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Our school vision is: LIFE in all its fullness - now and in the future.
John 10.10 Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full".

13th November 2026

Dear Parents,

Remembrance
The children stood beautifully and respectfully for the Remembrance Service on Wednesday.



UK Parliament Week
This week we were very lucky to have Jenny, Isabella and Amalia's granny come to visit us. She spoke in Collective Worship and then did a workshop in Class Four. Jenny is a retired member of the Welsh Assembly and she taught the children about the importance of democracy and politics. The children were really engaged, asked great questions and did some fantastic thinking. They will be applying their new knowledge during UK Parliament Week, which starts on November 23rd.

Reception Applications for September 2027
Applications for Reception places for September 2027 is now open. The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2027**. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

The website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions also has a copy of the Primary Education in Essex 2027-28 booklet and the Schools Admissions Policies Directories contain details of all admission policies. We are offering tours of the school until the end of the term, please contact the office if you would like one.

School Lunch
Due to staff shortages there will be no school lunches on Tuesday 1st December. Could everyone please bring a packed lunch on that day. Thank you.

Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre is on Friday 4th December from 5-7pm. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help out, it is very much appreciated and will ensure the success of the evening! Raffle ticket sales are going well, if you need more books, please come to the office or send a message to me via Dojo and we will send more home with your child.

PTA

Thank you to everyone who came to the PTA AGM on Wednesday evening, it was great to see some new faces. There are many exciting events planned for next year and we appreciate all that the PTA does to raise money for the benefit of all our children. Thank you too, for responding to the PTA survey, it helps with planning for the future.

Over the last year, the PTA contributed funds towards the Quiet Garden, a gift for the children last Christmas from Santa, the coach to Hilltop, the pantomime, the 2Johns online safety (for parents, children and staff), English books and leavers' hoodies.

This is the castle that the children chose that they would like installed in our playground. The PTA have fundraised £5,600 so far and Primrose raised £1,000 with her sponsored triathlon. We need to raise another £10,000. If you are able to support our endeavour in any way, please be in touch! If there are businesses who would like to contribute, we can offer advertising and sponsorship plaques.





Attendance Spot Light

Class	Percentage Attendance Last Week
Class 1	99.17%
Class 2	93.10%
Class 3	97.50%
Class 4	98.83%

Congratulations to the children who received certificates in Celebration Collective Worship this week



Class One:

Arthur – for your super signing for Remembrance

Class Two:

Eden - for fantastic use of mathematical vocabulary

Archie - for wonderful application of phonics into some super writing

Class Three:

Buddy - for excellent focus during learning and having determination to improve spellings each week

Jake - for being a kind and supportive classmate and pushing yourself further in your learning

Class Four:

Jacob - for your positivity and putting 100% effort into everything you do

Hollie - for growing in confidence

Congratulations to Kikuyu Tribe, who won the tribe points this week.

Congratulations on your achievements





- Congratulations, Arthur, on being flagbearer for Remembrance Day
- Congratulations, Primrose, on your swimming awards

Diary dates the week beginning 16th November 2026:

Monday 16th November:	Anti-bullying week – Odd Socks Day Football club 3:15-4:15pm
Tuesday 17th November:	Class 3 Dance Festival 9:30-12:00pm KS2 boys' football club 3:15-4:15pm Mr Timms – music lessons
Wednesday 18th November:	Bikeability Year 6 Netball club 3:15-4:15pm Full Governors Meeting 6pm
Thursday 19th November:	Van Cols Individual and Siblings photographs Girls' football club 3:15pm-4:15pm Karate 3:15-4:15pm
Friday 20th November:	Tennis club – 8:00am-8:45am Sewing Club 12:30-1:00pm Mrs Davidson – music lessons Tennis lessons

Have a fantastic week,

Patsy Fitzpatrick
Head of School