeks. By bringing families together through enjoyable activities, we hope to encourage greater confidence, connection and participation in community life.

We would be extremely grateful if you could **share the attached information with parents and carers at your school**, particularly families who may benefit from a free, fun and supportive activity to take part in together.

Thank you for helping us support the health and wellbeing of families across the Clacton community.

Kind regards,

Colchester United Community Foundation

Health & Wellbeing Team