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Dear Parents and Carers

It was wonderful to see so many families visiting their child's new classroom, this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed showing you around and sharing their new learning environment with such pride and enthusiasm.



Harvest festival collection

Our Harvest Festival will take place on 28th September and, as in previous years, we will be collecting donations to support our local food bank.

Donations of dried goods such as pasta and rice, tinned foods, tea and coffee, and toiletries would be greatly appreciated. If



you can help, please send any donations into school with your child by **Friday 25th September**.

Thank you for your generosity and support. Your donations will help make a real difference to local families in need.

Amazon Wish List reminder.



A reminder for families who were with us last year and an introduction for those who are new to our school. As you may be aware, school budgets are becoming increasingly stretched, which means that some of the additional resources we have previously been able to purchase are no longer affordable.

To help enhance the children's learning experiences, we have created an Amazon Wish List containing items that would be beneficial for our classrooms and school environment. If you are able and would like to purchase an item from the list, we would be extremely grateful for your support.

Here is the link and QR code to access the Wish List. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.



https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/7BZYUCCXMXUT?ref=wl_share

Sports Award

We have some fantastic sporting news to celebrate! We are proud to have been awarded the **Silver School Games Mark** in recognition of our commitment to and engagement with school sport during the 2025/26 academic year.

This achievement reflects the wide range of after-school sports clubs available to all children, as well as our enthusiastic participation in local sporting events and competitions, including football and netball leagues, cross-country and athletics. We are incredibly proud of all the children who have represented the school and embraced opportunities to stay active, develop new skills, and demonstrate excellent teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the year.



Music Mark of Recognition



Year 6 to Year 7 Secondary Applications for September 2027

If you have a child in Year 6, Secondary School applications opened on 12th September 2026 and close on the 31st October 2026 using the Essex online portal: [Secondary school places | Essex County Council](#) (You are less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools if you apply late)

When will you find out?

Emails for online applicants will be sent on 1 March 2027. If you applied online, you can [log into your account](#) to see your allocation.

Find out more about what to do [after you get your school offer](#).

On the Essex portal website, you will also find key information, such as admission policies, a short video about applying, an online booklet.

Look out for upcoming posters advertising the open evenings to help you make an informed decision regarding your child's secondary application.

Please see the CCHS poster, at the end of the newsletter.

2027 EYFS show arounds

It is that time of year again when we will shortly be offering EYFS show arounds for our next cohort (2027-28) You will be able to book onto one of these tours, by contacting the school office cannhall@compassps.uk

Tour dates TBC

Information and applications for this can be found on the Essex school's portal: [Primary school places | Essex County Council](#)

Applications open on 9th November 2026 and close on 15th January 2027.

(You are less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools if you apply late)

When will you find out?

Emails for online applicants will be sent on 16th April 2027. If you applied online, you can [log into your account](#) to see your allocation.

Find out more about what to do [after you get your school offer](#).

On the Essex portal website, you will also find key information, such as admission policies, a short video about applying, an online booklet.

Census Day Menu



A reminder that Census Day will take place on Thursday 25th September. As usual, we will be offering this special menu on this day.

Please encourage your child to choose a school meal, on this day, as the number of meals taken contributes towards the funding our school receives. With school budgets under increasing pressure, every meal ordered on Census Day helps us maximise the funding available to support our children.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope lots of children will join us for this special lunch!

Temporary Menu

As you know we have had to offer a reduced menu, due to not having use of the main hall during this phase of the project. However, on **Friday 25th September**, the kitchen will be offering an additional option of chicken goujons, chips and beans.

Attendance

Our attendance this week was **96%** Thank you again for another week of supporting your child to get the most out of their education, by bringing them into school each day.

We understand that sometimes it is hard to know whether you can send your child into school or not, when they are unwell. This poster will give you some guidance but if you are ever unsure, please ring the school for advice.

Do I need to keep my child off school?

Public Health Agency

Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed		

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.

Private Tutoring

Please be aware that staff are not allowed to privately tutor children, who attend our school, as this is considered a conflict of interest, so please avoid putting them in a difficult situation by approaching them to do so. Thank you.

Congratulations

A huge well done to **Annalyn** for her incredible achievement over the summer! Annalyn had an amazing **14 inches of hair** cut off and donated it to the **Little Princess Trust**, helping to provide real-hair wigs for children and young people who have lost their hair through cancer treatment or other conditions.



Not only that, but she also raised an impressive **£420** for the charity. We are incredibly proud of her kindness, generosity and determination in supporting such a worthwhile cause. Well done, Annalyn! What a fantastic role model you are!

Learning

EYFS children have been settling well into school life and had their first PE lesson this week with our Colchester United sports coach Daisy.



Bikeability

A reminder to **Year 5 parents and carers** to sign up for the Bikeability course. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to develop essential cycling skills, learn how to ride safely and confidently on the roads and gain a greater understanding of road safety. We encourage all eligible children to take part in this valuable programme. In addition, please see the end of the newsletter for information on an October half term bikeability workshop.



Parking

Once again, we would like to remind parents and carers to park safely and considerately when dropping off and collecting children from school. Please do not park on the zigzag markings during the designated drop off and collection times, on double yellow lines, or too close to junctions (vehicles should not be parked opposite or within 10 metres of a junction). These restrictions are in place to help keep children, families, pedestrians and other road users safe.



We also kindly ask that you show consideration for our neighbours by parking responsibly and avoiding obstructing driveways or access points. Thank you for your support in helping to keep our school community safe.

Opening times

A gentle reminder that the school gates are open between **8:30am and 8:40am** and **3:10pm and 3:20pm** each day.

If the car park gates are open before these times, this is only to allow staff access to the car park. For your safety, please wait outside the gates until they are staffed and officially opened to parents, carers and children.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us ensure a safe and orderly start and end to the school day.

Maths support videos - Reminder



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

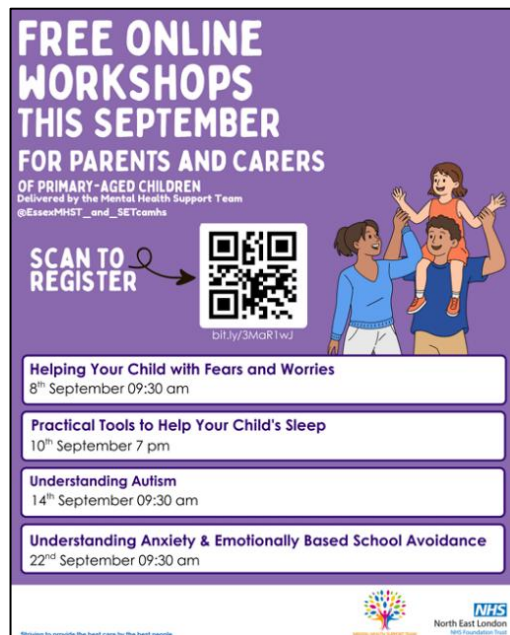
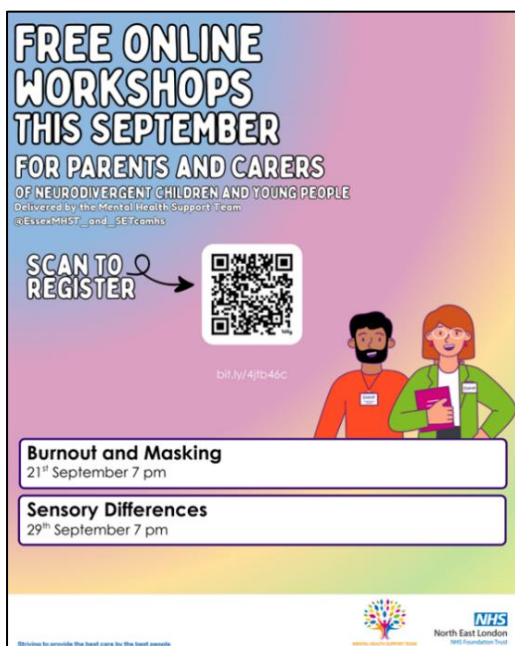
Tesco's Café - Reminder

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.



Health and Wellbeing Programme

These flyers give information about some free online workshops for parents and carers. Also, at the end of the information about CCHS open evening, a bikeability course and a free 12 week health and wellbeing programme run by Colchester United community foundation can be found at the end of this letter.



Upcoming dates for your diary

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
 16.10.26: New Photographs being taken for the school website
 21.10.26: Flu Vaccinations
 11.11.26: Year 6 Crucial Crew
 12.11.26: Michael Rosen Live Poetry Event
 17.11.26: Year 5 Trip to Princes' Theatre
 20.11.26: Individual and Sibling Photographs

From everyone here, have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards

W. Byrne

Wendy Byrne

Open Evening for 2027 Entry



Clacton County
High School

**Thursday 24th
September 2026
4pm
to
7pm**

**Clacton County High School
Year 6 into Year 7**

**We warmly invite prospective
students, along with their families,
to see the school in action during
our annual Open Evening**

**Come along and find
out all about us**

Reserve the Date

HOLIDAY COURSES

**Bikeability Level 1, Level 1 & 2, Learn to ride courses and a new course
Child Bike Workshop & Learn**

To book, please visit link
essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking

Venues: Chelmsford, Colchester, Harlow & Witham

There is a £15 non-refundable booking fee

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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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
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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.